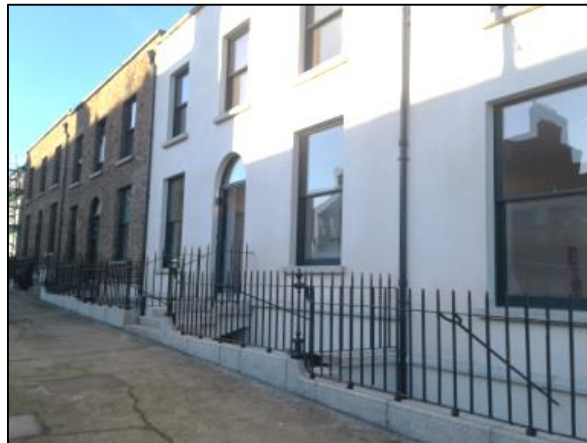


**To the Chairperson and Members
Of the Central Area Committee**

Housing Update for March 2020

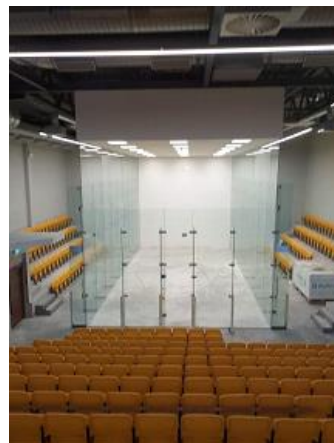
Pat Smith, Area Housing Manager

Ballybough Road, Nos 2-6:



Allocation of 2-6 Ballybough Road has begun with all four families currently in Croke Villas signing tenancies on the new properties. The two one bed apartments have also been allocated.

Croke Villas/Handball Alley:



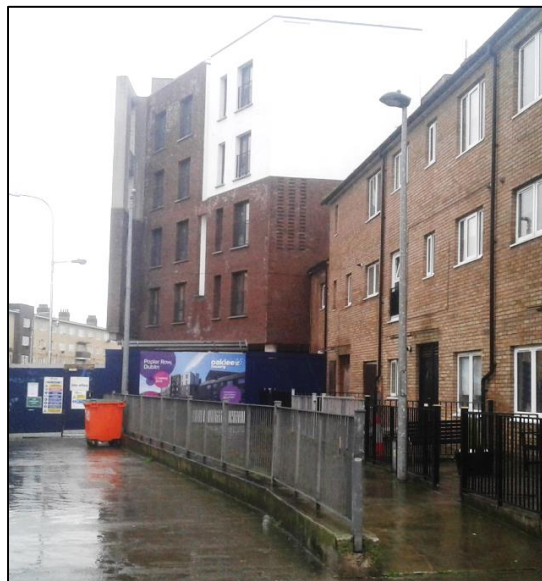
Construction on the Handball Alley is nearing completion. This will clear the way for demolition of the final block at Croke Villas and the construction of new housing on the surrounding site.

Saint Mary's Mansions:



Cluid have advised that construction work remains on schedule and they estimate its completion in the first quarter of 2020. The finished redevelopment will consist of 80 homes in 1 to 4 bedroom apartments. The housing office compiled a list of those expressing interest in being housed at the complex which has now been passed on to Cluid.

The Oaklee Development:



The construction of The Oaklee Complex on Poplar Row is nearing completion. It is expected that final fix and snag-listing will take place in January 2020 and the complex will be available for allocating towards the end of February. The finished complex will provide 29 homes for Senior Citizens.

Area Housing Manager – Marion Foran



Overhead View of Site

Dominick Street Lower

Duggan Brothers are currently constructing 5-3 bed town houses, 67 apartments consisting of 5-3 bed, 50-2 bed and 12 1-bed units, a community facility and retail/commercial units with 47 car spaces at basement level on the eastern side of Dominick St. The programme is on schedule due for hand over Summer 2021. Crane 1 and Crane 2 erected. 1st floor slab decking ongoing. Planned working hours are 7 am to 7 pm Monday to Friday and 8 am to 2 pm on Saturday when required.

A monthly information meeting takes place between Duggan's and the neighbours around the site. These meetings have been productive. A draft leaflet will be produced by Duggan's for the meeting and once agreed, it will be distributed to the local people and businesses. I have asked for the local Area Councillors to be included in the circulation. The last meeting was held on Monday 10th February

Sean Foster Place (North King Street)

Works are progressing.

This scheme comprises 30 no. residential units over 6 no. floors, all dual aspect, with the living accommodation and private open space in the majority of units, facing South or West, onto a small shared landscaped court.

The apartment mix consists of 7 no. 1 bedroom apartments, 18 no. 2 bedroom apartments, 3no. 2-bedroom duplex apartments and 2 no. 3bedroom apartments. Each apartment has dual aspect, with a private balcony. The expected completion date is spring 2021.

Kevin Barry House.

The painting programme is now completed

Constitution Hill

An internal design team has been set up to make a submission to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government on a recommendation for some new build and refurbishment of this complex. The Stage 1 report is with the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government for approval. Tender brief completed for design team.

Parking Enforcement (Apcoa) will be re- instated in this Complex due to ongoing problems with illegal parking.

Planting programme has now started at the old disused playground.

Wolfe Tone Close

The new GSM intercom system has now been installed and is now working.

Upper Dominick Street

A painting programme has commenced in the hallways and stairwells of the complex.

February 2020 stats

ESTATE MANAGEMENT

Housing Managers: Marion Foran Pat Smith

No of anti-social complaints per 1997 act Drug related	0	0
No of anti-social complaints per 1997 act not Drug related	8	16
No. of Complaints	10	14
Total Complaints	18	30

No of anti-social Interviews per 1997 Act	5	6
No of other interviews	3	0
Total interviews	8	6

No of requests for mediation	0	0
No of complaints referred to the Central Unit for action	0	0
No of Section 20 Evictions	0	0

Allocations

Bands 2 & 3	2	1
Medical	0	0
Welfare	0	1
Homeless	2	4
Travellers	0	0
Succession	0	0
RAS/HAP	0	0
Fire/flood/Emg – Maintenance	0	0
Surrender Larger	0	0

Housing Managers:

Marion Foran

Pat Smith

Senior Citizens

Bands 2 & 3	0	0
Medical	0	0
Welfare	0	0
Homeless	0	0
Travellers	0	0

Voids

Long Term Maintenance	0	0
Contracts	28	28
Capital Projects	97	21

Central Area Community Section

Brian Mongey – Acting Assistant Community Development Officer

Community Grants 2020

A total of €108,290 has been proposed for allocation in the Central Area from the Community Grants Schemes for 2020.

A sum of €35,000 was allocated to the central area in respect to the Community Development Scheme of grants. There were seventy five applications to the fund totalling €138,600.

A sum of €61,950 was allocated for projects in the East wall and North Wall Areas from the “East Link” / “The Tom Clarke Bridge” Fund”. There were twenty seven applications for the fund totalling €86,000.

A sum of €11,340 was allocated under the heading “Informal Education” There were twelve application totalling €19,956.

Senior Citizen’s

Work is continuing to promote activities for Senior Citizens in the area. The new group at Fr Scully House are now meeting regularly. New activities have been arranged for the Distillery Centre and Georges Pocket. A meeting has been held with the leaders from the senior’s group at the Macro Centre and support will be forthcoming here too.

“Home” A Community Concert

Dublin Concert Band, supported by the City Council are producing a concert on the 9th of May at Gardiners Street Church. The concert titled “Home” will provide for collaboration with other groups in the area including, Swan Youth Service Music Group, Larkin College and “Continuum” Youth Choir from St Mary’s Pro Cathedral. The event will also feature a specially commissioned piece of music written by Brendan Breslin form the Royal Irish Academy of Music. Workshops and rehearsals will take place during the months of March and April. This project is part funded by the NEIC Grant Scheme and Area Office with support from the R.I.A.M and the Jesuits at Gardiners Street.

The event will be run in conjunction with the Peter McVerry Trust.

Summer Projects 2020

Advance planning has started for Summer Projects throughout the area. The projects are organised through "Cross Care" who are grant aided by Dublin City Council to provide a city wide service. Efforts are ongoing to promote new projects for Chancery House / Ormond Square, Nth King Street / Kevin Barry House, Patrick Heaney / Champions avenue and Blackhall Place. The following summer projects are due to return for 2020. Portland Place & District, Ballybough Arts & Crafts, North East Inner City Adventure Project, Ballybough Community Group, St'Michan's and Dominick Street. Full details will be provided once final arrangements are in place.

Karl Mitchell

Area Manager