

**Director of Services Report
South Central Area Committee Meeting
10th March 2021**

SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

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The Area Office is awaiting advice in respect of construction/outdoor work that might take place under reduced public health restrictions from 5th April. 'Ready-to-go' projects currently affected by restrictions include:

- Francis Street Environmental Improvement Scheme
- Bridgefoot Street Park - Planting works in particular are time-critical here.
- Bridgefoot Street Median – Tree planting is time-critical
- James Street Median
- St Catherine's Park, Thomas Court
- Linear Park at St James's – MISA entrance works

Meath Street Public Realm Project

A workshop with area Councillors was held on 4th March. A public information meeting with residents and businesses is proposed for later in March/early April to present the preliminary design for the street.

HOUSING UPDATES SWIC

Bonham St .Dublin 8. Volumetric Build – Work Suspended under Level 5 Restrictions

Cork St/ Weaver St. Volumetric Build - Work Suspended under Level 5 Restrictions

Margaret Kennedy SQ. Dublin 8.

54 8 x 1 bed 18 x 2 bed 28 x 3 bed		Completion of scheme	54 Units complete. Viewings and Allocation of units has begun.
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St Michael's Estate Emmet Road Dublin 8.

Emmet Road, D.8 (St. Michael's)	Design in progress. Lodge planning Q3 2021	
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Tyrone Place D8. Regeneration.

Status: Feasibility study underway.

Liberties Cluster D.8.

Stage 1 submitted to DHPLG

Oliver Bond Regeneration.

Stage 1 application being complied for DHPLG.

Dolphin House Regeneration Masterplan Dublin 8.

The Dolphin House Regeneration Masterplan approved on the 4th Feb 2021 by the Dolphin House Regeneration Board. Dublin City Council and the DH Regeneration Board will roll out further consultations with the residents of Dolphin House for final approval.

KILMAINHAM INCHICORE NETWORK

Tree planters with benches – Inchicore Village and Emmet Road. Thanks to discretionary funding for the 4 new tree planters with benches in the Inchicore neighbourhood.

FYI: Phoenix Park Transport and Mobility Consultation is currently underway. Deadline for submissions: 12th March 2021. For more information: <http://phoenixpark.ie/commencement-of-the-public-consultation-for-the-phoenix-park-transport-and-mobility-options-study/>

Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum

Window Display at Project Office, continually updated with new information about the Emmet Road Project. All information also available at www.emmetroad.ie

-A Public Consultation Webinar has been rescheduled for Wednesday 3rd and 10th March 2021 6pm-8.30pm. - Registration www.emmetroad.ie

YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD, YOUR SAY!

Emmet Road Inchicore

Have your say at our live video event, where Dublin City Council's design team architects, Bucholz McEvoy, will present the design proposals for the new high quality, sustainable neighbourhood on Emmet Road.

The online event has been rescheduled. There are 2 available dates to choose from:

WEDNESDAY 3RD MARCH 6PM - 8.30PM
WEDNESDAY 10TH MARCH 6PM - 8.30PM

Please JOIN this FREE EVENT. HAVE YOUR SAY. ALL WELCOME.
www.emmetroad.ie

-Outdoor Exhibition due to be launched at end of March 2021. This will include permanent structure panels and benches along the perimeter of site exhibiting design layers and project information.

-Youth engagement Instagram event and competition is in progress with Core Youth Service and Mercy Secondary School. Targeted at 13-18 year olds, asking what the youth would like to see as a hang out spot and to encourage youth engagement in design process. The event with Bucholz McEvoy Architect, in a live interview, is due to take place second half of March, date TBC. All local youth groups/schools will be invited to participate.

<https://www.instagram.com/coreyouthserv/>

Civic and Community Space Subcommittee (CCSS): A subcommittee of the IRCF – CCSS has been set up, meeting weekly with Bucholz McEvoy and engaging in a co-design process with regard to Civic and Community Spaces. A Vision and Community design brief is currently being prepared outlining community needs for these spaces and proposing how the use, management and maintenance can be effectively achieved for optimal more inclusive use that will serve the entire community. This subcommittee is learning from best practice examples of other community spaces and mobilizing the depth of local expert knowledge and resources as an opportunity to engage in co-design process.

Kilmainham Mill

A construction team to carry out the enabling works for the mill are awaiting the easing of level 5 Covid restrictions in order to begin work on the mill buildings.

Newcomen Bank Building:

Howley Hayes Architects have been appointed as the Architect led multi-disciplinary design team to carry out the phase one preliminary design process. A minor stripping out / enabling works package is being created.

A consultation process on the potential usage will commence shortly also.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

The Gift of spring

In the coming weeks 600 houses in the Rialto Area will receive a special gift for spring. This will comprise of a packet of Native Irish Wildflower seeds and an information leaflet aimed at supporting local biodiversity in line with Irelands Pollinator friendly plan.

There are also tips on:

Turning your garden into a habitat for bird's and other wildlife.

Alternatives to the use of pesticides

How litter impacts on our wildlife

Leave those Dandelions alone! They are a vital early source of pollen for our honey bees

This is a pilot scheme in association with Dublin City Council and Rialto Environment Group. We hope to extend similar environmental initiatives throughout the South Central Area in the coming months.

Lord Mayor's Schools poster competition for Primary schools - Dublin City Development Plan 2022- 2028

Lord Mayor of Dublin, Hazel Chu, has invited schools to enter our poster competition as part of the public engagement process for the Dublin City Development Plan 2022- 2028.

Entries are invited from primary students from 3rd to 6th class to create an A4 size poster of their vision for the city and should be submitted by email to:

DublinCityCouncilPosterComp@whpr.ie or by post to: Development Plan Team, Dublin City Council Poster Competition, Planning & Property Development Department, Block 4, Floor 3, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8 by 4pm on Wednesday 31st March 2021. Prizes are as follows:

1st Place	Book tokens to the value of €60 to Student and €200 to their School
2nd Place	Book tokens to the value of €50 to Student and €150 to their School
3rd Place	Book tokens to the value of €40 to Student and €100 to their School

The three overall winning posters will be included in the Dublin City Council Development Plan 2022-2028. A photomontage of the entries may be posted on the Development Plan website Link to www.dublincitydevelopmentplan.ie and a selection may be included in the draft Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028, the final Plan and be used for promotional purposes related to the Plan.

Terms and Conditions for the competition as well as the required Entry Details have been circulated to primary schools in the SWIC by the Community Team.

SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE IN DUBLIN 8

On Tuesday 16th March Cathy Scuffil, Historian in Residence, will present her lecture titled Gaeilge Timpeall Orainn – Irish All Around Us.

This lecture will be live streamed from St James's Parish church via webcam <http://stjamesparish.ie> at 11am.

Sincere thanks to Fr Eugene Taaffe for his continued support throughout the last year.

VIRTUAL ST. PATRICKS DAY 2021

To celebrate St Patrick's Day 2021, Dublin City Council, SWIC Community Team with the support of Dublin City Arts office, are working with schools to plan a virtual celebration to mark the day.

Seven schools from the South West Inner City are participating in the project, and altogether over 300 young people, will be involved.

Students are busy decorating their paper facemask for their pictures and schools are working on recording performances.

All images and videos from schools will be linked together on an amazing St Patricks Day Virtual Celebration, which will be available to view on Dublin City Council social media pages during the St Patricks Festival.

Thumbs Up to Local History

Due to the high level of interest in our recent local history talks, we are currently in discussion with a production company with a view to creating a series of professional historical documentary style recordings in the coming months. These recordings will be presented by local historians Cathy Scuffil and Liz Gillis and will feature some of their most popular lectures.

Since the local history talks commenced via live webcam, there has been a huge interest and numerous enquiries from members of the public as to how they might avail of the talks in order to share with families abroad.

COVID 19 CHILDREN'S ARCHIVAL PROJECT

Covid stories from the children in Dublin 8 is well and truly up and running!

Zoom links have been taking place over the past few weeks with schools throughout the area. This week in particular has seen a huge increase in the level of interest with three additional schools wishing to participate in the project. One school in particular wants five of its classes to take part.

It looks like the staff in Dublin City Archives are going to be extremely busy!!! History In The Making!!!

IVEAGH MARKETS FOLKLORE PROJECT

On Tuesday February 23rd a Virtual, reminiscence of the Iveagh Markets took place. This project commenced late 2019, unfortunately due to Covid 19 it fell victim to a planned public meeting to enable the recording of the many stories, yarns and memorabilia of stallholders and their families and friends. The first of many meetings to come was a very successful and enjoyable experience for the participants.

Dublin City Virtual learning Festival 22nd – 24th March 2021

Dublin Learning City

22nd - 24th MARCH

VIRTUAL FESTIVAL 2021

DUBLIN IS LEARNING. LEARNING FOR WORK, LIFE AND FUN.

www.dublinlearningcity.ie

CDET, ddletb, iadt, MARINO, UCD, RCSI, NCAD, Trinity College Dublin, HEA

PUBLIC DOMAIN

Graffiti has been removed at James Street, Mountbrow, Carmans Hall, Marks Alley West, Nicholas Place, John Dillon Street, Coombe Court and St Catherine's Lane, Inchicore Village and the along the canal from Black Horse to Suir Road. Public Domain are looking at

planting solutions along the canal to deter graffiti. The Public Domain Officer is meeting with Waterways Ireland to discuss this prospect.

A clean-up of The Coombe and Pimlico area has been completed. Public Domain Crew clean-ups are continuing in March, in the Inchicore Area. Waste Management crews have cleaned up at Longs Place, Manning's Lane, School House Lane, St. Catherine's Lane, Basin Lane and Cork Street and environs.

A new sustainable living and gardening course will run on-line from Saturday March 27th for five weeks at 11.30am. Registration is through Eventbrite and is facilitated by Horticulturist Aoife Munn.

Report from: -

Bruce Phillips,
Senior Executive Officer
South West Inner City Local Electoral Area.

BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Park West/Cherry Orchard LAP

The Park West /Cherry Orchard Interdepartmental Working Group met on 16th February. The group has representatives from the Area office, Drainage, Parks, Planning and Housing Depts. The key priorities are the development of the eight sites (five of which are largely owned by DCC) and the two amenity sites- Cherry Orchard Park and Gallenstown Waterworks.

An application for funding for various projects was made to the Urban Regeneration and Development fund in 2020 and there was no further update at this meeting regarding progress made.

Site 1

Design team engaged with talks ongoing with Cherry Orchard Football Club. The link road is to be included at the design stage which will require further detailed design with input from Road Design and Construction Section. It is anticipated that a presentation will be ready for the Area Committee in September.

Site 2

Housing Dept., Development and Parks to explore and progress options for this site.

Site 3

Property Management are currently liaising with the Travellers Section regarding dumping on the site and the use of the site for horses. DCC in discussion with the users of the training centre.

Site 4&5

Discussion ongoing with the LDA regarding their proposals for these sites.

Site 6, 7 & 8

Internal meetings taking place to progress Site 6 with no progress to report on site 7 & 8. The greenway and the Cherry Orchard Park to be included in the National Recovery Plan.

HOUSING PROJECTS

Chapelizod/Springvale Site

71 Units

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, all work on site has ceased. Date for reopening of site has been extended beyond 5th April 2021. Current expected completion date is Q1 2022, which may have to be revised due to latest closure.

3.8 Acre Site at Sarsfield Road

176 Units

The formal Stage 1 application from DCC to DHLGH is progressing with a decision expected within a month of submission. If the Stage 1 application is approved, the next stage will involve the selection of a Design Team for the scheme at Sarsfield Road. On the basis of other housing schemes being developed by DCC, this process could take approx. 4 months. It is anticipated that for the scheme planned for Sarsfield Road it will take the Design Team about 15-18 months to progress the scheme up to the stage when it can be submitted for planning permission.

It is recognized that DHLGH will only fund housing related expenditure on developments to take place on the 3.8 acre site at Sarsfield Road. However, there is a desire amongst SWG members for more amenities to be developed within the overall complex at Sarsfield House. DCC representatives on the SWG, together with TSDP, will undertake a feasibility study on Sarsfield House to determine possible future options concerning its use. An audit of existing community facilities in Ballyfermot will also be undertaken by the Chair of the group. The results and outcomes from this audit will help to determine the type of facilities and services which might be located at a redeveloped Sarsfield House.

With Covid 19 restrictions, it has not been possible to organize public meetings with local residents as happened in 2019 to keep them updated. It has been agreed by the group that the best option available is to distribute a Development Update or (Information Note) to all local residents and to provide contact details for residents to engage further with members of the group.

Cornamona Site

61 Units

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, all work on site has ceased. Date for reopening of site has been extended beyond 5th April 2021. The expected completion date is Q1 2022, which may have to be revised due to latest closure.

Crumlin Road/Rafters Lane Site

The demolition and site clearance planning process is ongoing and was an item on February's Agenda and the full Council meeting on 1st March. A design team has been appointed to take the project to the next stage. The redevelopment of the site will be the subject of a separate Part 8 Planning application. The library development will be a separate development.

Bluebell

City Architects, in conjunction with Bluebell Community Council, are currently looking at designs to take forward for Stage 1 approval.

Lissadell Maisonettes

Refurbishment works are still ongoing on the vacant two-bed maisonettes and will be let under Choice Based Lettings.

Cherry Orchard Green

Further landscaping works planned for early 2021 and engagement continuing with the local residents who have formed an environmental group. This engagement is being carried out in conjunction with Cherry Orchard Youth Services but has been limited due to Covid 19

restrictions. Public Domain supporting the continued engagement of a contractor for litter picking and grass cutting until an annual contract with Parks is put in place.

Skate Park Le Fanu Park

The proposed fencing in the skate park is awaiting delivery and installation but has been delayed due to Covid 19, as it is not deemed essential works. The proposal is for a 2.4m high weldmesh to both skate and play park, which is the same type as around the pavilion and changing rooms in Le Fanu Park. An Garda Siochana continuing to monitor the Park. BYS continue to engage with local youths and there has been no further reports of anti-social behavior.

Kylemore Park

The contractor completed most of the upgrade works before Christmas but there are still some outstanding tasks to be completed. The contractor, (travelling from the North) will not be able to complete his work with current restrictions. Familibase have continued to engage with the residents and the youths in area. No further incidents have been reported.

Ballyfermot Civic Park

It is hoped to commence work on the Ballyfermot Civic Park in Q12021 when the selection of the preferred contractor has been finalised. Further meetings will be arranged between the landscape architect, the artist and the community reps. to discuss all elements of the project. A revised plan for the entrance to the Park at Civic offices has been circulated to members of the Tribute Garden committee for their comments.

Markievicz Park

At the request of residents, alterations have been made to the gate at O 'Hogan Road entry point, an additional bench is ready to be installed, and quotes are being obtained to replace the table and benches, which were vandalised. The damaged bin will also be replaced. This work will proceed early in 2021.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Older People

The City Council working with the Assumption Parish has organised “Tuesday Chats from the Assumption Church “, a series of on line talks on local History and wellbeing. Residents can log on to the church webcam to access the talks www.assumptionballyfermot.ie/parish-tv/

Tues. 2 nd of March	3:15 PM	Wellbeing,	One Day at a Time
Tues. 9 th of March	3:15 PM	History talk,	Dublin Place Names
Tues 16 th of March	3:15 PM	Wellbeing,	Minding Your Mental Health
Tues 23 rd of March	3:15 PM	History talk,	The Roots of Ballyfermot

The Council will organise similar talks in the Oblates Parish Church, Inchicore commencing on Thursday 11th of March, which can be accessed on their webcam on <https://oblateparishinchicore.ie/>

Thurs. 1th of March	10:45 AM	History talk,	Dublin Place Names
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Thurs 18th of March	10:45 AM	Wellbeing,	One Day at a Time
Thurs 25th of March	10:45 AM	History talk,	The Grand Canal
Thurs 1st of April	10:45 AM	Wellbeing,	Minding Your Mental Health

Dynamic Drimnagh Plan 2030

The Drimnagh Plan has been finalised and a steering group of local Residents has been formed to work on the 5 pillars of the plan which are:

Strategic Pillar 1	A Cohesive Community in Drimnagh.
Strategic Pillar 2	Community Centered Development including: Housing, Planning and Safety.
Strategic Pillar 3	Green Spaces, Waterways and Environmental challenges.
Strategic Pillar 4	Lifelong learning and education for the community.
Strategic Pillar 5	Health, Wellbeing, Leisure, and Culture.

The City Council and Dublin South City Partnership will continue to work with the group on the development of the Committee and Plan.

Dublin Learning City

The Dublin Learning City Festival will run virtually from the 22nd to 24th March 2021 to celebrate and promote learning for all, through fun and creative events.

The Council has organised the following on line events:

An online talk "Mind your Mental Health" which will be promoted through all the Youth Projects in the area.

An online talk by the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland will provide a video on Dementia Awareness.

Cruinniú

Creative Ireland: Cruinniú Na nÓg will take place on Saturday 12th of June 2021. Events this year will be on line.

There is an open call for applications from Youth, cultural and creative organisations including Neighbourhood and Community Organisations to host events that celebrate children and young people.

Community Staff are working with Youth Organisations in Ballyfermot, Drimnagh and Bluebell to submit applications for funding to host events.

The closing date for application is March 12th. Further information on www.dublincityartsoffice.ie

Seachtain Na Gaeilge

The City Council is working with Coiste Droimeanach and Coiste Baile Formaid to organise events to celebrate the Irish language and Culture during the month of March.

A Seanfhocal Art Competition is taking place for primary and secondary schools in Ballyfermot



Maisigh do Theach: asking residents to “Decorate their house “for St. Patrick’s Day and share their pictures on Instagram #snagbailefhormaid and Facebook: Coiste Baile Fhormaid. #SnaG21

Dúshlán Ghrianghrafadóireachta (photography challenge) to take pictures within 5K of their home and send it to friendsouthcentralarea@dublincity.ie .The photos will be shared on social media with prizes for the daily winners.

Saint John Bosco Youth Centre will relaunch their “Ní neart go cur le chéile” campaign promoting inclusion and diversity and that when we work together we are stronger.

Online

The City Council Historian in Residence will present an online talk on the origin of the many Irish words we use daily.

Ballyfermot Trad Hub are recording a 2St. Patrick’s Hooley”, an online feast of local talent to be held during the week of March 11th – 17th

Watch out for the Fanaigí Slán Posters throughout the area.



Public Domain

The sustainable living and gardening course is open to anyone residing in the south central area. The course is on-line for the time being.

Graffiti has been removed from Croftwood, Le Fanu Road, and Tyrconnell Road. Public Domain clean ups have taken place at Cherry Orchard Avenue, Crescent and Parade, Croftwood Park, Benbulbin Road, Galtymore Road and Drimnagh Road.

Report from: -

Kay Noonan,
Acting Senior Executive Officer
Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Local Electoral Area.