



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 JULY 2021

- 1 Delegation from Inchicore Works Estate Residents Association
Presentation given by Niall O’Baill on behalf of Inchicore Works Estate Residents Association. Presentation Noted.**
- 2 Delegation from New Ireland Road, Rialto, Dublin 8
Presentation given by Carol Ballantine on behalf of New Ireland Road Residents Group. Presentation Noted.**
- 3 Election of Chairperson of the South Central Area Committee
Order: Two members were proposed; Councillor Vincent Jackson and Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud. Following a vote, Councillor Vincent Jackson was duly elected.**
- 4 Election of Vice Chairperson of the South Central Area Committee
Order: Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud was proposed by Councillor Daithí Doolan, seconded by Councillor Michael Pidgeon and was duly elected.**
- 5 Minutes of Meeting held on 16th June 2021.
Order: Agreed.**
- 6 Questions to the Director of Services South City
Order: Replies to Questions and the Director of Services report circulated.**
- 7 Environment and Transportation Matters**
 1. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on the 29/06/21 in relation to Traffic Matters in the South Central Area.
 2. Traffic Service Requests Status Reports at 15/06/21 and 28/06/21.
**Order: 1. Report noted.
2. Report noted.**

8 South Central Area Matters

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1. Presentation on Dublin City Play Strategy.
2. Presentation on proposal to initiate a Part VII Procedure for Meath Street & Environs Public Realm Improvement Project.
3. Proposal to initiate the procedure to extinguish the public right of way over a laneway accessed adjacent to 9 St. Catherines Avenue, Dublin 8
4. Director of Services Report.

Order: 1. Presentation noted.

2. Presentation noted. Agreed to proceed to Part VIII planning process.

3. Withdrawn. Deferred to September meeting.

4. Report noted.

9 Culture, Recreation & Economic Matters

1. Sports and Recreation report for June 2021 – South Central Area

Order: Report noted.

10 Planning & Property Development Matters

1. Proposed grant of a 3 year Licence to the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board at Grand Canal Spur Linear Park, St. James's Walk, Dublin 8.
2. Proposed grant of a further Licence of part of the premises known as the Bluebell Community & Youth Centre, Bluebell Road, Dublin 12.
3. Proposed grant of a further Licence of the premises known as the Basin Street Centre, No. 2 Upper Basin Street, Dublin 8 to the Fountain Resource Group CLG.

Order: 1. Agreed. Recommend to Council.

Order: 2. Agreed. Recommend to Council.

Order: 3. Agreed. Recommend to Council.

11 Emergency Motions

12 July 2021 Motions

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
21st July 2021

M115 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

This Area Committee stands in support with those who attended BARNs pride rally in Ballyfermot. Ballyfermot is and will continue to be an inclusive place to all who live here.

Order: Agreed

M116 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

That an independent building conditions survey of the Oliver Bond flat complex will be conducted by an independent relevantly qualified building design professional as a matter of urgency.

Order: Agreed

M117 Councillor Darragh Morriarty and Councillor Máire Devine

That this Area Committee welcomes the launch of the 'We're Sick of Waiting Campaign' by residents of Oliver Bond calling for the urgent fixing of persistent damp and mould issues across the Dublin City Council flat complex and would like to extend an invitation to the campaign group, including representatives from Oliver Bond Resident's Group, Austin Campbell from Robert Emmet CDP and Joseph Little from TU Dublin, to present to September 2021's Area Committee Meeting.

Order: Agreed

M118 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

That DCC meets Chapelizod residents to deal with the dangerous, persistent and increasing traffic situation in Chapelizod. That DCC invites the OPW and the NTA to be present to the meeting with DCC to address the situation in a coherent manner. That DCC organises a much needed presentation for Chapelizod residents detailing future traffic improvements and plans in the near, medium and long term. The village is going through a lot of major changes: Phoenix Park plans, Springvale with 71 units, Bus Connects and other housing constructions. That this presentation takes into consideration all future plans and that all plans be put into one to show a comprehensive, explanatory and clear view of what the village traffic will look like under all the projects put together.

Order: Report noted

M119 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That Dublin City Council please request Eircom to remove the totally dilapidated old public phone boxes from outside Staffords Funeral Home Upper Ballyfermot Road and the other set on Ballyfermot Road opposite Boyle Sports / Tasty Treats Bakery. These phone boxes are total nonsense for the local community. They have not worked for over 10 years and are a total eyesore.

Order: Report noted

M120 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That DCC Parks Department please look at developing a proper management and maintenance plan for the Lawns Park, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. To look at acknowledging the fact the origins of Ballyfermot developed here with Ballyfermot Castle, the old Church and graveyard. In the late 1990's we had a major report done on the origins of Ballyfermot and we had agreed that when resources became available we would acknowledge the graveyard with a Celtic Cross and the footprint of the old castle with a boxed hedging information panels etc. Has DCC a copy of the report as I have misplaced my own copy.

Order: Report noted

M121 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That before any further large scale housing developments are proposed / advanced in the Cherry Orchard Area that services such as supermarket / retail, cultural and leisure facilities are progressed. I regret that many residents are feeling that all we can offer is housing and more housing. It is essential that we try and frontload essential services not to ensure the continued goodwill of the local community. The people of Cherry Orchard should have the opportunity to have a coffee shop, local shops Post Office etc. like any other large population centre.

Order: Report noted

M122 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Is Dublin City Council aware that 3 existing Secondary Schools in Ballyfermot will amalgamate into one campus in 2022 at the St John's College Site on Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. There is serious concerns from local residents in relation to parking arrangements along Le Fanu Road where the new named Saint Seaton's College will open. Can I ask that a full traffic management plan be considered for this site as failure will result in all sorts of problems? It is envisaged that some traffic / bus re-routing will take place along this already very busy road with the implementation of the Bus Connects project.

Order: Report noted.

M123 Councillor Daithí Doolan

This Area Committee takes the opportunity to express our deep appreciation to all the Council staff in the Ballyfermot office. The Area Committee calls on Dublin City Council to ensure extra staff are made available as a matter of urgency for the Ballyfermot office. These staff should include 3 extra community staff, 7 extra housing staff and 2 extra generic admin officers.

Order: Report noted, Chair agreed to write to Chief Executive

Councillor Vincent Jackson
Chairperson
Wednesday 21 July 2021

Attendance:

Members:

Vincent Jackson (Chairperson)
Darragh Moriarty
Michael Pidgeon
Tina MacVeigh

Members:

Sophie Nicoulaud (Vice Chair)
Máire Devine
Michael Watters
Daithí de Róiste

Members:

Hazel de Nortúin
Daithí Doolan

Officers:

Mary Taylor, Director of Services South City;
Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area;
Frank Murphy, Administrative Officer, South Central Area;
Debbie Clarke, Play Development Officer, Culture Recreation & Economic Services;
Stephen Coyne, Economic Development Officer, South Central Area;
Suzanne O'Connell, Executive Landscape Architect, Culture Recreation & Economic Services;
Derek Kelly, Director of Services;
Niall O'Neill, Area Engineer, Roads & Traffic;
Neil O'Donoghue, Executive ITS Officer, Environment & Transportation;
David Quearney, Acting Staff Officer, South Central Area;
Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area;

**Director of Services Report
South Central Area Committee Meeting
21st July 2021**

SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

South West Inner City Area Report

Capital Projects:

Meath Street Public Realm Project – a proposal to members to initiate a Part VIII in respect of new public realm at Meath Street will be made to this Area Committee.

Francis Street Environmental Improvement Scheme – the appointed contractor KN Circet is now on-site for a planned 10-month build. A communications plan is in place to provide regular updates to residents and business. Traffic management measures will be in place.

Bridgefoot Street Park – work will continue through July. Currently the park is projected to open in late September.

Various Greening Projects:

Bridgefoot Street Median (tree planting & greening) – works proposed in October

James Street Median (planting scheme and paving works) – works are expected to commence in September

Carman's Hall (tree planting) - site survey work is underway and a proposal will be displayed to residents in August/September.

Blackpitts (tree planting and raingarden areas between Clanbrassil Terrace and Donovan Lane) - site survey work is underway and a proposal will be displayed to residents in September.

Reuben Street/ Haroldville Avenue & St Anthony's Road (tree planting) - proposals for further street tree planting are being developed for the coming winter planting season.

Oscar Square, Tenters – progressing a number of measures to improve grassed areas, add wildflower planting, add benches and improve the railing and signage in coming months. A survey of trees in the park will also be undertaken.

Oisin Kelly Park/ Basin Street – proposed removal of boundary railings and refinishing of the boundary wall as part of wider improvements to the public realm including renewal of footpaths. Work is expected in August.

Interim Projects:

Dolphin's Barn Interim Measures – proposed to remove on pavement car parking and reduce the extent of visual clutter at the junction of Dolphins Barn/South Circular Road to create additional pedestrian space as a covid mobility measure. South Central Area working with Parks to develop landscaping proposals for a number of locations in the village. A 'tlc' programme of street furniture, railings etc. is scheduled.

Newmarket 'Pop-up' Space – the Area Office will implement a 'pop-up' pedestrianised area along the south portion of Newmarket between Mill Lane and Wards Hill in July. The area will create a much needed amenity, seating and events space and will allow for current construction traffic on the square to be better managed. The proposal will be implemented as a covid mobility measure and will also serve to trial the greater pedestrianisation measures provide for in the approved Newmarket & Environs Public Realm Project.

Housing Updates SWIC.

Bonham St .Dublin 8. Volumetric Build

57 26 x 1 bed 26 x 2 bed 5 x 3 bed	On site	Completion of Scheme	Q1 2022
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DCC have designated a community liaison (Mark McInerney) to engage with residents regarding their concerns.

Mark can be contacted @ 0877371254 mark.mcinerney@dublincity.ie

Cork St/ Weaver St. Volumetric Build

55 32 x 1 bed 10 x 2 bed 13 x 3 bed	On site	Completion of scheme	Q2 2022
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DCC have designated a community liaison (Veronica Hand) to engage with residents regarding their concerns.

Veronica can be contacted @ 0870997512 veronica.hand@dublincity.ie

St Michael's Estate Emmet Road Dublin 8.

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

Status: LA Housing- Regeneration 96 units

Feasibility study underway to determine development options.

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 DH Regeneration Board. Dublin City Council and the DH Regeneration Board have completed consultations. Dublin City Council to review findings.

LINEAR PARK UPDATE

The last iteration of the Masterplan for the Linear Park from the Grand Canal to Basin View went to public consultation using Civic Space, DCC's online tool on the 18th of November 2020 and ran for 6 weeks. The outcome of was reported to the February South Central Area Committee. The following are updates in relation to specific elements of the masterplan that will be implemented in phases.

Fatima Station environs: Works within the park adjacent to Fatima station will commence in September 2021 based on the planning granted for the MISA entrance. Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services are managing this project.

Basin View – MISA Entrance: The detailed design of this area of the park will be developed in Q4 2021 based on the consultation feedback received on the masterplan, with a view to implement in 2022 by Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services.

Fatima Station – Rialto Station: Following the National Children's Hospital (NCH) works completion, BAM will reinstate the park lands from the hospital boundary to the edge of the LUAS line as per intention of the masterplan. St. James's Hospital have been in contact with DCC to extend the current wayleave agreement that expires in March 2022 to mid-2025. This request will be dealt with by Planning and Development Department in consultation with Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services.

Rialto Station - Rialto Bridge: The design for the NCH entrance and park environs that includes parks lands from Rialto Luas station to Rialto Bridge was agreed as part of the hospital planning. The NCH have sought an extension to the license to mid-2024 for use of the lands within Parks boundary. As part of the license and planning agreements, the NCH will reinstate these lands as per the planning drawings.

Rialto Bridge – Suir Road: This section of the park sits along the proposed 7B cycle route in the NTA's 'Cycle Network for the Greater Dublin Area'. We are working with Environment and Transportation Department to develop the detail of how this cycle route can be integrated into the park while ensuring that the park is retained as a safe space for walking amenity and children's play. The Environment and Transportation Department advises that they intend to prioritise the design development of this route in order to minimise delays to the development of the linear park.

Community

Waterways Ireland & Dublin City Council: Invitation to Tender - Activation & Animation on the Grand Canal Strategic Plan

Waterways Ireland and Dublin City Council (The Commissioners) are working in partnership to investigate how to activate and animate an area of the Grand Canal and Grand Canal Circular Line; Portobello – Kylemore Road. It is an area which has very limited on-water activity, in spite of having one of the longest stretches in the city centre with no locks to navigate (Portobello – Suir Road) and in some areas has some anti-social and negative behaviour associated with it.

The document available on the following link www.activelink.ie/node/83064; is a request for suitable consultants, or a consortia to conduct a preliminary scoping and feasibility analysis into activation and animation measures Waterways Ireland and Dublin City Council can put in place to address these deficits, closing date is Friday 23rd July 2021.

Marshalsea Prison site architectural project Robert Emmet Walk/Bridgefoot Street.

The South West Inner City Area Office is delighted to support an exciting new project in the South West Inner City in association with CORN (Community Organisations and Residents Network) was successful in our proposal to the Irish Architecture Foundation (IAF) as part of their [Reimagine Ireland scheme](#)

DCC have allocated the old Marshalsea prison site for the project. The site, at the end of Robert Emmet Walk just off Bridgefoot Street is adjoining the Bridgefoot Street park. The plan is to develop the site into a community resource. Practically this means that the IAF will facilitate an architect working with the community over a 6 month period to develop plans for a community resource for the Marshalsea site.

A design team has been put together who will take the lead on the project and co-ordinate the community consultation. The team is made up of a diverse groups of skills and representing both local residents and community organisations.

The members are:

Austin Campbell - Robert Emmet CDP & CORN representative

Amy Carey- Solas Project (Youth Project)

Mary Noonan - Dublin City Council, Community Development

Tom Doyle / Donagh Horgan - Innovate Communities

Pauline McAdams & Mick Murtagh

Bridgefoot Street Residents Association -

Liz O' Connor- Oliver Bond Residents Group

Josephine Henry - Dublin City Co-op

Robert Parkinson – Town Planner & Liberties resident

We are at the early stages and expect to meet with the architect in the coming weeks.

Following this a plan for community engagement will be put in place. Our hope is to have meaningful community engagement throughout this process and we will be targeting specific demographics as part of this (including young people, local residents, community representatives, local organisations).

There's some more background to the site and a few photos in the following article from The Dublin Inquirer <https://dublininquirer.com/2021/07/07/a-genteel-debtors-prison-a-barracks-housing-what-will-the-marshalsea-become-next>

Inchicore Family Fun Day Thursday 15th July 2.00pm – 4.30pm

A number of events will take place on the green space at St. Michael's Estate at the annual family fun day. This year's event will be run in line with COVID 19 protocols. A joint collaboration between St. Michaels Family Resource, DCC, Core Youth Project, St. Patrick's Athletic Club. A number of organised/supervised activities will take place.

Dublin City Council Community Team will be supporting a Dog show which will run in conjunction with the event. The Dog Show will be the first of its kind to take place in Inchicore and hopefully many more. The event, while having an element of friendly competition, will also be an opportunity to promote the importance of caring for your pets, and the responsibility of dog owners when it comes to dog fouling.

People will be asked to observe Covid -19 guidelines while taking part in the event.

Summer Projects 2021

Dublin City Council Community Team are working with Crosscare to support voluntary summer projects to operate again this year.

Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic the criteria and guidelines for projects has been revised. Committees are in adapting and creating programmes that adhere to these guidelines. Dublin City Council Play Development as well as Sports Development have also offered supports to projects this year. Summer Projects that qualify will be running their projects during July and August.

Environmental Groups

Due to the success of Dublin City Council Community Development Team's summer planting initiative, a number of new environmental groups have been identified, in the Timberyard and Clanbrassil Street Upper.

The team are working with to these groups to develop environmental spaces in their area. All new groups and well as established groups will be encouraged to take part in this year's SCA City Neighbourhood Competition. Also groups looking to run community clean up's are being supported by the community and public domain teams.

Public Domain

The City Neighborhood's competition will be area based again for 2021. Applications have been emailed to all groups on our contact list. The closing Date is August 3rd 2021, any groups unable to access email can request a hard copy from Public Domain at (01) 222 5184.

The Dublin Community Clean-Up will be a week- long event from September 11th to 19th 2021. Registrations details will be available when the event is formally launched. The weed treatment programme is almost completed in the area. Locations in Inchicore, Rialto and some city areas have been treated with additional funds from E&T and SWIC. The remainder will be treated in 2022.

904 meters of graffiti have been treated since the beginning of July, with locations at Rialto, Marrowbone Lane, Crane Street, Forbes Lane, Longs Place, Vicar Street, Engine Alley, Thomas Street, Francis Street, John Dillon Street, Nicholas Place, Meath Street and Cornmarket.

Dublin Canvas Project submissions have been agreed at following locations: St James Hospital, Mount Brown, Tyrconnell Road, Rialto SCR and Dean Street.

Street cleaning has been completed along Ushers & Merchant Quay, SCR, Clanbrassil Street, Rialto and Inchicore villages. Street furniture temporary Covid permit inspections have been completed at Thomas Street, Francis Street and Inchicore.

Guidelines are available from Dublin City Council Website under Covid Mobility see link [street furniture](#)

Report from: -

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

BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

HOUSING PROJECTS

Chapelizod/Springvale Site

The current overall revised date for completion is set for April 2022.

Cornamona Site

Substantial date for Completion is April 2022, contract date with extension is September 2021. Issues ongoing on site that design team are attending to.

Crumlin Road/Rafters Lane Site

Part VIII approval given for the proposed demolition of the former Scoil Eanna and Funeral Home on lands bounded by Crumlin Road, Rafter's Road and Rafter's Lane, Crumlin, Dublin 12.

The redevelopment of the site will be the subject of a separate Part VIII Planning application. The library development will be a separate development.

Bluebell

We received stage 1 approval for the first phase of the development. The approval comes with 8 pages of conditions. Approval of stage 1 allows us to appoint a design team.

Bernard Curtis House - a number of refurbished units will be re-let under Choice Based Letting.

Lissadell Maisonettes

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

Skate Park Le Fanu Park

No further works have taken place due to Covid 19 restrictions but An Garda Síochána continue to monitor the area and there have been no further reports of anti-social behaviour.

Ballyfermot Civic Park

Completion of Park is aimed for December 2021.

Ballyfermot Civic Centre

DCC Staff working with Architects and Fire Officers with regards to safety of building; before during and after office relocations. Proposed relocation of restaurant is envisaged to coincide with the reopening of the Civic Park in Spring 2022.

Community Development Report

Environmental Projects

Environmental Groups

Congratulations to all the existing and new community clean up groups that have sprung to life over the last couple of months in the Ballyfermot / Drimnagh area. The groups have gone above and beyond the monthly clean ups and are out evenings and weekends cleaning up their areas.

There are 3 new groups in Cherry Orchard, who have come on board to clean and weed the streets in their area. The Drumfinn /Cleggan area looks really well as residents have weeded the tree beds and park railings.

The Ballyfermot Environmental Group are doing trojan work to support the residents and are liaising with the local schools to involve children in organised clean ups.

“Bloom in South Central”

The Council “Bloom in South Central” Garden Competition was a tremendous success with over 250 entries from across the area. The Satsun Camera club created wonderful collages of the gardens which form two outdoor exhibitions. The exhibitions are located along the railings of the Assumption Church in Ballyfermot and the second at the Playground in Walkinstown Green.

The Ballyfermot Environmental Group presented the winning entrants with framed photos of their gardens and provided spot prizes for the entrants.

A booklet of the gardens has been produced.

Street Planters

38 Planters, which were part funded from the Environmental discretionary budget, have been placed throughout the area and will be maintained by local residents and Environmental Groups. We have been inundated with requests from residents for more street planters for their areas. We do not intend to supply further planters this year and have explained to residents that next year additional planters will be provided where local Clean up Groups are in action.

The twenty Planter Boxes along the Main Road in Ballyfermot have been replanted and will be painted in a “Dublin blue “to match the new street planters throughout the area.

Anti-litter school campaign

The City Council worked with the primary and secondary schools in the Drimnagh area to promote a Litter awareness campaign. Prizes were presented to three schools in Ballyfermot and Drimnagh before their summer holidays and the winning posters will be displayed on the new Community Planters that will be installed around the area in the coming weeks.

Community Participation

Ring Street Youth and Community Centre

After all the hard work of the Ring Street Youth Club to get their premises up and running the internal part of the building was destroyed by a fire. The Youth Club are looking for a temporary base while the building is repaired.

The City Council are in contact and has always supported this voluntary group. In 2020 the City Council supported the Project with a startup grant and a contribution for furniture. In 2021 to date the group has received funding for Cruinniú events and will receive funding towards their summer programme of events.

The Council will continue to work with the group to install the creative Ireland mural on the side of their building. This project will form part of their summer programme and commence in August.

Community Festivals

Drimnagh Festival has set September 18th and 19th as the dates for their 2021 festival.

Chapelizod Festival took place between the 3rd and 10th of July and was a great success with a mix of online and in person events.

Pop up Clown Fest

In the absence of Community festivals, Sports Days and Fun Days and to animate open spaces the Council, using 2021 discretionary funding, booked the Dublin Circus Project, to put on 24 outdoor clown shows during the month of July in open spaces throughout the area.

There are two shows daily on the small greens around Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Drimnagh, Inchicore and Chapelizod. The shows are only advertised locally and a day or two in advance to avoid large gatherings.

The shows to date have been a tremendous success and the local residents are delighted. There is great interest from residents and community groups for more local and low key events to get people outside again.

Halloween 2021

The Ballyfermot Halloween Committee has met twice to plan for Halloween 2021 which falls on a Sunday.

The Youth Organisations are planning a mix of virtual /online events and targeting older teenagers for specific activities. It is unlikely that we will host large outdoor family events this year.

The Council will support the Drimnagh Residents Group and Youth Organisations to plan similar events for the Drimnagh area.

The Council will promote a Halloween safety campaign and hold an Art Competition in the schools commencing in late September.

Social Inclusion

Voluntary summer projects

The Council is providing support for the two voluntary summer programmes in the Area that is Ring Street Youth Club and D10 Swim and Youth Club. The Play Development Section has provided equipment and funding to support their programmes of events.

Dementia awareness

The City Council, Ballyfermot Family Resource Centre and the Bungalow continue to meet to develop proposals for a Dementia Drop in Café for September.

The Council through Age friendly are hoping to roll out dementia awareness training in Drimnagh and through WALK in September.

Father Kitt Court Community Garden

The upgrade of the community garden in Father Kitt Court is near completion, providing residents with a comfortable outdoor space.

Cherry Orchard Community Centre

New Sports Hall Flooring

The centre should have its new sports hall floor installed by end of July. This will add greatly to our already improved building and will attract greater use. We will be promoting use of the hall to the community as well as businesses in the area once installed.

Return of Groups

The centre has over the past few weeks since early June seen some of our groups return after the last lockdown. The centre is getting busy again but sticking to all guidelines to ensure safety for all users. Groups that are back include Irish Dancing, Boxing Club, Ballroom/Sequence Dancing, Parent & Toddler Group, Dublin Circus Project, Baton Twirlers Group to name a few.

Pop Up Circus in the community

The centre has worked with DCC community team on organising pop up circus shows in the area in conjunction with Dublin Circus Project. The project is based in the centre and we have done a lot of work with them to get them established in the Ballyfermot/Cherry Orchard areas. They have worked with many groups since basing themselves in the centre just prior to Covid. It was timely that they based themselves with us when they did as they've told us that if they had not they would now be out of business as we supported them through not having to pay rent during times of lockdown.

Cherry Orchard Boxing Club

The club are now based in our new extension and are very happy with having that section of the centre given over to them for exclusive use. We can if needed hold other events in that section and this is part of our licenced agreement with the club. However this will be a very rare event and the club are thrilled to be finally training in their new club space.

St. Ultans School Special Needs Group

We are thrilled to once again have this group back with us for the month of July. This is now a yearly event and the school are very happy that we can work together to support the young children in this group to enjoy a special July each year out of school but still receiving support from their wonderful teachers.

Food Bank

Our food bank is very busy with up to 100 people attending each Friday morning to receive food bags supplied by SVDP.

Staffing levels in the centre

We unfortunately have reached a point that we have had to restrict opening hours in the centre due to a shortage of CE scheme staff. The centre is managed by DCC with a manager and two full time staff who are employed by DCC. However the staffing of the centre is done through a CE scheme. Unfortunately over the past number of months some of our staff's time on the scheme has come to an end and we have found it difficult to replace them with new people. Recently we have advertised places through all local bodies and on social media. We currently have a very small number of people interested in joining and they will be talking to the CE supervisor as soon as she returns from leave. If these people are eligible to join etc that will help our situation however we will still be very low on staffing levels and will need more staff to allow us fulfil our potential.

Public Domain

Three tiered planters placed at the Cooley Road intersection of Drimnagh Road will be relocated as concerns raised about footpath clearance.

Public Domain's schedule of intensive cleaning to support community clean-ups targeted locations at Raheen Drive, Ballyfermot Road, Chapelizod Hill and Main St, St. Mary's Road and environs and Walkinstown Avenue, with street sweeping and manual weeding completed. The Tomb Project with Bluebell Environmental Group is progressing and will further enhance the entrance to Bluebell from Naas Road.

A Name Stone for the entrance to Camac Park, Bluebell will be ready for placement shortly. All active groups are encouraged to participate in the South Central City Neighbourhoods this year as SWIC Report.

Graffiti has been removed repeatedly from Kylemore Road/junction Landen Road.

The Dublin Canvas Project will be pushed further out to include new boxes along Ballyfermot Road towards Cherry Orchard www.dublincanvas.com for updates.

The Litter Warden Service under the guidance of the Litter Enforcement Manager has been requested to focus on the Ballyfermot Road Shopping Precinct –Colepark junction and Motor City Kylemore Road/Bluebell Avenue. There is a high level of littering at both locations.

Hardy's Lane to the rear of Ballyfermot Road shops is an illegal dumping hot spot as is the entrance to Motor City from Bluebell Avenue. Temporary Covid Permit Street furniture inspections have been completed in Ballyfermot, Chapelizod and Drimnagh. For guidelines on street furniture click on link [street furniture](#)

Report from: -

David O Donovan,
Acting Senior Executive Officer
Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Local Electoral Area.