



**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2021 (VIA ONLINE ZOOM MEETING)**

- 1 **Delegation from Oliver Bond House, Dublin 8**
Presentation given by Austin Campbell, Joseph Little & Lynette Lyons on behalf of Oliver Bond Residents Group. Presentation Noted.
- 2 **Minutes of Meeting held 21st July 2021**
Order: Agreed.
- 3 **Questions to the Director of Services South City**
Order: Replies to Questions and the Director of Services report circulated.
- 4 **Environmental and Transportation Matters**
 1. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on the 31/08/21 in relation to Traffic Matters in the South Central Area.
 2. Traffic Service Requests Status Reports at 15/08/21 and 30/08/21.
Order: 1. Report noted.
2. Report noted.
- 5 **South Central Area Matters** **5 - 14**
 1. Presentation on Phoenix Park Transport and Mobility Options Study.
 2. Presentation on Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme.
 3. Pre Part 8 Report Carman's Hall.
 4. Proposal to initiate the procedure to extinguish the public right of way over a laneway accessed adjacent to 9 St. Catherine's Avenue, Dublin 8.
 5. Request from Cherry Orchard Equine Centre to make a presentation of plans for an extension to their premises on Cherry Orchard Avenue.
 6. Director of Services Report.
Order: 1. Presentation given by David Healy, O.P.W. Presentation noted.
2. Presentation given by Eimear McCormack, Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinator, (Dublin City Council) Presentation noted.
3. Report Noted.
4. Agreed to initiate the extinguishment of right of way process.
5. Agreed.
6. Report Noted.
- 6 **Culture, Recreation & Economic Matters**
 1. Sports and Recreation Report for September 2021 South Central Area.
Order: Report noted.

7 **Planning & Property Disposal Matters**

1 Proposed grant of a new lease to Cherry Orchard Equine Centre, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10.

Order: 1. Agreed. Recommend to Council.

8 **Emergency Motions**

The order of business was suspended to deal with the following Emergency Motions:

Emergency Motion 1 from Councillors Máire Devine, Daithí Doolan, Darragh Moriarty, Michael Pidgeon, Michael Watters, Sophie Nicoulaud, Daithí De Róiste, Tina McVeigh

That this Area Committee

- notes with alarm the rat infestations which came to the fore during the summer in many of the flats complexes despite works to contain the problem,
- acknowledges the regular rat infestations faced by City Council tenants as an ongoing public health hazard,
- recognises the work done to combat these infestations in some flat complexes with work done to bin storage areas, maintenance and improvement of public spaces, and other works done to combat infestations,
- regrets that the dispersion of these works has been constrained by resources and, consequently, has been uneven with consequences in particular for, but not limited to, older complexes,
- further recognises the consequent neglect to the remaining complexes which has damaged the City Council's reputation as a landlord,
- deems the current public health response arrangement with the HSE as unaccountable and recognises that pest control is the responsibility of the landlord,
- commits to expanding the City Council's in-house pest control capabilities,
- resolves to re-examine the Housing maintenance budget in the context of the forthcoming budget to combat neglect and expand pest control, and
- calls on the Area Manager to ensure that a report addressing these matters is presented within 2 months.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Emergency Motion 2 from Cllrs Hazel De Nortúin, Sophie Nicoulaud

This area committee will support the call for an interagency group will be called by DCC to deal with the ongoing illegal dumping in Labre Park. This group will consist of the HSE, DCC waste management, the Gardaí, Traveller Accommodation Unit and residents and their representatives of Labre. This group will meet as a matter of urgency.

The reason for this being an emergency is all other channels have been trialled to no avail and the situation with illegal dumping in Labre has not been dealt with.

Order: Report to Councillor.

9 September 2021 Motions

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
15th September 2021

M124 Councillor Daithí Doolan

That the SCA office ensure a full study is carried out on the cause of ongoing flooding along Mourne Road, between junction of Errigal and 114 Mourne Road, and agree a time frame for works to be carried out to resolve this serious problem.

Order: Report to Councillor.

M125 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That Dublin City look to develop a Sunday Market in the Ballyfermot Area which could have the potential to bring footfall back to the heart of Ballyfermot. Over the past couple of years with changing shopping habits and the Covid 19 pandemic the area needs urgent attention. The large car-park owned jointly by DCC and the CDET B facing BCFE and the Ballyfermot Library would make a great location. Can we investigate shared usage with the CDET B.

Order: Report to Councillor.

M126 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That the Parks Department please remove the heavy vegetation from Drumfinn Ave, Cifden Road at the junction of Claddagh Road opposite No 26 etc and the roundabout from Drumfinn Road, Ballyfermot Dublin 10. Residents are awaiting the removal since late 2020, however with Covid restrictions it was not possible to progress.

Order: Report to Councillor.

M127 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That DCC please ensure that community grants which were not paid out this year when there was huge need for same are retained in the budget and brought forward to 2022 and next years grants be doubled to assist in the re-opening of our communities with environment, music, arts, drama, sports, festivals etc. It is essential as the premier local authority, we support communities on the ground.

Order: Agreed that Director of Services will speak with Daithí Downey.

M128 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

That this Area Committee discusses Cllr Mannix Flynn's motion regarding the Artane Band which is expected to be voted on at the October City Council meeting. This discussion will allow members to share their own viewpoint and listen to the views of other members.

MOTION (Cllr Mannix Flynn)

That this meeting of DCC calls on the Lord Mayor of Dublin to withdraw and desist from being patron of the Artane School of Music/Artane Band.

Order: Agreed that this is a matter for City Council Meeting.

Councillor Vincent Jackson
Chairperson
Wednesday 15 September 2021

Attendance:

Members:

Vincent Jackson (Chairperson)
Sophie Nicoullaud (Vice Chair)
Daithí Doolan
Máire Devine
Darragh Moriarty

Members:

Hazel de Nortúin
Michael Pidgeon
Michael Watters
Tina MacVeigh

Cllr Damian O'Farrell, North Central Area also attended

Officers

Derek Kelly, Director of Services South City;
Brendan Kenny, Deputy Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services;
Frank D'Arcy, Executive Manager, Housing & Community Services;
Mary Hayes, Director, DRHE;
Bruce Phillips, Area Manager, SWIC Area;
Frank Murphy, Administrative Officer, South Central Area;
Dave O'Donovan, A/Senior Executive Officer, Ballyfermot Area Office;
Pat Smith, Area Housing Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office;
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
15th September 2021**

SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

South West Inner City Area Report

Capital Projects:

Meath Street Public Realm Project – this proposal is currently undergoing pre-Part VIII internal review ahead of the statutory public consultation period.

Francis Street Environmental Improvement Scheme – works underway with expected completion May 2022.

Bridgefoot Street Park – a revised completion date of mid-October is now advised.

Various Greening Projects:

Bridgefoot Street Median (tree planting & greening) – works are scheduled for October. In addition the Area Office has secured footpath reconstruction works and lighting upgrades to Island Street and Bonham Street around the perimeter of the new park (October/November).

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

Carman's Hall (tree planting) - a proposal will be displayed to residents in September/October ahead of proposed work in winter/spring.

Blackpitts (tree planting and raingarden areas between Clanbrassil Terrace and Donovan Lane) - a proposal will be displayed to residents in September/October.

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 – improvements to this area were completed in the past week including refurbishment of the boundary wall and the reconstruction of footpaths. Additional landscaping work to remove overgrowth will be sought in coming weeks.

St Catherine's Graveyard Park – this park is now open to the public with Parks staff opening and closing the gates daily 10am to 4pm. However maintenance of the park remains limited due to staff resources.

Interim Projects/ Economic Development:

Dolphin’s Barn Interim Measures – a request from the Area Office 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 is currently being considered by Traffic Management Section. 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 – unfortunately a proposal by the Area Office to create a pedestrian area at Newmarket could not be advanced due to the level of construction activity on the square at present and the likely changing arrangements for access to sites and management of traffic over the next 12-18 months. Some minor changes to better regulate traffic and parking and make safer provision for pedestrians on the square have been requested and is being considered by Traffic Management Section.

Destination Dublin 8/ Culture Date With Dublin 8 – the Area Office has been working with tourism and hospitality businesses in the area to support the reopening of the sector and encourage shared marketing initiatives and promotion. As an action, the Area Office has reactivated the Culture Date With Dublin 8 website and media channels to promote cultural attractions, events and activities in Dublin 8 over the coming 6-12 months.
www.culturedatewithdublin8.ie

SmartD8 – SmartD8 has been particularly successful at bringing together the hospitals, enterprise centres, NCAD and community organisations to develop a series of initiatives to support healthcare and community wellbeing in Dublin 8. A second callout for pilot projects for Smart D8 will issue in November. A series of already approved pilots are currently being put in place including *Civic Dollars*, an app-based project that ‘rewards’ engagement with parks and amenities with points that can be used in local businesses/attractions or awarded to local community groups and initiatives. The pilot will also measure use of the nominated parks for a 6 month period. Pilots promoting positive mental health (led by St Patricks Mental Health Services) are also underway. <https://smartdublin.ie/smart-districts/smart-d8/>

Housing

Housing Updates SWIC.

Bonham St .Dublin 8. Volumetric Build

<u>57</u>	<u>On site</u>	<u>Completion of Scheme</u>	<u>Q1 2022</u>
26 x 1 bed 26 x 2 bed 5 x 3 bed			

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, D.8 (St. Michael's)	Design in progress. Lodge planning Q4 2021	
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Tyrone Place D8. Regeneration.

Status: LA Housing- Regeneration 96 units Feasibility underway.

Liberties Cluster D.8.

115 units Phase 1.

Stage 1 approval received from DHLGH Q3 2021. Next stage is to procure and appoint design team.

Oliver Bond Regeneration.

Stage 1 application being finalised for DHPLG.

Dolphin House Regeneration Masterplan Dublin 8.

The Dolphin House Regeneration Masterplan approved on the 4th Feb 2021 by the DH Regeneration Board. DCC will progress the masterplan in conjunction with the Dolphin House Regeneration Board and the Dolphin House Community.

LINEAR PARK UPDATE

Basin View – MISA Entrance: Parks and Landscape Services are currently working on a brief for a design team to work on the next stage of the park. This stage will cover the area of park between Basin View – MISA Entrance. A further update will be provided in October.

Community

Once again the Community Development team is delighted to promote this year's Culture Night event which will take place in the historic church of St James's. This Year's theme is 'The History of Weaving in the Liberties.' This exhibition will be of enormous interest to those with an interest in the history and heritage of local crafting.

Itinerary as follows:

The history of textiles and weaving in the Liberties. Talks by South Central Area, Historian in Residence Cathy Scuffil and local Artist Marja Almqvist.

An exhibition of work by the Liberty Weavers & weaving demonstrations.

Local artists and crafters will also display their works including: hand Knits, crochet, Patchwork, ceramics etc.

Doors open at 6pm. Talks will commence at 6.30pm / 7.30pm / 8.30pm

CYCLING WITHOUT AGE - VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Dublin City Council's Community Development and Dublin City Sports & Well Being Partnership have been working in collaboration with an organisation called Cycling Without Age over the last couple of months.

Cycling Without Age are a voluntary organisation who are committed to offering senior citizens and those with physical disabilities the opportunity to experience a slow - cycle spin in a Trishaw piloted and accompanied by Cycling Without Age volunteers.

Dublin City Council with the support of funding from Healthy Ireland, have purchased five Trishaws for City wide use, (Trishaws are slow moving and pose no danger whatsoever to pedestrians).

Two of these Trishaws will be allocated to the South Central area of the City and will be stored in the Municipal Rowing Centre at Island Bridge.

We are looking at potentially suitable routes for the Trishaws, mainly in our local parks.

Cycling without Age have kindly offered to assist with training of pilots for the Trishaws and all the practical advice necessary (maintenance, storage etc.) for the setting up of this wonderful new initiative to Dublin City Council.

At a later stage in conjunction with Dublin City Sports & Well Being Partnership we will be recruiting suitable volunteers who have a couple of hours per week, so that they can be used to their maximum potential.

We would like to discuss the possibility of using the War Memorial gardens for the launch of this City wide project and also as a venue for regular routes.

HALLOWEEN

The Community Team will be collaborating with Dublin Fire brigade regarding sharing and circulating fire prevention and safety themed materials to schools and groups in the SWIC area in the weeks coming up to Halloween.

Discussions regarding the community based Halloween projects are underway following Government Decisions on Covid 19 Restrictions being eased.

MARSHALSEA BARRACKS – BRIDGEFOOT STREET

The Reimagine Marshalsea Barracks design group, a network of communities in Dublin's SWIC, have come together to reimagine a future of a building that once loomed large in Dublin 8's community life and local history. Dublin City Council's local area office is supporting, Community Organisation and Residents Network (CORN) along with the services of the Irish Architecture Foundation to propose/identify a new community-focused future for the Marshalsea Barracks.

A number of initial meetings have taken place to date to identify some potential uses of the existing site as a community base for local activities.

GRAND CANAL ACTIVATION PROGRAMME

It has been agreed to invite potential interested parties to submit proposals to carry out an Activation & Animation Scoping & Feasibility Study.

It is believed that response to the previously advertised tender was low due to the coinciding of the closing date and annual summer holidays.

Contact for Community Development team
Mary Noonan 086 8150365
Helen Burke.

Kilmainham Inchicore Network

KIN September meeting: Monday 20th September at 5.30pm.

Kilmainham Inchicore Tourism & Investment Strategy Plan:

CHL Consulting are near completion of a feasibility study concentrating on improving potential visitor experience through public realm improvement, linkages etc. between heritage sites in Kilmainham and Inchicore.

River Camac Flood Alleviation Scheme:

Murphy Geospatial has been appointed to complete a Threshold Survey for the scheme commencing on 6th September 2021 and lasting approx. 2 weeks
Follow the link for more details & a list of areas included. www.camacfas.ie

Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum

Outdoor Exhibition/ Website:

Project architect's, Bucholz McEvoy, display of their design proposals at an outdoor exhibition is located on the green across from Richmond Barracks in St. Michael's Estate. This exhibition will evolve over time with new panels installed as the design progresses to completion for planning. The www.emmetroad.ie has been updated.

Meanwhile Activity and Community Building Subcommittee:

This subcommittee has met 4 times and is working on a proposal of meanwhile activities and community building projects.

Childcare Needs for Lower Inchicore

Childcare (pre-school) providers in the lower Inchicore area have met to discuss future needs of childcare in the area and the proposals for Childcare in the Emmet Road Development. Dublin South City Partnership are carrying out a survey to assess the future needs of childcare in the area. Meetings are ongoing.

Residential Subcommittee

A new subcommittee will be formed engaging in a co-design process around the design of the residential homes at Emmet Road with the Integrated Design Team. Meeting details to be confirmed.

Inchicore Sports Centre – Community Access and Usage

Three meetings have taken place with Aaron Callaghan, Manager of Inchicore Sports Centre, Denis Moran Supervisor and Donnchadh Clancy ICFE Principal discussing local group access and usage of Inchicore Sports Centre, facilitated through IRCF. The outdoor pitch area has been upgraded allowing community usage. To utilise the space contact 01 222 8598.

Civic and Community Space Subcommittee:

This subcommittee's remit has been completed

Public Art Process Subcommittee:

This new subcommittee is in the process of being set up, it requires DCC City Arts Office engagement. The City Arts Office is working on a new public art programme for launch and are still working on defining a strand where communities and localities can apply to undertake a commission. They are in consultation with a cross section of artists and arts organisations to develop this strand of socially engage practice and as yet are not in apposition to consider proposals at this time. Once a coherent programme is in place the Emmet Road Project proposal will be considered.

Public Domain

The Dublin Community Clean-up Week, launched 24th Aug 2021, will take place from 11th to 19th September as part of Dublin's Climate action Week. To register, check out the website www.dublincommunitycleanup.ie to avail of community clean-up collections or arrange for equipment packs please contact southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie. Any group or individual unable to access the website please contact Public Domain or the Litter Management Office for assistance. All community groups in our contact list will be notified by Public Domain.

Weed Treatment Programme has concluded for 2021.

The City Neighbourhoods South Central Awards is progressing and due to the pandemic the deadline has been extended. 20 applications have been received. The results of the competition will be available for the next area committee.

Myra Close Park has been cleaned up over the past week. Tree Trimming, Buddleia removal, rubbish removal, and railing painting are included in the project. Graffiti has been treated at Thomas Street, James' Street and Inchicore Village with all Planters being re-painted. Intensive clean along Taylor's lane completed. Kilmainham Gaol Plaza will be intensively cleaned along with granite seating. Graffiti removed at: Johns Lane West, Forbes Lane, Lady's Lane, Hanover Lane & arch, Cornmarket, Francis Street, Bridgefoot Street, Lambe Alley, Myra Close, Emmet Crescent, Inchicore village. The Dublin Canvas project is almost complete. Traffic Utility Boxes at: St James' Hospital, Cork/Ardee Street, St. John's Road West/Victoria Quay, Lansdowne Valley Estate Entrance, & James Street/Thomas Street. See Dublin Canvas Facebook page for further information.

The Halloween local and city wide initial meetings have been held to discuss the area response to removal of bonfire materials from the public domain and protection of vital infrastructure

Kilmainham Mill:

The construction team appointed to carry out the enabling works to Kilmainham Mill were forced to withdraw from the process prior to beginning the works. This was caused by recent severe escalations in the cost of materials and sub-contractor unavailability. The project manager has returned to the unsuccessful tenderers to see if they can stand over their price. We are currently providing some time to allow for a contractor to review their price.

If the contractor can stand over their price we will proceed with the works as soon as possible. Otherwise, we will go to etenders with a new procurement process.

Report from: -

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

BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Housing

Springvale Site

The following is a brief update on the works:-

All residential blocks are now at roof level with the exception of the eastern most 5 storey block to the rear of the site. The remaining block is at 3rd floor slab level

Brickwork is well advanced on the blocks to the Chapelizod Road and work is progressing on the remaining blocks.

Internal services and plasterboard is ongoing and site services are progressing.

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 Sept 2021
Issues ongoing on site that design team are attending to.

Drimnagh

Lissadell Maisonettes

Empty units are to be re-let under choice Based Letting when they are ready.

A contractor has been appointed to complete the six units at Davitt House has a number of bedsit units which are being allocated under Choice Based Lettings

Crumlin Road/Rafters Lane

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 have a number of units recently re-let and some are under offer.

Cherry Orchard

There is proposal to build 170 units on site for Social and Affordable.

Community Development Report

Environmental Projects

The City Council staff will continue to support local Environmental Groups. Most groups organise Saturday Clean Ups with some groups meeting on a monthly basis. The Council encourages all groups to link up with the established environmental groups in their area, Ballyfermot Environmental group, Chapelizod Tidy Towns, Bluebell Environmental Group, Tidy Drimnagh and Inchicore Environmental Group.

The Environmental groups have been notified and encouraged to take part in the Dublin Community Clean Up 2021 which takes place between the 11th – 19th September.

Bulbs not Bonfires

Following the success over the last few years, the Council will promote their autumn “Bulbs not Bonfires” planting programme. The Council will provide local Resident Groups and Environmental Projects with daffodil bulbs and encourage planting in green spaces to promote positive activity and deter bonfires.

Further information from Scott Watson at scott.watson@dublincity.ie

Bluebell Sensory Garden

The Council are supporting the Bluebell Environmental Group and the D8 / Bluebell autism group in creating a sensory garden in an area notorious for illegal dumping. The plots have been installed by the local D12 Men’s Shed. The local youth group will plant the flowers and shrubs with the guidance from a horticulturist with expertise on sensory planting.

Community Participation

Halloween

There are three elements to the Community Development programme for Halloween this year:

- Youth Project Engagement
- Schools Art Competition
- Safety publicity campaign

The City Council has engaged the Dublin Circus Project to work with the Cherry Orchard Integrated Youth Project, Ballyfermot Youth Services (BYS) and Familibase over a 6 week period. Beginning on the 21st September 2021 each group will take on one of the following activities; hula hoop, stilt walking and juggling, one evening per week. The finale of the course will encompass all groups coming together to form a local parade in Ballyfermot on Sunday October 31st (Covid Restrictions compliant). The Ballyfermot Men’s Shed are working on a float to lead the parade.

The City Council staff are working with Youth Organisations and Residents Groups and will support Halloween workshops, fancy dress discos and safety campaign in Inchicore, Bluebell and Drimnagh.

The Schools Art Competition will be split into two competitions, between primary and Secondary Schools. The primary schools will design a Monster Mask with the secondary schools designing a Halloween Safety Poster.

The Council will organise a poster campaign throughout the area reminding people to avoid bonfires, report stockpiling, mind their pets and keep safe.

Launch of Dynamic Drimnagh

The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Councillor Alison Gilliland will launch the Dynamic Drimnagh Forum at the Drimnagh Festival in Brickfield Park, Saturday the 18th of September at 2:00 p.m.

Drimnagh Festival

The City Council are supporting the Drimnagh Festival 2021 which will take place over 2 days on the 18th and 19th of September. The committee are organising a series of local and small events which will include: a community cycle, kayaking on the canal, publicity day for the Dynamic Drimnagh Forum in Brickfield Park and localised community gatherings on green spaces.

Sculpture Dublin

The City Council is supporting Sculpture Dublin to organise creative sculpture workshops with artist Pat Gillis. The workshops will commence on Thursday 7th October, for four weeks from the Ballyfermot Civic Centre. Participants will have the opportunity to design, construct and cast their own piece. Places are limited.

For further details Contact Miriam Flynn at Miriam.flynn@dublincity.ie

Social Inclusion

The City Council are working with Age Friendly Ireland to develop a training programme covering aspects of aging, including dementia, to pilot with transition year students from St. Johns College. After the training the young people will be supported to organise an event locally for older people. The training will add to the intergenerational work the Council is supporting in the area

The Council is organising Dementia Awareness training for volunteers in the Drimnagh /Walkinstown area. The training will commence in late September in the outdoor classroom space in the Green Kitchen Enterprise Centre. WALK are committed to working with the Council to develop a dementia friendly space and meeting point in the Green Kitchen.

The City Council will circulate information on health and wellbeing and local services to residents in sheltered housing during the month of October.

Orchard Community Centre

The Centre is now in a position that we can no longer open Mon-Fri up to 9 or 10pm as we did in the past, pre covid.

The Centre is owned and managed by DCC however our staff are mostly on the local CE Scheme. The Manager along with two staff an office administrator and receptionist are DCC employed and all other operational staff are employed through the CE Scheme. In late 2017 the CE staffing levels were at 14 people. Today that number is down to 6 people. Although we have advertised locally and on Facebook the numbers have not stayed at the levels needed to run the Centre in the way it should be and that will give greatest benefit to the community. The Centre since 2017 has made great strides forward and has really grown the activities that it offers to the local community. We have changed the image of the Centre also and it is now much more valued by the community as a whole.

The following groups continue, but at reduced numbers and limited times.

Parent & Toddler groups, VDP Food Bank, Men's Shed Group, Ballroom Dance Classes, Children's Dance Classes, Dublin Circus Project, Hair Salon, Boxing Club, Irish Dancing Club & Bingo Nights.

Special one off events like the upcoming Leader In Learning Awards Night 23rd September.

Along with the above we will shortly be welcoming St. Ultans School in on a number of days each week to use various facilities in the Centre. We also have plans to open a beauty room in the Centre which will be like our Hair Salon, a local business in the Centre employing local people.

All of the above has had a very positive impact on the local community in Cherry Orchard and unfortunately this good work is in jeopardy if we cannot keep the Centre open for the hours it should be. Where we were pre Covid open 9.30am to 9 or 10pm Monday-Friday currently we have to close now most evenings at 5pm.

Our current staff are doing their best to keep the Centre open as much as we can however we need to close now on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday at 5pm and Wednesday 7.30pm along with Friday 6.30pm.

Public Domain

See SWIC Re Dublin Community Clean-up details. Posters advertising the week long campaign are visible throughout the area on the Blue Planter Boxes.

Applications have also been received from Ballyfermot/ Drimnagh Area for the City Neighbourhoods. Results will be issued for the next area committee. The Dublin Canvas Project has been extended to include outer urban areas. Traffic Signal boxes have been completed at: Ballyfermot Rd near Lidl junction, Kylemore/Ballyfermot Rd, Cleggan Park/Ballyfermot Rd, and Chapelizod Village. All art works can be viewed on Dublin Canvas Facebook Page.

Graffiti removal: Somerville, Bluebell, Barnville Pk, Kylemore Rd, Cherry Orchard Avenue and Rafters Avenue. Repairs to ramps and footpath have been completed by Road Maintenance and double yellow lines will be installed at the entrance- this will reduce the illegal parking on footpaths, increasing public safety.

Public Domain Community intensive cleaning completed at Raheen Estate, Le Fanu Drive, Cherry Orchard Avenue and Old Naas Road/ Bluebell Avenue.

The Weed Campaign is completed. The main focus was Drimnagh with some roads in Ballyfermot and Walkinstown also treated. The remainder will be treated in 2022.

Ballyfermot Shopping area was intensively treated for stains and gum removal. Several requests for removal of bonfire materials in the area have been received Public Domain and Housing Maintenance have been and will continue to work together to remove pallets and tyres, where there is a danger to public safety or to protect vital infrastructure. Area meetings will be held to discuss the plan going forward.

Community art project –animation of Percy French Road Bottle Bank in consultation with local residents and Walkinstown Library ongoing.

Report from: -

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