

**Director of Services Report
South Central Area Committee Meeting
20th October, 2021**

SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

South West Inner City Area Report

Capital Projects:

Meath Street Public Realm Project – the Area Office has been requested to prepare business cases for all capital projects support funded by the URDF in line with the revised Public Spending Code. This will now delay the planned statutory public consultation on the Meath Street scheme until the beginning of 2022.

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

Bridgefoot Street Park – the final element of works on the park will commence 18th October (installation of public lighting, installation of a kiosk). The park will open to the public in November.

Various Greening Projects:

Bridgefoot Street Median (tree planting & greening) – works to refurbish the median are scheduled for November. 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) – a two week programme of work gets underway on 11th October to remove areas of paving, realign benches and develop new planted areas beneath the existing trees.

Oscar Square, Tenters – work commenced 11th October to improve grassed areas, add wildflower planting, add benches and improve the railing and signage. A survey of trees in the park will be undertaken in 2022 with recommendations for further tree works.

Interim Projects/ Economic Development:

37 Thomas Court – Dublin City Council is currently working with St Catherine's Church (Thomas Street) to facilitate a long-term leasing arrangement of No 37 to allow for the refurbishment of the building and its conversion to community and education uses associated with the church. St Catherine's Church have appointed Kevin Blackwood & Associates to assess the condition of No 37 and prepare a feasibility and scope of works for its refurbishment. The project seeks to protect and return to use this valuable 18thC house, which was previously in the ownership of St Catherine's parish, and which is contiguous with the church.

SmartD8 – Orla Veale, who has led the development of Smart D8 since October 2020, recently resigned to take a new role with St James's Hospital to develop a learning academy. Arrangements will be made to recruit a new Smart City Programme Manager to continue to manage and develop Smart D8. The current roll out of pilot projects will not be affected. A media launch of *Civic Dollars* - a rewards app that encourages users to use parks and amenities in the area – takes place on 19th October.

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, D.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 underway to determine development options.

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.

Dolphin House 1B phase 25 units community engagement and design review ongoing. DCC to submit stage 2 application to the DHLGH

Donore Avenue-(former Saint Teresa's Gardens)

LDA developing a planning application for 600 units (30% social 70% cost rental. Stage 1 application to be submitted to the DHLGH

Community

Halloween Events 2021

Groups around the South West Inner City are busy and excited to regroup and are planning various Halloween activities.

Dublin City Council Community Development is working in collaboration with The Liberties Haunt Festival group, & Kilmainham Inchicore Network in the planning of events in the Liberties and wider Inchicore areas.

Community events will also take place at Flanagan's Field, Back of the Pipes and Clanbrassil Close.

Cycling Without Age – Dublin City Council

The South Central Cycling Without Age initiative is now underway.

With Support and funding from Dublin City Council's South Central Area Office, Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership & Health Ireland Fund Dublin City Council has purchased Five Trishaws.

Training for up to 20 volunteers will take place in the grounds of the National War Memorial Gardens on Tuesday 19th October.

Following on from the training workshops the project will be officially launched during this year's Social inclusion Week which runs from the 8th – 12th November 2021.

The launch will take place in collaboration with the OPW in the grounds of the War Memorial Gardens which is the proposed initial route for the South Central Area Trishaw experience. The Cycling Without Age Initiative will provide older people with mobility impaired issues the opportunity to experience the exhilaration of a cycle through the park, or indeed a cycle down memory lane in their local neighbourhood.

Community Grant Scheme 2021

Due to the easing of Government & Public Health Restrictions, Dublin City Council Community & Social Development will provide grant funding in lieu of a 2021 Grant Scheme.

The funding will be aimed at 2020 Community Grant Scheme Recipients who complied with Terms and conditions of that Scheme, and subject to approval of Communities.

Dublin 8 Witness to the Revolution Dublin City Council Documentary Series

The Dublin 8 Witness to the Revolution History Project, is close to completion. The four recordings will be available on various social media platforms, South Central Facebook, Dublin City Council's You Tube. The final episode will be available during Social Inclusion Week commencing November 7th.

Activation and Animation on the Grand Canal.

Closing date for tender submissions for the above project is now closed. A number of submissions have been received and assessments will take place on October 21st. 2021. All applications received have been acknowledged.

Marshalsea Prison - OPEN HOUSE OCTOBER 16-17TH 2021

Reimagine Marshalsea Barracks, a network of communities in Dublin's South West Inner City has come together in collaboration with Institute of Architecture Foundation to reimagine a future of a building that once loomed large in Dublin 8's community life and local history.

Community Organisations and Residents Networks are delighted to be part of Open House 2021 event at Marshalsea Barracks on October 16th & 17th Saturday and Sunday from 4pm – 6pm. The Marshalsea event will be preceded by an IAF sponsored In Our Shoes Walking Tour (social history tours of the local area) on each day which will depart from Old City Gates on Cook Street (tour of 18 people fully booked on each day) at 2pm. The In Our Shoes tour guide has agreed to accompany 'tourists' and bring them to Marshalsea site for 4pm on each day.

OSCAR SQUARE

Improvement works on Oscar Square has commenced by our Parks & Landscapes Department in conjunction with the South Central Area office. The improvement works include wildflower and grass matting down. New benches, painting of railings. The co-operation of the local residents is greatly appreciated while this work is going on and with the temporary closure of the park which will result in a much improved facility for the community.

Kilmainham Inchicore Network - next meeting 18th October 2021 at 5.30pm

KIN Samhain/Halloween Event 31st October 2021

An event will be taking place on Halloween evening with community engagement in Inchicore. An intergenerational gathering. A celebration of diversity. A spectacle. A night of release and remembrance. Information will be shared about the event in the coming week.

Kilmainham Inchicore Tourism & Investment Strategy Plan:

Assessment of the final draft of a feasibility study by CHL Consulting is underway. This feasibility study is concentrating on improving potential visitor experience through public realm improvement, linkages etc. between heritage sites in Kilmainham and Inchicore.

"1b" site (Assisted Living Development of 52 homes) - Circle VHA and Alone

Evaluation of tenders is ongoing for the 52 assisted living development as clarifications are sought on tender submissions by the design team. It is anticipated that the tender evaluation will be completed within the coming weeks. Upon appointment of a contractor, the funding application will also be completed. Construction expected to start January 2022.

Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum – next meeting 18th Oct 21 at 1pm

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.

IRCF Subcommittees:

Meanwhile Activities and Community Building Subcommittee (MACb)– 6th meeting (5.10). Concentration on the Halloween /Samhain community event planned for Sunday 31st October 2021 (details above) as part of the long term proposal of meanwhile activities and community building projects – this community building process requires strategic planning (building trust, shared experiences/memories). Next meeting date TBC

Childcare in Lower Inchicore – 4th meeting 12.10.21

All childcare providers in lower Inchicore area invited to attend along with DCC and DSCP. DSCP carrying out statistical needs analysis to assess the future vision for sustainable childcare in the area. Analysis includes review of current services – 4 out of 5 responded to survey; further analysis required including future population increases and needs; collaborative future vision created.

IRCF Residential Subcommittee–Three meetings have taken place. Engagement in co-design process with BMCEA around the theme of “healthy homes” reviewing various aspects of cost rental homes for life in particular the residential spaces including: laundry; kitchen; bathroom, shared spaces (common and public – stairwells/lobbies), waste. Ultimate outcome will be a consensus around housing, informed by a body of knowledge and research and collective thinking outlined in a position paper with recommendations.

Community Access and Usage of Inchicore Sports Centre - 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. The fourth meeting was scheduled to take place on Thursday 7th of October at 1pm in the sports hall. Due to insufficient numbers this is now to be rescheduled. To utilize the space contact 01 222 8598.

Community and Civic Space subcommittee – work completed.

Public Art Project Process – work ongoing.

Consultation Process subcommittee – no recent meetings

Education Subcommittee – no recent meetings

Public Domain

The City Neighbourhoods South Central Awards have been finalised. The results will be posted on the South Central Facebook Page next week. There were 35 applicants and the Winners will receive an one4all voucher. The standard was very high and this year we have two nominations in the individual category to recognise an extraordinary commitment by individuals to their community. Overall SWIC had first prize in 9 categories. The Award Certificates and Vouchers will be issued to all recipients over the coming week.

Community Clean-up requests have increased across the City and The Dublin Community Clean –up was a big success with The Liberties Clean-up, Solas, The Tenters, Ceannt Fort IEG, Rialto Environmental Group, Margaret Kennedy Road and Liffey Gaels participating.

Graffiti has been increasing in the City Areas. Graffiti has been removed from Engine Ally Suir Rd, Blackhorse, Fumbally Lane, John Dillon Street, Hanover Arch and Cornmarket.

Bulb and wild flower planting has been agreed and works are in progress in Devoy Road green space. Other areas are under consideration. This is a collaboration with Parks Dept.

Halloween

The Halloween local and city wide meetings have concluded. The Public Domain Campaign will begin in earnest from B/H Monday 25th October and will conclude on 31st October 2021. Public Domain will use a contractor to remove large stockpiles across the City in partnership with the South East Area. Waste Management will be available from Sat 23rd October to Sun 31st Oct. Housing Maintenance will provide bonfire material removals from Dublin City Council Housing Areas from Sat 24th Oct to Sat 30th Oct. All requests for removal of bonfire materials will come through the Public Domain Officer. To date Public Domain have removed large quantities of pallets and tyres from Kevin Street Garda Station, Rafters Green, Herberton Road, Reuben St. & Thomas Street. The Citywide Contact List has been circulated internally.

The public may report Bonfire Materials on the Dublin City Council 247 portal <http://www.dublincity247.ie/> or call Customer Services on 01 222 2222

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Kilmainham Mill:

In keeping with the principles of good governance and due diligence it has been decided to update the surveys (carried out in 2019) along with the cost estimate and go back to the market with update to date drawings, specifications and cost estimates. This will allow for a more accurate procurement process.

The design team are currently working on this and we are expecting to go back to the market with a new invitation to tender in January 2022 with a construction team to be appointed and begin work as soon as possible thereafter.

Report from: -

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

BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Housing

Cornamona development is ongoing and projected date of mid-April 2022 for completion.

Springvale:

Weekly meeting on site for any issues raised and date for completion is April 2022

Rafters Rd

It is intended that by end of year or early 2022 site will become active and local consultation will commence as a priority.

Community

Allotments

The Bluebell and Chapelizod allotments are thriving. The Allotment Committees committed their 2021 Discretionary funding towards the following projects:

Chapelizod: The cost for clearance of overgrown areas and regular upkeep around the allotments and green areas. The purchase of benches and tables to set up a seating area. The purchase of communal gardening equipment and a Lawn mower

Bluebell: The Group plan to upgrade the water supply and taps to reduce leaks and wastage. Provision of signage, safety and first aid equipment. The group will plant and maintain shrubs in the common areas and purchase organic weed killer to remove weeds from pathways

Bulbs not Bonfires

The City Council has supplied 10 Resident Associations and Environment Groups in the Dublin 10 and 12 area with Daffodil bulbs to enhance the local green spaces and to promote positive activity around Halloween and to deter bonfires. For further information from Scott Watson on 01 222 4660.

Community Participation

Halloween

Ballyfermot

The Halloween Parade starts at the Cherry Orchard Equine Centre and will march through Oranmore Road to the finish point at Ballyfermot Leisure Centre.

Three local youth groups have undertaken training in stilt walking, juggling and hula hoop dancing to animate the parade.

Ballyfermot Men's Shed have built a float and the Skate park BMX group and Cherry Orchard Runners will also take part.

Familibase, Candle, Ballyfermot and Cherry Orchard Youth Services will organise outdoor events at the Leisure Centre and Skate board Park.

A spectacular fire show, a ROGU production, FIRESTORM will take place at 5:15PM in the carpark of the Leisure Centre.

Schools Art Competition.

The Council has organised a "Decorate your Mask Competition" with the primary schools in the area. 7 Primary Schools have registered to take part. Community Development staff have provided a template mask and a bag of arts and crafts to get them started. From October 16th Community Staff will be calling to the 7 schools with Halloween Safety Information and prizes.

Drimnagh

Brickfield Park

The Halloween festival will take place on Sunday 31st of October from 1pm to 4pm. The festival will be opened ROGU's production "Firestorm" followed by the Zombie Fun Run at 2pm with Zombie T-shirts for all participants. Events will include bouncing castles, a ghost train, children's magic, cartoon characters, fancy dress and music.

Tidy Drimnagh and Drimnagh Community Residents Groups are supporting the event.

The Council are supporting Resident and Community Groups throughout the Area to organise local events, particularly on the 31st.

Ring Street Community Youth and Community Club will host a fancy dress discos on the 31st of October.

Belgrove / Glenaulin are planning a Halloween out door party



Community Festivals

The following festivals and events were supported with additional funding from the 2021 Discretionary Fund.

Cruinniú NÓg

Seachtaine Na Gaeilge

Chapelizod Festival

Drimnagh Festival

Ballyfermot Festival

Summer Clown Festival

The Community Office purchased 3 gazebos and a portable PA system for use by local groups.

Social Inclusion

Inclusion and integration week 2021

Inclusion and Integration Week will take place between 1st and 8th of November.

The City Council is targeting events for older people to encourage them to get out and about again.

Many of the Ladies Clubs and Senior Citizens groups in the area are really struggling to reestablish their groups. The Council is supporting a four week programme of music to attract new members to the groups in two local venues during the Month of November.

Ballyfermot Resource Centre

The Resource Centre will pilot its Dementia Café and communal space for older people over four Thursdays in November, starting on Thursday 4th at 2:30PM. There will be singing and refreshments and the event is open to all, targeting older people, family members and carers dealing with dementia.

W.S.A.F. Hall, Moeran Road, Walkinstown

Wednesday Sing a longs with The RAMS Band (Retired Active Men's Social) 2:30PM starting on Wednesday 3rd and open to all.

Chapelizod Tidy Towns are organising an International Food Fair on Saturday November 6th to welcome and build connectivity with the 26 nationalities living in Chapelizod. Music and food on the Plaza between 12:00 and 3:00PM.

BARN (Ballyfermot anti-racism network) will host a music event in Ballyfermot during November to highlight Inclusion.

The City Council will support the Dynamic Drimnagh Forum on their following social inclusion projects:

Additional Needs High Five Boxing Academy

Drimnagh Boxing Club has undertaken this initiative to bring inclusion into boxing. The programme has been set up by a selection of Boxing Coaches and we are currently working with ASD Parents in D12. Coaches, The Academy will be launched on Saturday, 23rd October, 2021 by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Alison Gilliland at the Drimnagh Boxing Club @ 10:00 am.

Set up of an LGBTQ Safe Space within Drimnagh

As Drimnagh has no Civic Centre, it has been difficult for the LGBTQ community to find a safe space to meet within the community. The Dynamic Drimnagh Forum has been approached by various individuals looking for an opportunity to engage with others in Drimnagh. We are currently in the process of securing a safe space for them to meet regularly and hope to commence operations with this project in November 2021.

Creative Ireland Mural

The City Council supported the Ring Street Youth and Community Club to design and paint a diversity themed mural on the side of their Community Centre. This activity was a great success and provided outdoor activity while the Centre is closed. An artist, Shane Ha, who specialized in murals worked with the youth club members to create the artwork. The age of the children ranged from six to twelve years old.



Lower Cherry Orchard Community Hall

The Council is working with the Lower Cherry Orchard Hall, who have reestablished and strengthened their management committee and are trying to increase community usage of the Hall. Currently local a dance group, Karate club, Ladies Club and St. Johns Ambulance use the hall. The hall is in poor condition and the Council has provided funding to the Committee towards roof repair. The Committee are trying to source additional funding to replace the fire doors. In its present condition the Hall is under used and the new committee are working to improve the condition of the hall and get it up and running again.

Community Grants 2021

The Community Grants for 2021 will be administered before the end of the year. Staff are preparing recommendations for Community Grants to be allocated before the end of 2021. The 2022 Grant Scheme will be launched in early 2022.

Monthly newsletter

The Friends of The South Central newsletter currently has 620 subscribers. The newsletter is sent out via Mail chimp at the end of every month.

The current issue can be viewed at: <https://mailchi.mp/cae1f4497498/june-2021-newsletter-8693129>

The next issues will be a Halloween special (29/10/2021), featuring local events taking place in the South Central Area.

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The Bungalow Celebrates

On Wednesday 27th October at 11:00AM, The Lord Mayor of Dublin Alison Gilliland, will visit The Bungalow, Cherry Orchard Family Resource Centre for an morning tea party to celebrate 30 years of service to the local community. The Bungalow officially celebrated the 60th year in 2020 but due to Covid Restrictions were unable to have an official event. She will also be celebrating the amazing talents of Connie, Ann and the team of volunteers for their tireless work on Connie's Fidget Blankets and the various projects taken on during the pandemic.

Miriam Flynn
Community and Social Development Officer

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The Dublin Community Clean-up was supported by Ballyfermot Environmental Group, Chapelizod, Tidy Drimnagh. These groups are arranging weekly clean-ups supported by Public Domain. Deep Cleaning was provided by the Public Domain Crew in Ballyfermot Avenue, Crescent and Parade, Kylemore Road and Avenue, Cherry Orchard Avenue, Ballyfermot Road, Bluebell Avenue. Manual weeding was completed at Walkintown, Drimnagh and Le Fanu Road.

The Halloween local and City wide meetings have concluded. Meetings with An Garda Síochána to follow. The Public Domain Campaign will begin in earnest from B/H Monday 25th October and will conclude on 31st October 2021. Public Domain will use a contractor to remove large stockpiles across the City in partnership with the South East Area. Waste Management will be available from Sat 23rd October to Sun 31st Oct. Housing Maintenance will provide bonfire material removals from Dublin City Council Housing Areas from Sat 24th Oct to Sat 30th Oct. All requests for removal of bonfire materials will come through the Public Domain Officer. The SCA & SEA will work together to provide support across shared boundaries. The provision of skips in local areas across Cherry Orchard, Drimnagh and Bluebell will be facilitated by Public Domain and Housing to reduce the impact of household junk and bonfire materials deposited in public spaces prior to Halloween. This will be rolled out with the support of local community groups.

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Orchard Community Centre

Please find a list of activities currently on offer in the Centre, this is the maximum we can offer due to staffing levels.

Activity	Day & Time
Parent & Toddler Group	Monday's 9.00am-12pm
Orchard Boxing Club	Evenings & Weekends
Dublin Circus Project. Circus Training all ages.	Various times by appointment only.
Bingo	Mon 6.30-9.30pm
Irish Dancing Club	Wednesday 5-7.30pm
Bingo	Wednesday 8-10pm
Elite Baton Twirling/Majorettes Academy & Dance Group	Wednesday 3.30-5pm Friday 5-6.30pm
Men's Shed Music Group	Thursday's 11am-1pm
Ballroom/Sequence Dance Classes	Wednesday's & Friday's 11am-12.30pm
Smashing Barriers Impaired Mobility Drama Group	Thursday's 11am-1pm
Women's Fitness Club Circuit & Aerobic Classes	Tuesday's & Thursday's 10.30am-11.30am 6.30pm-8pm
Hairdresser	Various times by appointment only
Beauty Salon	Various times by appointment only
Disability Action Collective	Thursday's 10am-5pm
Herbal Life Healthy Eating Programme	Mon-Friday 9am-1pm

Finally,

We are thrilled to announce the Fireworks Display shall return to Cherry Orchard for October 2021! All subject to national guidelines.

Report from: -

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