

**Director of Services Report
South Central Area Committee Meeting
17th November 2021**

SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

South West Inner City Area Report

Capital Projects:

Francis Street Environmental Improvement Scheme – work continues to summer 2022. Paving works to be completed between Thomas Davis Street and Hanover Lane before suspending for Operation Open City at the end of November. Work will then recommence in January.

Bridgefoot Street Park – a revised completion date for the park is now end of year, with the park opening in the New Year.

Capital Projects Awaiting Consents/ Resources – a number of capital projects are at various stages of consent and/ or awaiting the allocation of staff resources to progress to detailed design and construction. These projects are assigned funding under the UDRF Tranche II (South City Concept Area). Under the Public Spending Code, all these projects require the development of preliminary business cases in the first instance to progress. This work is ongoing. Projects include:

Meath Street & Environs Public Realm Scheme: now expected to submit formal Part VIII in Q1/22.

Newmarket & Environs Public Realm Improvement Scheme: Part VIII approved. Awaiting the allocation of staff resources to progress to detailed design.

Dolphin's Barn Public Realm Improvement Scheme: Part VIII approved. Awaiting the allocation of staff resources to progress to detailed design.

Various Greening Projects/ Other Projects:

Bridgefoot Street Median (tree planting & greening) – work to refurbish the median is underway until the end of 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.

James Street Median – a new planting scheme has been completed.

Blackpitts (tree planting and raingardens) – design work is currently underway for an area between Donovan Lane and Clanbrassil Terrace ahead of an approach to community for feedback prior to tendering.

Oscar Square, Tenters – landscaping work and installation of new seating completed. Outstanding works to repaint the railings.

Dolphins Barn Cork Street Enhancements: Ongoing, currently discussing some improved measures for pedestrians with Transportation Section. Work to improve the steps and access to Grand Canal either side of Camac Bridge is scheduled for coming weeks.

The GEC – a refurbishment of the Guinness Enterprise Centre at Taylors Lane was unveiled by Tánaiste Leo Varadkar on 10th November. The centre has now doubled its floor space and significantly enhanced its range of services and supports to create a world-class startup and scale-up centre in The Liberties. The project was supported by Dublin City Council.

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

INCLUSION & INTEGRATION WEEK NOVEMBER 8TH – 15TH

Among the many activities occurring during Inclusion & Integration week, officially launched in City Hall on Monday 8th November by Lord Mayor of Dublin, Alison Gilliland, some of the highlighted local activities/events which will be taking place in the South Central Area.

THE SOUTH CENTRAL CYCLING WITHOUT AGE

With support and funding from Dublin City Council's South Central Area Office, Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership & Healthy Ireland, we were honored to launch the initiative as part of Inclusion & Integration Week on Thursday 11th November by the Lord Mayor of Dublin Alison Gilliland in the beautiful venue of The Irish National War Memorial Gardens, Islandbridge, Dublin 8, in association with Office of Public Works.

The Tri-Shaw is a mode of transport designed to accommodate up to two passengers. It offers those with mobility/sensory issues an opportunity to experience the joy and exhilaration of a cycle in the great outdoor facilities that are friendly and inclusive to everyone, regardless of their age or ability.

Our aim is to encourage volunteers throughout the community to train as Tri-Shaw Pilots which will enable people to avail of the opportunity to re-engage in their community in an enjoyable way, improving their health and wellbeing.

DUBLIN 8 WITNESS TO THE REVOLUTION DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL DOCUMENTARY SERIES

The **final episode** (Divided Country –Dublin 8 and the Irish Civil War) of **Dublin 8 Witness to the Revolution History Project**, is now complete.

- Episode 1 The Cooney Sisters
- Episode 2 Children of the Revolution
- Episode 3 Housing in Troubled Times;
- Episode 4 Divided Country – Dublin 8 and the Irish Civil War.

All 4 episodes can be viewed on the following social media platforms

South Central Area Office Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/Dublin-City-Council-South-Central-Area-1020111591342159>

Dublin City Council You Tube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/DublinCityCouncil>

ACTIVATION AND ANIMATION ON THE GRAND CANAL

Review of all submissions is now complete and a successful applicant has been selected. All applicants have been notified. Tender Contract and agreed commencement date to be signed and agreed by the successful applicant.

IVEAGH MARKETS FOLKLORE PROECT

The final preparations of this project is now underway. Interviews, photos and recordings have been taking place throughout our lockdown and isolation stories and memories have been told and recorded. Keep the evening of November 24th free for a trip down memory lane to Dublin's iconic Iveagh Markets.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Christmas Tree lighting ceremonies are due to take place at the following locations subject to Covid 19 Public Health Recommendations.

Cornmarket Plaza 30th November 2021 18:00 pm

Dolphin Barn Church 7th December 2021 16.45 pm

HALLOWEEN EVENTS 2021

We wish to congratulate all the communities who participated and contributed to a very enjoyable and innovative Halloween celebrations for 2021.

Despite the short time scale to plan and organise community events and the bad weather on the night, the Spirits near and far persisted with organising the many remarkable and safe, family friendly and fun events in SWIC. New comer to the 2021 was the Samhain Event in Inchicore.

Dublin City Council Community Development Section funded /supported the following projects:

The Liberties Haunt Festival group & Kilmainham Inchicore Network in the planning of events in the Liberties and wider Inchicore areas. Flanagan's Field, Back of the Pipes, Clanbrassil Close and Weaver Park.

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.

All eligible groups have been notified and will receive notification of allocation, subject to Council approval. 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.

Community Development Team SWIC

Mary Noonan 086 8150368 & Helen Burke 086 8150968.

Kilmainham Inchicore Network - meeting 15th November 2021 at 5.30pm

KIN Samhain/Halloween Event 31st October 2021

This event took place with approximately 250 people in attendance. An evaluation and review of the event will be taking place and circulated. It encompassed community engagement in Inchicore and was an intergenerational gathering celebrating diversity as well as a remembrance.

Kilmainham Inchicore Tourism & Investment Strategy Plan:

Final Report due to be published mid-November with presentation to Local Councillors at November SCA Council Meeting.

Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum – meeting 15th November 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)– Halloween /Samhain community event took place 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 Tuesday 16th November 1pm

Childcare in Lower Inchicore – 5th meeting 9th November, 2021

Update on progress on DSCP report considering childcare needs in lower Inchicore. 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. Next meeting: 7th December, 2021 at 1.30pm.

IRCF Residential Subcommittee – review of this process taking place with future engagement in planning process.

Community Access and Usage of Inchicore Sports Centre – Outcome from meeting 7th October 2021 was that circulation of information about community usage of sports centre will be shared publically. To utilize the space contact 01 222 8598.

Public Domain

A Successful Halloween Campaign has concluded with 130 Ton Bonfire Material removed from the Public Domain. Deep clean provided by Public Domain Team at Myra Close and Turvey Avenue at the end of October. Rialto and Pimlico will be cleaned towards the end of November. Public Domain facilitated a leaf sweep on South Circular Road and Tyrconnell Road/Inchicore Village Halloween weekend. A survey of trees on South Circular Road is currently with Parks for consideration however some interim works have been completed on trees blocking the junction at NCH site. The Devoy Road green space has been planted for flowering bulbs and the wildflower seeding will be completed in February 2022. A collaboration with Social Enterprise Clean Slate (Bridge Project Probation Services) will be trialed over the coming weeks in locations where there is currently no contract for litter picking or landscape maintenance. Graffiti has been removed from Fumbally Lane, St Augustine Street, Basin Lane, Longs Place and Merchants Quay.

Kilmainham Mill:

The resurveying of the complex is proceeding well and it is now expected that we will be able to issue a tender in December (one month ahead of schedule).

The Save Kilmainham Mill Campaign invited the Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform Malcolm Noonan along with TD Patrick Costello to the mill on the 21st October. Owen Keegan also attended the visit, which has been successful in making the Minister and the Department more aware of the project.

Report from: -

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

BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Housing

Springvale Site

All residential blocks are now well advanced.

The current overall revised date for completion is set for April 2022, a factor of up to a 10 week delay may occur due to ongoing Covid delays of suppliers etc.

Cornamona Site

Block A

External envelope is complete including windows and roof

Steel framed structure to balconies is complete

Insulated render is NOT complete to walkways

Flooring to walkways is NOT complete

Internally

First Fix trades are completed

Plasterboard Taping and Jointing is completed

Tiling has started

Kitchens etc. /finishes NOT commenced

Block B

Roof is complete

Windows and doors installations ongoing

Steel framed structures complete but windows and doors outstanding

Doors on walkways are outstanding

Insulated render on walkways is outstanding

Internally,

Ceiling installation is ongoing

Taping and Jointing of partitioning is ongoing

Block C (town houses)

Units 1-8

Roof is insulated

Ground floor windows are installed but NOT first floor

Floors are not completed

Progress has stalled internally

Units 9-16

Roof trusses have been installed and plywood and roof lights fitted
Window installation has not commenced

Basement

Blockwork partitions c. 80% complete
Soils and Wastes connected

Utilities

Surface Water to Kylemore Road has commenced
ESB substation is c. 80% complete (structure)
Ongoing inspections by Design team and DCC M&E inspectorate

Generally on programme (rev 9a) for Blocks A & B but block C is in delay (approx.10 weeks)

Lissadel Masionettes

A Contractor is engaged and is at presently onsite refitting the empty Units.
When the voids are ready they will be allocated under Choice Base Lettings
Dublin City Council have met onsite with a CCTV contractor regarding the possibility of installing CCTV

Davitt House

A number of units are currently under refurbishment and will be re let 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 part of a separate development.

Bluebell

Dublin City Council received stage 1 approval for the first phase of the development.
A Meeting was held last Friday with The Bluebell Community Council.

Cherry Orchard

There is proposal to build 170 units on site for Social and Affordable
A number of units have been re let in the Academy and Cedarbrook.

Sons of Devine Providence.

Paul Heffernan has been assigned to this Project.
Dublin City Council are waiting for stage 1 approval

Community

Environmental Projects

The following projects were supported with additional funding from the 2021 Environmental Discretionary funds:

Chapelizod Tidy Towns are working with the Irish Waterways Association to develop the disused watercourse along the River Liffey known as the Mill Race.

38 Large Planter Boxes were located throughout Ballyfermot, Inchicore and Bluebell. The Planters are being maintained by volunteers and local environmental groups.

The Bluebell Environmental Group and D8 & Bluebell Parents Association for Autism were supported to create a sensory garden in an area which is well known for illegal dumping. The project will be complete by the end of November.

The Walkinstown Residents Association and local volunteers group have identified three locations for “WELCOME TO WALKINSTOWN” road signs that will be installed before the end of the year.

The Council has supported **Tidy Drimnagh** to complete the environmental initiatives proposed by the Dynamic Drimnagh. Tidy Drimnagh has liaised with the local secondary school and Parks Department to implement these projects.

The Council are supporting the Drimnagh Community Environmental Group to launch a pilot project “Useful plants for sustainable Spaces” which consists of installing seed sharing stations around the area and promoting native variety of seeds which are hard to acquire. If the project is successful it will be introduced to other areas.

The Council has supported local environment groups and allotment holders by supplying them with mini poly-tunnels so they can grow seeds for next year’s planting. The uptake was very encouraging.

Winter/ Christmas Clean Ups

Great credit is due to the environmental groups in Ballyfermot, Drimnagh, Chapelizod, Bluebell and Cherry Orchard that are continuing with the weekly clean ups. The groups have requested funding towards solar lights to decorate street trees and the City Council, working through the local committees, will reward their good work with a contribution towards the lights.

Community Participation

Halloween 2021

Despite the weather the Halloween events were a great success. The parade in Ballyfermot attracted very positive activity on the day and the residents were very appreciative that there were community events taking place. Additional funding for the parade, training workshops and the fire show was provided from the 2021 Discretionary funds.

The City Council would like to acknowledge the great input and creativity of the staff from the following Youth and Community Organisations:

Ballyfermot Youth Service and Candle Trust

Familibase and Cherry Orchard Integrated youth Service

St. John Bosco Youth Services and Ring Street Youth Club.

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies

The turning on of the Christmas lights is a great occasion across the South Central Area. Organising the events will take into consideration Covid restrictions and public health advice for managing public gatherings.

To the delight of the Walkinstown Resident Groups, the City Council is providing a spectacular outdoor Christmas tree at Walkinstown Library.

The Christmas tree at Golden Soles, Inchicore will be illuminated as part of the Kilmainham /Inchicore KIN event.

Carol Singing in Sheltered Housing Complexes.

The City Council will provide small outdoor Christmas trees with solar lighting for the following Sheltered Housing Complexes: Fr. Kitt Court, Fr. Lemass Court, Rossaveal Court Claddagh Green and River Court.

The Council will also organise outdoor Carol services in the complexes commencing Monday 6th of December.

Social Inclusion

Support for Older People over the Christmas Period.

The City Council will make a contribution to the following Meals on Wheels Groups and Organisations that are supporting the elderly over the Christmas period:

Ballyfermot Resource Centre

Fr. Bidoni Centre

Mother Mc Auley Centre, Drimnagh

Walkinstown Social Services Centre

Fr. La Touche Court

Bluebell Foodbank

The Council will support the Markievicz Centre who are organising Christmas dinners for small groups of elderly in local community centres in early December.

Older People research Project

The City Council is supporting the Ballyfermot Chapelizod Partnership, who have established a steering committee to oversee a research / health needs analysis regarding older people in the Ballyfermot, Cherry Orchard and Chapelizod area. The research will examine the current level of service provision for older people in the area in relation to health and wellbeing services and supports. The local Family Resources centres and older people's representatives will be involved in the project.

Integration and Inclusion week

The dates for Integration and inclusion Week were Monday 8th to 15th and not 1st to the 8th as stated in the October report.

The Ballyfermot Anti-Racism Network held a wonderful evening of music in the Civic Centre and are promoting an Anti-racism publicity campaign throughout the area at the end the month.

The International food fair hosted by Chapelizod Tidy Towns was an excellent event that was well attended.

The weekly community "sing a longs" that are being held in Ballyfermot Resource Centre and Walkinstown Sport Athletic Community Hall are proving very popular. We had 24 attendees in the Walkinstown Centre for the first week and we are looking forward to the next three sessions.

The Bulbs not Bonfires project has been a very successful initiative.

20 local community groups planted Daffodil bulbs During the month of October.

We look forward to seeing them bloom in spring.

Pictured are the Children from Benmadigan who were delighted to report that no Bonfire took place on their Green this year



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, many thanks to **Civil Defence, An Garda Síochána, Local Volunteers, Cherry Orchard Running Club, Local Councillors, Dublin Bus, Equine Centre** and all other parties involved in creating the best Fireworks event to date despite the weather conditions on 31st October. Many of our residents were delighted that it was showcased on RTE News at 6pm and 9pm. Well done to all involved.

Public Domain

Community clean-up deep clean provided by the Public Domain Team is scheduled for Jamestown Rd, Ave and O 'Donoghue St, Rafters Road, Ave., Lane and Lissadel Rd for mid-November. The Plaza and environs Chapelizod Village was cleared of leaves and swept and the Chapelizod Hill rd. and the Bypass is currently being surveyed for costs for traffic management etc. for shrubbery to be trimmed by E&T. Wild Flower planting costs have been agreed at a number of locations in collaboration with Parks at Drimnagh Rd, Cherry Orchard Green, and Ballyfermot Roundabout some ground works will begin shortly and seeding will be completed Feb 2022. The Area is working with the Waste Management to survey suitable Locations for Christmas Tree recycling in the Ballyfermot area. An update will be given when this is complete. Graffiti has been removed from Le Fanu Rd, Blubell, Kylemore Rd and Crumlin/ Rafters Rd.

Report from: -

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