

**Director of Services Report
South Central Area Committee Meeting
8th December, 2021**

SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

South West Inner City Area Report

Review of the Year – despite the difficulties of the past year with the lockdown, the challenge of city recovery, limited personnel and the difficulties engaging contractors, the Area Office can look to the successful delivery of a wide range of improvements and projects across SWIC. These include:

- The commencement of a major public realm scheme on Francis Street and the completion of design work for Meath Street with the expectation to lodge a Part VIII application in spring 2022.
- Completion of improvements to existing parks and green spaces such as St Catherine’s Park, Oscar Square, Turvey Park and St James’s Linear Park at Fatima.
- Public realm improvements at James Street, Bridgefoot Street, The Coombe and Pimlico and Reuben Street/Haroldville Avenue and Basin Street.
- Conservation-led projects at St Catherine’s Park, Francis Street and City Walls.
- Over 30 projects supported under the Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2021
- Launch of Smart D8, supporting a number of community wellbeing and placemaking initiatives like Bee8 and ShareIT sustainable food growing network
- Rollout of Culture Date with Dublin 8 initiatives to support recovery of the tourism sector in Dublin 8

The focus for the first months of 2022 includes:

- Opening of Bridgefoot Street Park and completion of other area improvements such as paving and lighting (January)
- Development of a proposal for tree planting and raingardens between Donovan Lane and Clanbrassil Terrace in Blackpitts with tendering in spring 2022
- Progress of interim public realm improvements at Dolphin’s Barn/ SCR and to the front of Coombe Hospital on Cork Street
- Progress additional street tree planting at Reuben Street/ Haroldville Avenue and St Anthony’s Road and Carman’s Hall.

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	Q2 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 Q2 2022
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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. Next milestone Submit stage 1 application to the DHLGH.

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

Kilmainham Inchicore Network - meeting 20th December 2021 at 5.30pm

Christmas Fair at Richmond Barracks 11th/12th December 2021

KIN is helping DCCCC @ Richmond Barracks and DSCP in organising a local makers Christmas Market at Richmond Barracks.

KIN Strategic Planning Process

KIN is over 5 years in existence and reviewing, evaluating and planning for the future. This strategic process will be ongoing for the next few months.

Kilmainham Inchicore Tourism & Investment Strategy Plan:

Final Report published and available; presentation to Local Councillors at DCC SCA November Meeting.

Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum – meeting 20th December 2021 at 1pm

IRCF meeting with Minister Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien T.D. 2nd December 2021 at 3pm

IRCF delegates invited Minister O'Brien to meet with them and discuss the ERD. This meeting will open up a dialogue with the Minister discussing priorities, opportunities and concerns of delegates with the ERD project.

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)– MACb.6

17.11.21 discussed the success of the Halloween /Samhain community event and opened up a discussion and viewed opportunities for 2022 in terms of meanwhile activities and community building projects as part of a strategic planning process (building trust, shared experiences/memories). Next meeting MACb.7 Tuesday 14th December 12.30pm

Childcare in Lower Inchicore – 5th meeting 9.11.21

Continued updates 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: 7.12.21 at 1.30pm.

IRCF Residential Subcommittee – postponement and review of this subcommittee's work underway.

Public Domain

Graffiti has been treated at Francis St, Meath St, Longs Place, Maryland, Islandbridge, Kilmainham, Vincent Street West & Goldenbridge. Public Domain deep cleaning was carried out at: Pimlico, Marrowbone Lane & Close, Mallin Avenue, Clarkes Terrace, Longs Place Rialto Village and Cottages Reuben Street and Haroldville Avenue. Weeding was carried out environs St Anthony's Road. CIE Works Estate. New Ireland Road Rialto.

All the City Neighbourhood Certificates and vouchers have been presented to Groups and individuals in the SCA and photos will be on Facebook this month. Clean Slate Social Enterprise is supported by DCC and is currently working on litter picking and scrub clearance at Brandon Terrace, Ashgrove steps The Coombe, Coombe Court.

Kilmainham Mill:

The resurveying of the complex is complete. The quantity surveyor is now drafting the new cost estimate before issuing the tender in mid-December (one month ahead of schedule).

Report from: -

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

BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

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 projected to be completed to walkways shortly.

Flooring to walkways is to be completed shortly.

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

Lissadel Masionettes

A Contractor is onsite refitting the remaining empty Units and most should be ready in the next few weeks

One of the units has completed and is under offer.

Dublin City Council have met onsite with a CCTV contractor regarding the possibility of installing CCTV and have received a costing from the contractor.

The recent reports from rat infestation is likely stemming from household waste being dumped in the surrounds and not internal damages.

All reports of dumping should be sent in confidence to 01 222 2222

Email Address customerservices@dublincity.ie

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.

In response to queries at November's SCAC meeting the Area Team will make themselves present at the next meeting regards above.

Bluebell

Dublin City Council received stage 1 approval for the first phase of the development. The Area Team are in regular contact with all those representing Bluebell.

A survey of the Bin Chambers in La Touche Court, Bernard Curtis House and Court with intention of providing Brown and Green bins service to the tenants of each complex.

The chambers may have to be replaced or upgraded depending on the storage capacity of existing chambers.

Cherry Orchard

The area team are monitoring all developments in the area and appreciate the frustrations with local residents whom we have met recently regards ongoing queries.

Sons of Devine Providence.

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

Senior Citizen Complexes

A survey of bin chambers have taken place in the Complexes, with the intention of providing a green and brown bin service to all tenants in the complex
Some of the complexes may require an upgrade of the bin chamber or have new Bin Chambers installed

Public Domain

Graffiti has been removed from Environs St Agnes Church Crumlin, Sommerville & Bunting Road Area, Tyrconnell Road and along the canal, St Johns College Kylemore Rd. Public Domain Deep clean was carried out at: Rafters Avenue, Lane & Road, Lissadel Road. Weeding was carried out at Nash St Oblate Drive, Ring Street, O'Donoghue Street, Jamestown Road environs, Sarsfield Road. Tree Planting will take place in Cherry Orchard Green over the coming weeks to continue on from the ADI of 2020. Wildflowers seeds will be sown along the BERM. The overgrowth along Chapelizod Bypass and Chapelizod Hill Road has been scheduled for treatment and will be completed before end of the month.

Community Development Report

Community Christmas Trees

The Council has installed trees and light displays throughout the South Central Area. We had also supported local groups to install lights on their trees and lamppost outside their houses. Each senior citizen complex will get a Christmas tree placed in the middle of the grounds.

Croftwood Green Residents Association have been prolific throughout the year with street clean-ups and seasonal events for the local children. The Community Development team supported the Christmas event on Friday 26th November. Festivities included Santa, lighting of the Christmas tree, music, a raffle with spot prizes.

The Ring Street Youth Group are back in their premises and are going from strength to strength. The group has organised a Christmas tree outside the Communicate Youth Centre beside their new diversity mural. The tree will be lit on Friday the 3rd of December at 7pm.

The Council has installed a Christmas light display at Walkinstown Library to acknowledge all the clean-ups carried out throughout the year by a revived Walkinstown Resident Association supported by St James Gaels Junior GAA team and a new group called "The Make Walkinstown Great Project". The Council has supporting the groups with Clean up Packs and bag collections.



Dublin Winter Lights

The City Council is excited to announce the return of the spectacular 'Dublin Winter Lights'. The lights were switched on last month and will remain on until January. This year photos of 76 people who work voluntarily in their local community will be rotated on the sails in Smithfield as part of the programme. We are delighted that the following volunteers from the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh ward were included, Betty Bennett, Pat Cullen, Michael Cardiff, Theresa Howe, Anna Marie McQuillan, Tom Scott, Evelyn Reilly, Mary Thomas, Suzanne Corcoran and John Corr.

Community Development Grants 2021

Payment of the 2021 Community Development and Informal Adult Education Grants for the Ballyfermot/ Drimnagh Area is now completed.

The Council has supported the local meals on wheels groups with their Christmas hampers and other seasonal projects. The Mother McAuley Centre in Drimnagh and Saint John Bosco Youth Club will pack and delivery 200 Christmas hampers to the local residents this Christmas.

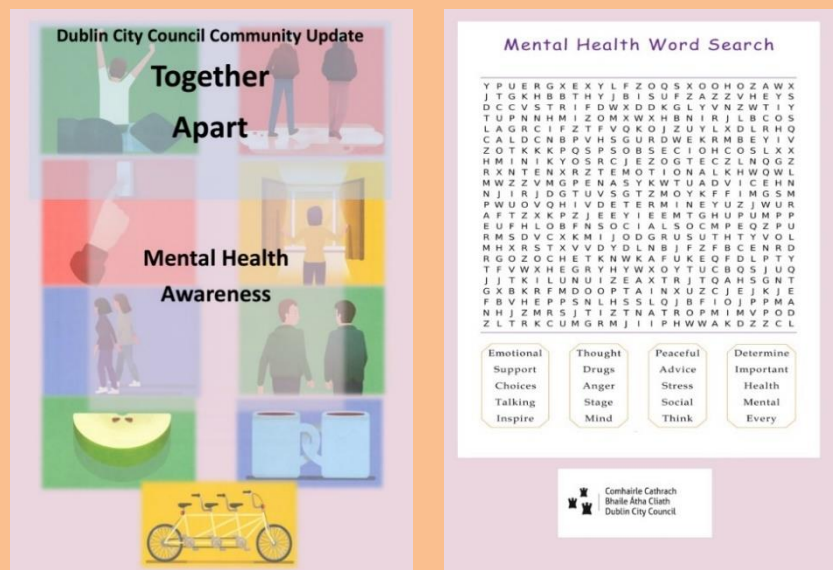
Environmental Projects

16 large blue planter boxes were installed at the Walkinstown roundabout to deter illegal parking and to improve the aesthetics of the area. The Planters are being maintained by volunteers and local environmental groups.

The Bluebell and Chapelizod allotments have formed strong committees this year and had a very productive harvest. The council has supported the groups with skips, clean-ups of the communal areas and funding to enhance the facility.

Inclusion and Integration

As part of Mental Health Awareness and Inclusion and Integration Week a brochure was produced by the Community Development team with basic mental health tips, useful contact numbers and websites, details of meals on wheels, libraries and sports facilities and a word search. The brochure is being delivered to the sheltered housing complexes throughout November/December by the housing liaison staff.



Friends of the South Central Newsletter

The December issue of the e-newsletter will be sent out on Friday 3rd December. The newsletter is going from strength to strength with nearly 700 subscribers from the South Central Area.

The Community Development staff contact details for Ballyfermot /Drimnagh area are:

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To everyone we have engaged with in 2021 we wish you all a socially distanced safe Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2022 from all the staff:

Anita Griffin, Catherine Farrell, Jacqueline Lucas, Jean Ryan, Lindsey Graham, Mark Doyle, Martha Mahon Mary Power, Mary Quirke, Miriam Flynn, Niamh Colton, Pat Smith, Patrick Delaney, Paul Smyth, Rhona Kerins, Scott Watson, Sean Mangan, Sharon Mason, Veronica Bolger, Victoria Kearney, Yvonne Maguire, Kevin O'Reilly, Charlie Nolan, Alan Buckley, Barbara Corry.

Report from: -

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