

**Director of Services Report
South Central Area Committee Meeting
19th January 2022**

SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

South West Inner City Area Report

Capital Projects:

Francis Street: Work is expected to ramp up from this month with active worksite between Hanover Lane and Dean Street (east side) and Carman's Hall to Swift's Alley (west side). This project remains scheduled to complete in May 2022.

Bridgefoot Street Park: Remaining site works should be completed shortly. The project is significantly behind schedule due to a range of supply chain and Covid-related issues. Works to refurbish footpaths on Island Street and Bonham Street are expected in coming weeks. There is no advised opening date as yet for the park.

Meath Street: Initiation of Part VIII has been delayed due to a requirement for a business case for all URDF-supported projects under the Public Spending Code. It is anticipated that the Part VIII, including statutory public consultation, can be initiated in March/April.

Others:

Blackpitts Greening: Proposals for tree planting and landscaping of the area between Donovan Lane and Clanbrassil Terrace have been prepared and will be displayed shortly for public information. The scheme includes approx. 8 trees and herbaceous underplanting in a series of beds on a wider extents of the existing footpath. A slight reduction in car parking availability here is envisaged. It is hoped to undertake the work in late spring.

St James's/ Grand Canal Linear Park: New paths, seating areas and planting has been completed in the vicinity of Fatima Luas stop and St James's Hospital south entrance. The works are the first element of a planned refurbishment of the entire linear park by the Parks, Biodiversity & Landscaping Service. Detailed design for the next phase (Basin Lane end) is being developed.

Dolphin's Barn Interim Improvements: The Area Office is currently arranging design support to assist with the addition of street furniture, seating and planted areas at Dolphin's Barn and the area to the front of the Coombe Hospital as part of agreed interim environmental improvements for the village. It is hoped to complete the various improvements by summer.

Inchicore Village Improvements: The Area Office has requested a range of works to improve areas of footpath in Inchicore. An audit of street furniture has also been requested to try and reduce street clutter.

Economic Development:

Civic Dollars is a pilot initiative supported by SmartD8 that aims to encourage people to use public parks and be more active. The app-based tool rewards users for swell time in certain open spaces with a community currency (Civic Dollars) which can be exchanged for small gifts or discounts with participating businesses and services. The pilot will run until April

2022. It is envisaged that a number of further parks and green spaces will be added to Civic Dollars at the end of this month.

Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2022 will commence in February. The scheme offers businesses/owners of commercial premises in SWIC grants of up to 50% of the costs of specified works to improve shopfronts and building facades.

Applications are currently invited for the **Built Heritage Investment Scheme** and Historic Structures Fund to assist building owners with conservation works to protected structures and buildings within ACAs. The closing date is 14th January.

HOUSING UPDATE 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. Stage 1 application submitted Q4 2021 to the DHLGH.

Dolphin House Regeneration Masterplan Dublin 8.

The Dolphin House Regeneration Masterplan was approved on the 4th Feb 2021 by the Dolphin House 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 1 application to the DHLGH – In progress

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. The LDA will be hosting a webinar on Wednesday 26th January 2022 at 7.00pm.

Community

Life in the Tenters

DCC's Community Team in association with DCC's Heritage Department are working with local residents and schools on a number of community events to mark the centenary of the Tenters Housing Scheme. The first initiative currently underway will be the compilation of photographs and other memorabilia relating to the social history of the area.

In the coming weeks local residents and school children will receive a flyer to their homes inviting them to participate in this project. They will be encouraged to have a good root through their attics, drawers, old suit cases and biscuit tins with a view to gathering as much material as possible.

A scanning station will be set up in the local school hall where people can have their findings recorded for future exhibition and filming purposes.

Cycling Without Age Trishaw Experience

Dublin City Council's Cycling Without Age initiative will hopefully be up and running by early Spring. Training sessions for Trishaw volunteers are currently being organised and will take place at the Municipal Rowing Centre in Islandbridge. There has been considerable interest from Dublin Bus who are very keen to have their staff participate in this project. Diageo have also expressed an interest.

Initially the trishaw experience will take place in the grounds of the National War Memorial Gardens, a three month pilot scheme has been agreed with the OPW. A booking system will be put in place for members of the public in the coming weeks.

Cycling Without Age opens up a whole new world to people who may be confined to their homes due to mobility issues. It offers the freedom of an exhilarating outdoor cycling experience and is extremely beneficial and therapeutic for people with Dementia and intellectual disabilities.

Rialto Environmental Enhancement Project

Rialto Environment Group and the local Community development team are working together with a view to environmentally enhancing the area around Our Lady of Fatima Church to include:

- The painting of the church railings
- Creating an art piece on the three electrical boxes outside the church
- Removal of weeds and planting around the base of the trees
- Creating a wildlife friendly zone within the church grounds

Kilmainham Inchicore Network - meeting 24th January 2022 at 5.30pm

Alastair Ferrar, Cunnane Stratton Reynolds Consultants is carrying out a Master Plan for Liffey Gaels Park on behalf of DCC. Alastair will present at KIN 24.1.22. In advance of that we are arranging a walk about (**Monday 17th January @1pm** at Liffey Gaels) such that Alastair can meet with local stakeholders who might have knowledge/interest in engaging in the research process. All welcome to attend.

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.

Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum – meeting 24th January 2022 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)– MACb.8 on 18.1.22 exploring opportunities for 2022 in terms of meanwhile activities and community building projects as part of a strategic planning process (building trust, shared experiences/memories). Samhain Event Review underway, book of learnings as well as planning for next year in progress.

Childcare in Lower Inchicore – 7th meeting 17.1.22

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 finished first draft of report, requesting feedback from Childcare providers before final draft will be circulated. Next meeting: 17.1.22 at 11am.

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

Kilmainham Mill

The tender for the enabling works for Kilmainham Mill was issued on Monday the 10th January 2022. The closing date for tender submissions is the 27th of February. An evaluation process will be complete very soon thereafter and a preferred bidder identified. Following a cooling off period and a 4/5 week lead in period it would be expected that work will commence on the mill in May 2022.

Report from: -

Bruce Phillips,
Senior Executive Officer
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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. June 2022 a likely completion date.

Cornamona Site

As mentioned in previous reports, generally on programme for Blocks A & B but block C is in delay (approx. 10 weeks)

Lissadel Masionettes

DCC Reps meeting residents of Lissadel on Monday 17th January to discuss the development.

One of the refurbished units is complete and under offer.

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.

Site treatment and "levels" are increasing the potential cost of the project. Project is progressing.

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.

Awaiting to hear back from LDA on the scheme.

La Touche Court Senior Citizen Complex

After consultation with residents & Gardaí, new railings have been installed at the canal end of the complex to ensure extra security for residents.

Cherry Orchard

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

Sons of Devine Providence

The Strategic Assessment Report requested by the DHPLG is currently being prepared by Housing Development. The objective is to submit this before the end of January.

Discussions have also been held recently with the Sons of Devine Providence.

Cherry Orchard Community Centre

New Disability Hub

The Disability Action Collective who are a group of people living in the Dublin 10 area have now set up a Disability Hub in the centre. The plan is to advertise this widely in the Dublin 10 area and for people who have any issues around disability matters to drop in to the centre and talk about their concerns with members of the DAC. The Hub will be open every Thursday morning 9.30am to 11am. Issues raised by members of the public will then be highlighted to the relevant bodies or local representatives who can act on the information.

The group also plan to organise educational programmes and courses as part of this initiative. This is great news for those living with a disability along with families, friends and supporters. The centre work closely with the DAC and have supplied office space for them as well as supporting them in other ways.

Gymnastics Club

Late in 2021 we welcomed our new Gymnastics Club in to the centre. The club have a lot of children members and once established with us during 2022 we plan to welcome in new members children and teenagers. The club train a number of times each week with us including night time and weekends.

Adult Learning Group.

This group were using other facilities for the past number of years in Ballyfermot. However because of Covid they found that they were having difficulties accessing their normal place to meet. They approached us and we have given them a regular slot so they can continue the group. The group will be meeting every Wednesday morning in the centre. They organise workshops and educational courses for adults as well as bringing in speakers on various issues.

Timetable and Programming.

In the past few years the centre has developed our timetable and activities programme. We now are a community centre at the heart of our community and have lots of different activities that we can offer to the whole community from toddler groups to older persons and people with disabilities. We now cater for large numbers of people entering the centre each week doing the various activities that we now offer.

St. Ultans School.

The school are now using the centre a number of times each week with various classes coming around to us to play games and do some educational work away from the classroom. This has helped the children focus better when they return to class.

Ongoing Development of the centre.

The centre in the past number of years, 2017 onwards, has had a number of positive developments made to the building. New extension used by our boxing club. Major improvements to our outside image through murals and painting of the centres frontage and railings. New sports hall flooring. Internal painting. In February we will be painting murals on our walls in the main hall. This will further improve our image and make the centre a more welcoming place for our community.

Working with Covid.

We have had to make numerous changes during the past couple of years so we stick to the various restrictions that have been in place during the pandemic. The latest being the 8pm closing time. This has meant we have had to change some group's times that they enter and leave the centre. We continue however to welcome groups in and we work within the guidelines to ensure as safe a building as we can.

Community Development Report**Community Participation**

The Council is liaising with Community Organisations to see how they can support activities in the first quarter of 2022. The Ballyfermot Festival Committee and Seachtaine Na Gaeilge Groups are planning online events during the first quarter while hopeful that outdoor events can be planned from April onwards.

The Community Development staff are working with Voluntary Community Organisations in the Walkinstown area to organise a Community Festival. The Council will facilitate the first meeting to be held on-line on Tuesday 15th February at 7.00pm inviting all interested groups to get involved.

Contact: scott.watson@dublincity.ie if you wish to attend.

Walkinstown Community Centre

The Council is liaising with the Walkinstown Community Centre. The committee are seeking funding to carry out internal repairs so that activities can re commence when the restrictions allow. The committee have also applied for a variation to their lease that permits their weekly Community Bingo.

Environment

The Chapelizod and Bluebell Allotments are thriving and have a healthy waiting list for 2022. The plots are inspected on a quarterly basis to ensure they are in use. The Allotment Committees are encouraging seed sharing, water harvesting and upcycling initiatives for 2022.

The Council has consulted with local residents and the Residents Committee in Walkinstown regarding the installation of the "Welcome to Walkinstown Signs". Three locations have been agreed and an area symbol has been designed. The Installation will take place in the coming weeks.

Community Street Clean Ups

Great credit is due to the local Environmental Groups that have continued their community clean ups over the Christmas period. Tidy Drimnagh, Inchicore Environmental and Ballyfermot groups are out most weeks. We are currently working with South Central Public Domain to restock the equipment required for the clean-up groups and will be in contact with those who have requested assistance.

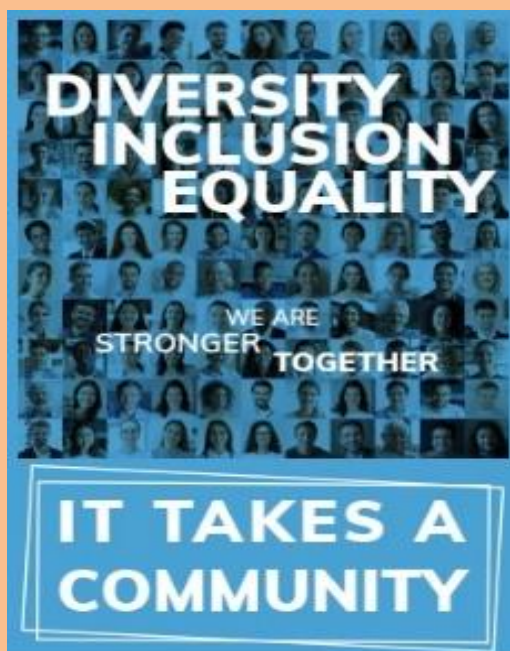
Social Inclusion

Ballyfermot Resource Group Choir

Building on the success of the November afternoon singing sessions held in the Ballyfermot Resource Centre, Kylemore College Music School will provide a music teacher to help establish a choir for older people, including those with Dementia. The project will launch in February and will be supported by the City Council. The Choir will meet weekly in the Ballyfermot Resource Centre.

Ballyfermot Anti-Racism Network Awareness Campaign

Ballyfermot Anti-Racism Network (BARN) in connection with the Community Development Team, has designed a number of Anti-Racism posters to raise awareness of diversity and inclusion for the Ballyfermot Area. The posters will be ready for the campaign launch towards the end of January.



A Year in Pictures - Ballyfermot Community Development Initiatives 2021



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