

**Director of Services Report
South Central Area Committee Meeting
16th February 2022**

SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

South West Inner City Area Report

Francis Street Environmental Improvement Scheme – work continues to the end of March to complete footpaths on both sides between Hanover Lane and Dean Street. It is expected that the first batch of tree planting on the street will be in March. A revised programme has been presented by the contractor KN Circet pushing back the overall completion date to September 2022.

Meath Street Public Realm Scheme – this project is awaiting the preparation of a Preliminary Business Case (PBC) before it can proceed to Part 8. The Planning & Property Development Department is currently overseeing the delivery of PBCs for all capital projects funded under the UDRF.

Blackpitts Landscaping Proposal – a scheme to install new trees and planting at Blackpitts was published for public comment. Public comments received to date have been largely supportive of the proposal. It is hoped to tender for the scheme in February and install later this year (to be advised).

Donore Avenue – landscaping of the small area of hard standing at the junction of Donore Avenue and Cork Street has been scheduled for May/ June. The proposal will eliminate illegal parking at this location and create a small resting space for pedestrians and contribute to overall greening along Cork Street.

The Coombe Hospital, Cork Street – a request has been made to Transportation to install cycle segregation along this section of Cork Street to reduce incidents of cars mounting and illegally parking on the footpath. It is also proposed to install furniture to the rear of the footpath to further deter illegal parking and protect pedestrians. The Area Office is liaising with The Coombe Hospital in this matter.

Dolphin's Barn Interim Measures – the expectation is to remove guardrails at the junction with SCR and to install furniture including planters and seats to remove unauthorized car parking and enforce the pedestrian space here later in the spring. Design work is ongoing. The project will also include installing planters and furniture to the front of Spar (Reuben Street) and creating a new planted area and adding furniture along the front of the Coombe Hospital. The Area Office will also work with the local Parks team to upgrade and improve the linear green area along Dolphin's Barn Road over the coming year.

Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2022 – applications are now invited to this scheme. The scheme applies to The Liberties, Kilmainham, Inchicore, Rialto, Dolphin's Barn, Clanbrassil Street area and Heuston environs. The closing date is 27th May 2022.

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 complete. 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 submitted to DHLGH December 2021.

Dolphin House Regeneration Masterplan Dublin 8.

The Dolphin House Regeneration Masterplan 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 2 application to the DHLGH.

Donore Avenue-(former Saint Teresa's Gardens)

LDA developing a planning application for 543 units (30% social 70% cost rental. Stage 1 application to be submitted to the DHLGH.

(Rapid build) Grand Canal Basin, D.8

Local Authority Housing - 80 units. Design team appointed and preliminary design development under way.

Community

Stepping out from the Pandemic – The Love Your Heart Celebration is Back!!!

DCC Community Section & Rialto Development Association have come together to organising a post pandemic celebration called '**Love Your Heart**' '**Love Your Mind**' '**Love Yourself**'.

Local residents are invited to participate in a day of celebratory events at St Andrew's Community Centre:

Afternoon Tea will commence at 1pm on 14th February with musical entertainment by the ever popular singer Gerry Noonan (baritone) and the wonderful pianist Pauline Cooper.

Other activities include:

- Glam up those nails with a Valentine's Day Manicure
- Deep Breathing & Relaxation Techniques
- Top Tips for moving on from the pandemic and leaving the fear behind
- Anyone for a Trishaw Ride? Trishaw Rides will take place around Rialto Village and along the Banks of the Canal

We hope this community celebration will give older adults in particular the confidence to move forward and socialise again with neighbours / friends and the wider community.

Coach Trip's To Houses of Historical and Horticultural Interest

The country is opening up and Spring is in the air! With this in mind the community section are organising a number of social outings for local residents groups over the course of the next few weeks.

The first outing will take place on Wednesday 16th of February.

Members of Rialto Active Retirement Group will travel by coach to Russborough House in Co Wicklow.

On arrival the group will be treated to a private guided tour of the house followed by lunch.

In the afternoon members of the group are invited to do a leisurely self-guided tour of Russborough's extensive museum which includes an old black and white cinema

We hope this outing will prove to be socially beneficial as the members of Rialto Active Retirement Group come together for the first time in almost two years.

KIN

Kilmainham Inchicore Network - meeting 21st February 2022 at 5.30pm

Inchicore Village Improvements

The SCA Office has requested a range of works to improve areas of footpath in Inchicore, this is due to commence shortly. An audit of street furniture has also been requested to try and reduce street clutter. A new tree planter with benches has been installed outside Keatings pharmacy.

In the medium term the Kilmainham Inchicore Development Strategy outlines Public Realm improvements for Inchicore Village as part of that project. It is hoped the next call out for URDF funding will finance this project.

Bus Connects proposed Route 7 Liffey Valley to City Centre will through Inchicore Village via Sarsfield Road/ Grattan Crescent and then along Emmet Road. The plan will impact on traffic directional flow, cycle lanes and footpaths. Final preliminary designs are under consideration at the moment, then an update will be released before planning application to An Bord Pleanála. For more information: <https://busconnects.ie/initiatives/core-bus-corridor/>

Grattan Crescent Playground Upgrade

The playground at Grattan Crescent Park will be upgraded, this work will be carried out in Spring 2022. DCC Play Officer will engage in a consultation with local schools with regard to the upgrade works.

Spring Bulb and Tree planting

DCC Parks Department will engage in wildflower seeding and perineal pollinator planting will at Devoy Road ("the Pitch") and at St Michael's Estate site in the coming weeks. Consideration is being given to potential sites for large tree planting.

Shop Front Improvement Scheme 2022

The 2022 scheme is now open to all neighbourhood retail shops in the Kilmainham and Inchicore area. For more information [Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2022](#)

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.

Liffey Gaels/ East Timor Park Master Plan:

Alastair Ferrar, Cunnane Stratton Reynolds Consultants is carrying out a Master Plan for Liffey Gaels Park on behalf of DCC. Alastair met with local stakeholders in January 2022 and continues designing a Master Plan for the space including access points to the Park.

Grand Canal - Activation and Animation of Grand Canal between Portobello and Kylemore Road:

Irish Leisure Consultants (ILC) have been asked by Dublin City Council and Waterways Ireland to identify the potential recreational Activation and Animation measures along the Grand Canal between Portobello and the Kylemore bridge. They have consulted with local organisations, individuals and agencies regarding the current and potential future recreational use of the canal, and from this are in the process of identifying appropriate approaches and best practice. It is expected that the study will take 4 months to complete

For your information from OPW:

Irish National War Memorial Gardens entrance – new trees

A new avenue of 18 trees, Acer x fremanii 'Autumn Blaze' will be planted this winter on the entrance road to the Irish National War Memorial Gardens (INWMG), in addition to a new footpath. This new avenue will replace trees lost over the last number of years and the twelve trees identified as presenting a danger to the public in a recent independent tree survey. The single species avenue will provide a formal, majestic approach to the gardens as was the original design intention. The species selected is fast growing, has great autumn colour, will add to the biodiversity and at maturity will be 40-50 ft. tall. Work commenced 25.1.22.

Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum – meeting 21st February 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 –

The DSCP Draft Report, considering future childcare needs in lower Inchicore, will be circulated and presented at the next IRCF meeting in February 2022. All childcare providers in lower Inchicore area have engaged in the research process. The final Report will be available in March 2022. Next meeting: 14.2.22 at 10.30.

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.

Public Domain

Survey of main access routes in to SWIC underway. High Street, Dean Street, Cornmarket Thomas Street and James Street intensive cleaning, gum/sticker removal will begin over the coming weeks. All Planters will be thoroughly cleaned and repainted and seating will be varnished. Brandon Terrace and Emerald Terrace will receive regular attention i.e. litter-pick and weeding with Clean-Slate servicing areas currently not in public areas under waste management control. Survey of Litter bins to Waste Management for inclusion in cleaning/painting programme. Litter Warden Service have been requested to carry out inspections of take-away & licensed premises in Dolphins Barn and Inchicore to encourage greater compliance with control of litter bye-laws. The campaign will gradually expand and continue with enforcement action taken as necessary. Other collaborations will flow from this now that restrictions have been lifted. Public Domain community cleanups are up and running again and deep cleans have been completed - Rialto Cottages, Schoolhouse Lane, Forbes Lane, Longs Place & Newport Street. Graffiti has been removed from: Cornmarket, Back Lane, St Johns Lane West, Schoolhouse Lane, Thomas Street, James Street, Blackpitts, Fumbally, Dolphins Barn & Kilmainham.

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 at roof level as is Scouts Hall.
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

Works ongoing, substantial completion likely by end of June.

Lissadel Maisonettes

Meetings ongoing with residents, indicative timeline of developments in the area has been discussed.

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 (Libraries DCC) 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.

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.

Monitoring of the area with regard to anti-social activities is ongoing with the local Gardaí and residents.

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.

A number of recent anti-social incidents in the area has highlighted the continued need for a more focused and collective approach from all stakeholders.

Sons of Devine Providence.

Dublin City Council (Paul Heffernan) and the Sons of Divine Providence have held discussions on the project recently and the Council has also been in contact with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government to explore funding options for the Sarsfield Road Project.

A meeting of the Sarsfield Working Group will be arranged once we receive clarity in relation to funding model.

Community Development Report

The Community Development report is divided under three headings: Community Participation, Environmental Projects and Social Inclusion.

Community Participation

Community Festivals

With the restrictions being lifted the City Council is supporting groups to get back out and about and to the business of organising events.

The Council has organised the following Public meetings to kick-start the summer community festivals

Feb.16 th	Walkinstown festival	library	6:30PM
Feb 22 nd	Ballyfermot /Cherry Orchard festival	Civic Centre	7:30PM



Cherry Blossoms

The City Council is supporting the Cherry Orchard Response Group to organise a month of events throughout Cherry Orchard to celebrate the Community Organisations that are active in the area and to encourage residents to get involved in their local area. The programme of events aims to promote what's positive in the area and help groups recruit new members.

Dynamic Drimnagh

The elected board of the Dynamic Drimnagh Forum will be in place in the coming weeks and the temporary steering group established to set up the Forum is about to step down. The Board will consist of thirteen members, Brian Fitzgerald the Chairperson, two members from each of the five pillars and a representative from Dublin City Council and the Dublin South City Partnership.

Parkwest Residents

The City Council is supporting the residents of Parkwest to set up a Residents Association that will work with the Management Committee and local Gardaí regarding anti-social behaviour and organise community activities and events.

Lissadel Maisonettes

Since meeting with newly formed Residents Group a number of further meetings have occurred and initial plans for improving the area are ongoing.

Environmental Projects

Community Plant Sales

The Community Plant Sales will take place once again during the month of May. The plants have been ordered and will be grown locally in the Cherry Orchard Community Garden.

Environmental Groups Forum

There are five active Environmental Committees in the Ballyfermot /Drimnagh Ward: Chapelizod Tidy Towns, Ballyfermot Environmental Group, Tidy Drimnagh, Bluebell Environmental Group and the newly emerging Walkinstown Project. The Groups have grown in numbers during the pandemic and are now looking at how to develop.

The council has organised an information session for all the groups so they can share their knowledge and expertise regarding the weekly clean ups and identify how the Council can support them.

The meeting will take place on Tuesday March 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre.

Chapelizod allotments

The Chapelizod allotments are looking forward to another productive year. The Council is working with a group of residents that are working on a community plot and supported by the Tidy Towns to learn about managing a plot. This group of volunteers will have the opportunity to share an allotment with existing plot holders.

Social Inclusion

BUD Music Project

(Ballyfermot Resource Group Dementia Choir)

After many false starts the Council is delighted to establish a new Choir for older people, particularly those with dementia in the Ballyfermot Area.

Kylemore College will be taking the lead on this music project in Conjunction with Ballyfermot Resource Centre with tuition funding from the Ballyfermot / Chapelizod Partnership.

The Choir is open to those with Dementia or Memory Loss, their families, carers and supporters.

Funding updates for non-profits

The City Council will circulate the Bi-monthly Funding point local digest to community organisations in the area. The link below provides up to date information on funding opportunities both local and national and provides very useful detail on grants.



<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/improving-my-community/community-grants-and-funding>

Comhairle nÓg

The Ballyfermot Community Development Team will be joining in the research focus group on Wednesday 9th February to explore the barriers to the engagement of seldom heard young people in Dublin City.

Comhairle in 2022 hopes to further understand, explore and develop links with young people in the area and give them opportunities to inform what is happening nationally and locally.

Seachtaine Na Gaeilge

The Council is supporting Coiste Bhailethormaid who are organising a programme of events to promote Seachtain Na Gaeilge.

Events will include a live concert, which will also be streamed live to social media, Irish Dancing, Trad Music, an Art Competition, Seanfhocal competition, free Irish classes and Bingo as Gaeilge.

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

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Orchard Centre February Report

New Youth Drama Group

This is another great addition to what we have on in the centre. This group are new to the area of Cherry Orchard and have been based in Familibase during covid restrictions. For the past months they were meeting young people online and trying best to run the group this way. However, they will now meet in the center on Wednesday nights 7.30pm to 9pm.

Familibase are funding the group and have organised the Drama Teachers for the group. The center will promote the group in the area and will help them take in new young people to grow the group. Our long term hope is that they will use more time in the center, availability allowing, and we hope to put on shows further down the road.

Dublin Circus Project

This project has been with us since late 2019 and has grown in that time. We have supported them with rental fees and grant applications as well as promoting the programmes they run and camps they have on during school breaks. They are now well established in the Ballyfermot area as well as Cherry Orchard. They have also run a number of outdoor events in the area and have worked on various festivals in the area as well as training up some local youth in circus activities.

Saint Ultans School

We have worked closely with the school over the past couple of years in conjunction with its various activities based in the centre. We have another new initiative starting in February. A new Parent and Child group will be with us each Tuesday afternoon. The group will have support workers from the school on hand to run afterschool activities with the children and parents. We hope to grow this if it is a success.

New Murals in Main Sports Hall

We currently have our main hall being painted up with positive murals being painted which will emphasis community and positive thinking. This work will really improve the centres image.

Footfall through our center

The center has large numbers of people going through our doors now on a daily and weekly bases. I have attached our weekly booking list for people to see our varied program of activities. Along with regular bookings we have numerous once off or short time courses we run with The Partnership, HSE and other organisations.

Public Domain

The Litter Warden Service have carried out inspections of take-away and licensed premises in Drimnagh with promising results. A series of enforcement & awareness interventions will ensure greater compliance with the Control of Litter Bye-Laws and the Litter Pollution Act. A survey of urban shopping areas will ensue over the next month to identify intensive cleaning and painting programmes required in the urban areas of Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Chapelizod, Drimnagh and Walkinstown. Public Domain Dog Shows will return to the area to encourage responsible dog ownership and reduce the incidence of dog foul in urban parks and roads. We hope to have three Dog Shows in the area this year. Public Domain deep cleans have been completed at Rafters Road, Avenue and Lane and Lissadel Road. Graffiti has been removed on Kylemore Road, Bluebell Avenue, Raheen Park and Balfe Road, Walkinstown.

Report from: -

David O Donovan,

Acting Senior Executive Officer

Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Local Electoral Area.