

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

SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

Public Realm & Capital Programmes

Dolphin's Barn Interim Measures

New tree planting completed by Parks Service along Dolphin's Barn and entering into the canal. Rehabilitation of the planted areas along Dolphin's Barn Road will take place in coming weeks. Design is ongoing of new street furniture and a planted areas with the expectation to begin installing these schemes later in spring. Elements will include a mix of tree planters, seats, stone cubes.

Coombe Hospital

Transportation will shortly begin installing cycle lane separators to the front of the Hospital entrance to deter illegal parking on the footpaths. It is also proposed to install street furniture to the rear of the footpath to further deter this practice.

Blackpitts Landscaping Proposal

Currently tendering for delivery of this project.

Economic Development

Applications are currently invited to the **Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2022** covering SWIC. Contact stephen.coyne@dublincity.ie for more details.

The **Grow D8 Consortium** is a working group looking to improve opportunities for social enterprise in SWIC. One of the consortium's current objectives is to build partnerships with local enterprise centres and private enterprise to create a more supportive ecosystem for social enterprise in the area. This includes opportunities for mentoring and practical supports and trading relationships.

The **Smart D8** smart city district is expanding to partner with ADAPT Research Institute in TCD. ADAPT will take on the currently vacant project manager role for Smart D8 to allow the initiative to complete its initial 2 year programme and extend and develop the initiative beyond 2022. Two Smart D8 pilots are currently active: Civic Dollars, the community currency supporting activity and use of the area's parks; and Heart of the City D8, a heart health programme run with Irish Heart Foundation & Novartis Ireland. Heart of the City is currently undertaking free clinics in the community.

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	Q4 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	Q4 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 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 543 units (30% social 70% cost rental. Stage 1 application to be submitted to the DHLGH

Community

Culture Date With Dublin 8

CDWD8 is a festival funded and supported by the Area Office that encourages locals and visitors to engage with cultural attractions and national institutions based in Dublin 8. The 2022 festival will run on 14th & 15th May. A launch of the festival programme will occur in April. The initiative will also be launching a new Cultural Map of Dublin 8 and a new Attractions Passport.

The Weavers Return

The Liberties Weavers have finally returned to the Timber Yard in Cork Street. After almost two years of Covid restrictions and social distancing the clickety clack of the weavers looms will once again be heard here in the heart of the Liberties and rightly so as this is where the story of the Liberties Weavers began.

It's been four years now since this diverse group of people came together with a view to reviving the ancient craft of weaving. (An initiative of Artist Marja Almqvist, Cathy Scuffil, DCC's Community Staff and CDETB).

Collectively the weavers share a wide range of hand skills including wood turning, sewing, crochet, silversmithing, pottery, knitting and weaving. Throughout the pandemic this group continued their crafting through zoom workshops, they also met for a short spell in an old church in Rathmines but it didn't feel like the right place for a Liberties Weaver.

A big Welcome Back!

Native Tree project for the Tenters

Over four hundred fliers have been delivered to homes in the Tenters offering native trees and shrubs to those with suitable gardens.

This is an initiative of the Community Section and the Tenters Centenary Committee.

It's a lovely way to mark 100 years of Living in the Fair Brother's Fields Housing Scheme. It will also be most beneficial to local bird life and pollinating insects.

International Women's Day

An International Women's Day event will take place in St Andrews Community Centre Rialto. Afternoon Tea will be served with musical entertainment. Donations are welcome in aid of the Irish Red Cross. Sponsored by DCC's Community Section.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

A talk by historian in residence Cathy Scuffil will take place in St James's Church on Monday 14th March. The title of the talk is **Gaeilge Timpeall Orainn – Irish all around us**. In this talk Cathy brings our awareness to the everyday English words we use that are actually Gaeilge. The talk will commence at 11am. For those who are not in a position to attend it can also be viewed via the church webcam link. <https://stjamesparish>

Cycling Without Age

The Dublin City Council Trishaw initiative took place in Rialto Village recently. Service users from St Andrews Day Care Centre were treated to a Trishaw Ride along the banks of the Grand Canal. This brought a smile to lots of faces throughout the Village on the day with shop keepers and pedestrians waving as the Trishaws went past. Training for volunteer Trishaw Pilots will take place on 29th 30th 31st March at the National War Memorial Gardens. Participants will include staff from Dublin Bus, The Community Guards and members of the Phoenix Rowing Club.

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

Inchicore Village Improvements

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

Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum – meeting 21st March 2022 at 1pm

Phase Three of Emmet Road Public Consultation in Richmond Barracks.

Just to confirm that workshop dates are:

- Saturday 12th 12-2pm
- Tuesday 15th 11-1pm
- Tuesday 29th 7-9pm

Registration is through www.emmetroad.ie

Public Domain

Public domain deep cleaning this month at selected Rialto streets and in Bulfin Estate. The main city routes have been deep cleaned and stickers removed from street furniture. Deep cleaned planned for Merchants Quay. Graffiti removal at following locations: Basin Street, Basin Lane, Cornmarket, Watling Street, CIE Works, Grattan Crescent, Kilmainham Gaol. Dublin City Council is working with IEG on parking enforcement, illegal dumping awareness and enforcement campaign, public realm / street furniture defects and graffiti in Inchicore Village. “Don’t Be a Waster a” Dublin City Council campaign launched this month to highlight increasing illegal dumping in the vicinity of Bring Banks. ***The public are reminded that any recyclable goods deposited in the vicinity of a Bring Bank will not be recycled and is considered illegal dumping attracting a possible €150 fine.*** The Grattan Crescent Bring Bank has been included in the Poster Campaign.

Biodiversity courses will be resuming fact to face and online community groups can contact us at southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie

The Dublin Community Clean Up will take place on Saturday 30th April 2022 from 11am to 1pm. Groups can register online with an Taisce for Spring Clean to avail of community clean-up insurance for the event. <https://nationalspringclean.org/register-for-the-national-spring-clean/>

Report from: -

Bruce Phillips,
Senior Executive Officer
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BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Housing

Cornamona

Works are ongoing, the completion date has been delayed due to Covid restrictions. Delivery of the units is likely to be late Q.2 or early Q.3.

Springvale

Work is advancing, units are due for completion in Q3 after delays due to Covid restrictions.

Canal Bridge Apartments Kylemore Road /Bluebell

The New apartments are due in Q1/early Q2 and will be managed by Respond Housing Association. The apartments will be advertised and let through Choice Base Lettings. The Scheme consists of 12 one Bedrooms units, 32 two Bedroom units and 8 Three Bedroom Units. The name of the scheme is Canal Bridge, Bluebell Avenue, Dublin 12.

Drimnagh

Lissadel Maisonettes

Meetings are continuing with the residents group. A survey was carried out of the sewer system looking for any breakages. A contractor is on site fitting out the remaining voids for allocation.

Davitt House

A number of units have recently been reallocated under the Choice Based Letting Scheme. Work is continuing on the remaining units.

Bluebell

Bernard Curtis House

Dublin City Council paint squad is on site and painting of the blocks is in progress.

Sons Of Devine Providence

The Strategic Assessment Report (SAR) has been sent to the Department Of Housing, Local Government & Heritage. This forms part of the Stage 1 Approval Process for Departmental funding.

Community

Community Development Report

The Community Development report is divided under three themes; Community Participation, Environment and Social inclusion.

Community Participation

Community Activities Fund (CAF)

The Department of Rural and Community Development, through Dublin City Council and the Dublin City Local Community Development Committee is funding a community activities fund. The aim of the fund is to support nonprofit community based and/or voluntary sector organisations or groups who are seeking support with meeting capital costs and/or operating running costs, excluding salaries.

Applications should demonstrate how their proposal works in partnership with communities to promote social inclusion, tackle poverty and promote participation, empowerment and social change.

A fund of €427,358 is available under this fund.

Applications and further information on line at: <https://dublincitycouncil.submit.com/show/27>
Community Development have circulated the information to over 30 local groups and has advertised the information online and in the Newsletter.

Cherry Blossoms:

The City Council, working through the Cherry Orchard Response Group, has taken the lead in coordinating a month long series of events that celebrates all that is good in Cherry Orchard. All local community groups, community facilities and services are being encouraged to open their buildings and organise free events during April that showcase their services and encourage residents to get involved. We hope to have over 30 events take place during the month of April.

The Cherry Blossoms Project will be launched by the Lord Mayor on Wednesday March 23rd at 2:00PM in the Equine Centre. The programme of events will be distributed to every house in the area and promoted throughout the area.

Ballyfermot /Cherry Orchard Festival:

The Festival held a very successful public meeting to set up the committee for the 2022 Festival.

The Festival will run from June 24th until July 10th. From this year it will become the Ballyfermot / Cherry Orchard Festival celebrating the entire community. The Council will support the Festival with funding and organising events including: Dog shows, Opera in the Park and Family fun days for Markievicz Park and Cherry Orchard.

Walkinstown Festival

The City Council has established a Walkinstown Festival Committee which is made up of local residents, voluntary groups and sports clubs in Dublin 12. The event will be held over two days during the first weekend of September in various locations. The festival will promote local talent and Dublin City Council's facilities in the area. The next festival meeting will be held in the Walkinstown Library at 18:30 p.m. on Wednesday the 23th of March. The Council will work closely with the committee to ensure the success of the project.

Environment

The City Council continues to support the Environmental Groups in the Area. Key members from 12 Environmental Groups from across the area attended an Environmental Meeting in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre to plan how groups can enhance their efforts and support each other. Items discussed on the night included a presentation from the Blooming Crumlin project, Public Domain Officer and the Bio Diversity Officer.

The Council will promote the "Great Cherry Orchard Clean Up" which will be held on Saturday April 9th and the Team Dublin Clean Up scheduled for April 30th.

Benmadigan Residents Group

The Council congratulates the Benmadigan Residents Group who organised a memorial event for Johnny Murphy, best known for his role in the Commitments as trumpet player “Joey the Lips Fagan”. A bench was unveiled by President Michael D Higgins in his honor across the road from his house. The event was well attended by residents and well known celebrities.



Allotment Spring Talks

The council has organized a series of four environmental talks with environmental TV and radio presenter Éanna Ní Lamhna which will take place in the first week of April in the following locations:

Bluebell Allotments and Our Lady of Mercy Secondary School on Tuesday 5th
Chapelizod Allotments and Chery Orchard Community Garden on Thursday 7th

Social inclusion

Older People Choirs

To encourage older people to get out and about again and to support Ballyfermot Basement Productions Drama Group the council has organised for 25 Senior Citizens to attend the locally produced play “Dying for it” that will be held in Smock Alley on Wednesday 9th of March.

The Council is working with the Walkinstown Linkage Group to establish a new choir for older people in the Walkinstown area, it will be held in the Green Kitchen the first Tuesday of the month, starting on the 5th of April at 10:30AM.

The Dementia Choir has started in the Ballyfermot Resource centre every Thursday at 2:15PM and is open to older residents, targeting those with dementia.
For further details contact Miriam.flynn@dublincity.ie

Cruinniú

Creative Ireland: Cruinniú Na nÓg will take place on Saturday 18th of June 2022.
Community Staff are working with Youth Organisations in Ballyfermot and Drimnagh to submit applications for funding to host events. Further information on www.dublincityartsoffice.ie

Seachtaine Na Gaeilge

The City Council has supported Coiste Baile Formaid to organise events to celebrate the Irish language and Culture during the month of March. Community Development has provided prizes for the Primary and Secondary Schools Glac Páirt i gComórtas Ealaíne “Tír gan Teanga, Tír gan Anam”. Look out for the Beannachtaí Na Féile Pádraig signs displayed throughout the area.



Friends of the South Central E-Newsletter

The Friends of the South Central Newsletter for March has been distributed to over 600 subscribers in the Ballyfermot / Drimnagh Area. It contains information on local community groups, events, funding opportunities and general interest.

To view the current newsletter Click here: <https://mailchi.mp/0ef8fbfeb60f/june-2021-newsletter-11424805>

To sign up the newsletter click here: <https://dublincity.us10.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=86e184f6eaedaf8ffbc4fedbb&id=07144f854f>

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Orchard Centre March Report

On Friday 11th March the Cherry Orchard Development Group (CODG) will meet to re-assess the Making Cherry Orchard Better Social Plan and bring forward a proposals document to all relevant bodies.

Orchard Community Centre

Centre Usage

The centre is now busier than ever catering for large numbers of the community from new borns to senior citizens.

Ladies Club

This group is now back up and running meeting every Wednesday from 6.30pm to 9.00pm.

New Youth Drama Group

This group is a new addition to the area of Cherry Orchard and had been based in Familibase during covid restrictions. They had been meeting young people on online for the last number of months but have now transitioned to meeting in the centre on Wednesday nights from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Familibase are funding the group and have organised the Drama Teachers for the group. The centre will promote the group in the area and will help them take in new young people to expand the level of participation. It is hoped that the group continue to expand and put on shows in future.

Dublin Circus Project

This project has been with us since late 2019 and have grown in that time. We have supported them with grant applications as well as promoting the programmes they run and camps they have on during school breaks. They have grown during their time with us and 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 run in the area as well as train up some local youth in circus activities.

Saint Ultans School

The centre has developed a strong relationship with the school and a new parent and child group has started on Tuesday afternoons. The group will have support workers from the school available to run after school activities with the children and parents. If successful it is anticipated that this service will grow.

Young Family Group

Our young family group/ Parents & Toddlers has grown since the last lockdown and the group now has over 30 people attending and participating in a number of different programmes. The group has linked in with the Dublin Circus Project for baby fun classes and the group has also had self-defence lessons.

Ballyfermot Adult Learning Together: This group started using the centre in February and organise adult learning courses every Wednesday morning.

Public Domain

See Public Domain report SWIC for **Dublin Community Clean up** information. Waste Management have completed street washing along the Drimnagh Road Shops. The median and traffic islands on the Drimnagh Road were deep cleaned from Eleanora pub to Halfway house junction Sunday 6th March at the request of public domain. Public Domain has contacted the developer of the Blackhorse site at the junction of Tyrconnell Road and the canal regarding graffiti and general site maintenance. A meet and greet between environmental groups and Dublin City Council in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre has been very informative and will hopefully lead to greater collaboration regarding environmental projects and public realm works in the south central area.

Public domain can be contacted at southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie for any street issue or community clean –up equipment/collections. You can now download the **“See It Say It”** App from Apple/Google stores which links to Local Authorities fix my street <https://fixmystreet.ie/>

The app allows concerned community members to report any public realm issue from their mobile phone.

Report from: -

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