Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

Director of Services Report
South Central Area Committee Meeting
20th July 2022

SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

Public Realm & Capital Programmes

Francis Street Environmental Improvement Scheme: works continue, with additional resources now being made available by the contractor and a second work site just commenced opposite the Iveagh Market. The project will continue until the end of the year.

Dolphin's Barn Interim Environmental Improvements: the Area Office proposes to conduct a short non-statutory advertisement of planned streetscape improvements along Dolphin's Barn Street by the end of July to assess local support for the measures. The measures include the addition of planters, seats, cycle parking frames, protection of pedestrian only areas, and a large planted area with trees at the Coombe. The measures will be advertised on boards at the four locations along Dolphin's Barn Street.

Donore Avenue landscaping: it is hoped to go to site with this small greening measure shortly (awaiting our contractor). The measure will provide a raised planted area with shrubs and ground cover planting and a seat to the back of the footpath.

Bridgefoot Street Park: a local liaison group is being set-up to address issues that may arise at the new park as it establishes, including project snagging issues, maintaining a safe park, and community use and activities.

Protecting Heritage: the Area Office is working with the City Heritage and Conservation Offices to commissioned contractors to control and treat invasive plant growth on the historic city walls (Cook Street and Cornmarket) and to refurbish parapets on three Liffey Bridges (O'Donovan Rossa to Mellows). Both project to complete by September. The Area Office also actively supports property owners to maintain and improve the built heritage of the area through the Shopfront Improvement Scheme and other grant programmes.

Economic Development

The **Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2022** expects to support over 25 projects this year, delivering an overall investment of €145k across the SWIC area. There are notable delays completing projects this year.

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 2023

DCC have designated a community liaison (Trevor Martyn) to engage with residents regarding their concerns.
Veronica can be contacted @ 0872925013 trevor.martyn@dublincity.ie

Cork Street/ Weaver Street. Volumetric Build

55 32 x 1 bed 10 x 2 bed 13 x 3 bed	On site	Completion of scheme	Q2 2023

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 2022	Finish.Date Q2 2025

Tyrone Place Dublin 8. Regeneration.

A review of the development options for the regeneration of Tyrone Place is currently being undertaken by Housing Management, the Local Area Office and City Architects. All are cognisant that redevelopment options will need to take into consideration the large social and cost rental housing scheme that is planned for the adjacent site at Emmet Road.

School Street.

DCC received Stage 1 approval from the DHLGH for the regeneration of School Street and Thomas Court Bawn with a number of queries. These queries have now been replied to and submitted to the D.H.L.G.H. Upon approval, the commencement of the procurement of an integrated design team for the redevelopment project will begin.

Oliver Bond Regeneration.

DCC have received Stage 1 project approval from the DHLGH for the first phase of the regeneration of Oliver Bond, which is for the redevelopment of Blocks L, M and N. We also received funding for a Community Development Worker to be appointed to the Oliver Bond regeneration project.
DCC City Architects and Housing Regeneration staff are currently reviewing queries received as part of our Stage 1 project approval to seek project budget approval.

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 1B.
Stage 1 project and funding approval has been received for the construction of approximately 25 new homes.
Design development is progressing and community consultation on the proposals are proposed to take place shortly.
It is anticipated to start the Part 8 process in early Q4 2022

Donore Avenue-(former Saint Teresa's Gardens)

This project will provide for the delivery of approximately 543 homes in a collaboration between Dublin City Council and the Land Development Agency, under a working title 'Donore Project'
28% of the homes provided will be for social housing and 72% for cost rental housing.
The breakdown of the social homes include:
41% 1 bed which 50% will be available for Older Person Accommodation
48% 2bed
11% 3 Bed

There is ongoing public consultation with local elected representatives, S.T.G. Regeneration Board and neighbours

A Part 10 planning application is due for lodgement late Q3 2022

Community

Afternoon Theatre in Rialto

Dublin City Council in Association with Rialto Active Retirement Group will host a theatrical performance of **'The Galway Girl'**
The story of a Dublin man married to a girl from Galway is both heart rending and hilarious.
Performed by Sinead Colreavy and Michael Judd.
Date: Thursday 21st
Time: This performance will commence at 3pm Sharp! Followed by Afternoon Tea.
Venue: St Andrews Community Centre, South Circular Road.

Family & Youth Fun day

A Family & Youth Fun Day will take place at St Michaels Green, Inchicore on Thursday 14th July. Activities Include: Sporting events, Fun & Games, Bouncy Castles, Obstacle Courses & Dog Show.
This is part of a four week programme of Summer events for local Children / Teenagers & Senior Citizens Groups.

Tenters 100 Family Day

The Tenters 100 Centenary Committee are hosting a Family Day in Oscar Square on Sunday 18th July.
Activities include: Family Picnic's - Photographic and Memorabilia Exhibitions - Story Telling - Children's Fun Corner – Games - Weaving Demonstration's & Workshops.

DCC Community Grant Scheme 2022

The Dublin City Council Community Grant Scheme is now open. Grant application forms have been circulated to all Groups & organisations throughout the SWIC. Closing date for submissions is Friday 22nd July at 5pm.

DCC Trishaw Experience
There were smiles all round on Thursday last when residents from Memorial Court Senior Citizens Complex were treated to a day of Trishaw Rides in the beautiful grounds of The National War Memorial Gardens.
For some residents it was their first outdoor experience in quite a while due to mobility issues.
In particular, the participants thoroughly enjoyed the stunning Rose Garden Displays which are at their very best during the months of July & August.

Timberyard Weave Time

Residents in the Timberyard Apartment Complex on Cork Street are in for a special treat on Monday 18th July when the Liberties Weavers open their doors in a '**getting to know us'** session.
Throughout the day weaving demonstration's & exhibitions will be on display. There will also be talks on the history of weaving & textiles in the Liberties area.
Residents are also invited to do some weaving and share their own family related stories of working in the local textile industry.

Summer Projects Activities

Summer Activities Programmes Funded and supported by DCC are underway in the SWIC including:
Michael Mallin House
Bridgefoot Street
School St Family Resource Centre
Solas Project
Robert Emmet CDP
St Theresa's Gardens Regeneration
Fatima Groups United
Inchicore Family Resource
Dolphin House

Picnic for Palestine
An evening of information, music, Eastern food, song & dance will take place in the beautiful Garden Courtyard of St Andrews Community Centre Rialto on Friday 22nd July at 7pm.

Summer Outings
A number of coach trips to places of historical and horticultural interest will take place in the coming weeks throughout the Liberties area.
To include: St Enda's in Rathfarnham, The National Garden Exhibition Centre & the Famine Museum in Strokestown.

Public Domain

25 City Neighbourhood Applications received. South Central Area Judging is in progress with finalists going on to the city-wide competition. The South Central Awards Ceremony will be held on 6th September 2022 at Richmond Barracks. Public Domain Intensive cleaning completed on Bulfin Road and Luby Road. St Anthony's Road, Crescent, Park, Rueben Street, & Reuben Walk will be cleaned on 18th &19th July. Weed treatment Programme has concluded with many areas in the City, Inchicore, Maryland and Rialto receiving treatment. Graffiti has been removed from Cornmarket, Thomas Street, James Street, John Dillon Street, Lambe Alley, Back Lane, Swifts Alley, Marks Alley, Emmet Road, Hanover Lane and Arch, The Tenters, Thomas Court, Engine alley, Patrick Street, Bridgefoot Street, and Donore Avenue. 46 Waste Bye Law Compliance letters have been sent to Emmet Crescent in response to high levels of illegal dumping in the area. Mallin Avenue will follow shortly. 19 Community Clean-ups resourced in SWIC in June. Inchicore Parish Centre Bottle Bank has been chosen for animation and will be jointly funded by Waste Management and Public Domain. The art work is progressing at the moment. A Dublin Canvas Traffic Signal box in Inchicore Village has completed-Willie Bermingham portrait on Emmet Road. As new art boxes come on stream they are posted on social media. The Inchicore Dog show is on Thursday 14th July. St Michaels Estate and environs has been cleaned in advance of this free public domain supported event.

Kilmainham Mill

DCC intend entering into a contract shortly and works will commence on site in in the coming weeks in relation to stabilisation works at Kilmainham Mill. The works include the repair and replacement of roofs, the propping of collapsed floors, removal of all asbestos, protection of mill machinery, the sealing of window with mesh and the repair of rainwater goods. Some newer concrete structures will also be removed.

The works will take approimately 6 months to complete. DCC will maintain contact with local stakeholders throughout the process of these essential works, which will provide DCC with full and safe access to the Mill complex for the first time.

Report from: -

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

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BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Housing

Cornamona
Work is ongoing and the anticipated completion date remains late Q4, 2022.

Springvale
Meetings are taking place with the developer to finalise a likely completion date while work continues.

Canal Bridge Apartments Kylemore Road /Bluebell
Respond is holding a pre-tenancy training evening for the new tenants on 27th July 2022, and expects to have possession of the apartments at the end of July. The new Tenants will begin to move into the apartments in August.

Lissadel Maisonettes
Council technical staff are reviewing the feasibility study in relation to the best options for the maisonettes.

Bernard Curtis House
The repainting of the units is ongoing.

Labre Park
On receipt of the CAS2 application information, the Traveller Accommodation Unit will issue the information to the relevant Council technical departments who will then be reviewing the information and interacting with Cluid throughout the Summer.

Park West Apartments
Offers have been issued to the CBL applicants and are being processed by the Allocations team.

Sons of Divine Providence
It is anticipated that the DHLGH will issue a written response to the Council shortly.

Bluebell
The Land Development Agency is in the process of putting its design team in place.

Rafters Road
A public information evening is taking place on Wednesday, 13th July and a presentation will be made to the members at the July area committee meeting.

Community
Community Participation

Summer Festivals
Congratulations to the Ballyfermot and Cherry Orchard Arts Festival Committee for organising a tremendous programme of events to celebrate the area. Over 30 events were held with the 3 park fun days attracting up to 3,000 people.

Chapelizod Festival Committee put on a great programme of events too, highlights included the opening day party on the plaza. The Chapelizod Festival is organised by volunteers and is a great credit to their hard work.

Drimnagh Festival took place over two days in early June and the local voluntary committee organised two hugely successful events in Brickfield Park and Good Counsel GAA club.

The Council has established a Bluebell festival committee for their summer, Halloween and Christmas Festivals. They are busy planning the summer festival which will take place in Bluebell Park on Saturday the 13th of August.

The Council is working with the newly established Wonderful Walkinstown Festival Group to organise a family fun day on Sunday, September 4th.

The City Council provide financial support to all of the groups and is reliant on discretionary funding to add creative input to the festivals. Community staff are involved locally on the festival committees organising and supporting events.

Family Fun Days

The Community Development Section working with local residents /environmental groups is organising local fun days in 8 locations during July. To animate the local Green spaces, the Council will provide a magic show and are working with the residents to organise other play activities.

Events will take place between 2:00pm and 4:30pm.

Location	Dates
Jim Mitchell Park, Ring Street,	19th July
Ben Madigan Green, Drimnagh,	20th July
Long Meadows, Sarsfield Road.	21st July
Stanford Green, Walkinstown.	22nd July
Drumfinn Green, Drumfinn Road.	26rd July
Cherry Orchard Green, Dublin 10	27th July
The stone soup project, Cherry Orchard Lawns.	28th July
Belgrove Park, Chapelizod,	29th July



Social Inclusion

The City Council has provided financial assistance to The Ballyfermot Traveller Action Project hosting its Traveller Pride event on the 23rd July 2022. The theme for the Week is embracing a modern Traveller culture, with creativity in our roots. The event will take place in the Ballyfermot Resource Centre and will include music, poetry, art and family friendly activities.

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Community Grants 2022

The closing date for the City Council 2022 Community Grants Scheme is July 22nd.
Under the scheme community and voluntary groups may apply for grants for activities which benefit the local community.

Details are available on the link below;

Information Note Dublin City Council Local Area Community Grants | Dublin City Council

https://dublincitycouncil.submit.com/show/29 (Please ensure to click Allow Cookies)

Environment

Walkinstown Signs

The "Welcome to Walkinstown" signs are now ready to be installed. The installation date is week beginning Monday the 18th of July.



Cherry Orchard Community Centre

Afterschool Football Sessions

Afterschool football coaching sessions for boys & girls aged 8yrs to 12yrs are happening every Tuesday from 3.00 – 4.00 pm at a cost on €2 per person per session. Numbers have been small to start with an average of 8 children per week attending. It is hoped that the numbers will increase going forward.

Men's Music Shed

The group was invited to take part in the launch of Cormac Begley's new album, Cormac is very well-known in the Irish music world - a real acknowledgement of the talent in the men's Music Shed.



Smashing Barriers Theatre Group

The group performed their end of season play "What we thought was good for us" on Thursday 30th June. There was a great turn out to see the play and the months of hard work putting the performance together really showed on the day.

Sisters Shed Group

This new women's group meets every Friday from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm to organise events and courses of interest to improve their education and to get involved in activities outside of the home.

Summer Project

Registration for this years' Summer Project has been very successful with almost 150 participants registered so far. The project runs for 4 weeks, Monday to Thursday each week with a family day trip away every Wednesday.

Holistic Hub.

The Hub offers a range of massage therapies such as reflexology, meditation and many more and is run by local woman, Paula, 085 7609439 from a room she rents in the centre.

The team participated in **#Yourcouncilday #DolásaChomhairle** on Friday 1st July with social media contact that illustrated the day to day activities in the centre.



Cherry Orchard Social Development Plan

There will be an open day on Thursday, 22nd September in relation to the draft plan with the aim of publishing the final plan later in the year.

Public Domain

13 City Neighbourhood Applications have been received. Judging is in progress and all Finalists will proceed to the city-wide competition. Public Domain arranged a traffic management plan, weed removal and an intensive clean, of Raheen Park, Le Fanu Road and Bridge prior to the unveiling of a City Council Commemorative Plaque ceremony on Friday 8th July marking The Ballyfermot Train Ambush of 8th July 1921. The Weed treatment programme has concluded with a number of locations in Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Walkinstown and Chapelizod receiving treatment. Graffiti has been removed from Kylemore Road, Croftwood Park/Cherry Orchard Drive, Walkinstown and Bluebell. Waste Bye Law Compliance letters will be sent to Huband Road maisonettes over the coming weeks. Public Domain and Litter Enforcement are working together or addressing littering and illegal dumping in a number of locations in SCA. Illegal dumping at green space adjacent to La Touche Road shopping area is one location under investigation. 64 Community Clean ups resourced in June. A fabulous new art work “Tristan” to complement 2021 “Iseult “on Chapelizod Road Traffic Signal box has been completed see social media for further updates. The Ballyfermot Dog Show in the new “People’s Park” on 25th June was a huge success with 100 entries. The Chapelizod dog show on 9th July was equally successful with 56 entries. The Animal Welfare unit attend all shows and engage with all dog owners around dog foul and responsible ownership.

Report from: -

Alan Sherry,
Senior Executive Officer
Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Local Electoral Area.