



**Director of Services Report
South Central Area Committee Meeting
21st September, 2022**

SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

Public Realm & Capital Programmes

Francis Street Environmental Improvement Scheme: works continue until the end of the year. Paving work is now complete south of Swifts Alley/ Dean Swift Square. It is proposed that carriageway resurfacing and the remaining tree planting and landscaping will be undertaken here in October. Work on the final sections of paving on the northern section continue into November.

Dolphin's Barn Interim Environmental Improvements:

- A mini-tender call has been issued for the addition of planters, public seats, cycle parking frames, protection of pedestrian only areas, and a large planted area with trees at the Coombe Hospital. The proposals were publicly advertised in August with a number of submissions and queries received.
- It is also proposed to undertake landscaping work to the railed amenity area opposite the Church including the removal of the remaining walls of the former toilet block here, unifying the railed area with the adjacent landscaped area to create a small pocket park, and making improvements to the boundary along St James's Avenue. This area will now be a fully open amenity area and the works will allow us to continue to improve and enhance this space. Public notices to this effect were posted on site at the beginning of this month.

Donore Avenue landscaping: Works to commence on 26th September. The measure will provide a raised planted area with shrubs and ground cover planting and a seat to the back of the footpath.

Weaver Street/ Newmarket Street environs: The Area Office is looking at some actions to improve the public domain on these residential streets off The Coombe. Local Parks Services and the City Tree Officer have reviewed trees in the area to commission pruning of trees, removal of damaged and failing trees and make plans to replant. Footpath and carriageway repairs are also required and will be requested in the 2023 Roads Maintenance programme.

Tree planting and spring bulbs: Local parks services are reviewing areas across SWIC suitable for tree planting and the mass planting of bulbs over the coming autumn/ winter planting season. Areas of focus include medians, open spaces in residential areas, and areas along the Grand Canal.

Housing Updates SWIC

Bonham Street, Dublin 8. Volumetric Build - 57 Units

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.

Trevor can be contacted @ 087 2925013 trevor.martyn@dublincity.ie

Cork Street/ Weaver Street. Volumetric Build - 55 Units

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 (Laura Kenny) to engage with residents regarding their concerns.

Laura can be contacted @ 0871863675 laura.kenny@dublincity.ie

St Michael's Estate Emmet Road Dublin 8.

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 House Regeneration.

DCC have received Stage 1 project approval from the DHLGH for the first phase of the regeneration of Oliver Bond House, which is for the redevelopment of Blocks L, M and N. Funding has also been received 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.



Football Pitch

Surface works have now been completed. Extra security has been added to the fence surrounding the pitch to prevent access when pitch has been closed.

Side gates to green area at rear of Block B are due to be upgraded with extra security measures. Painting programme is ongoing.

Upgrading of the Bin in ongoing.

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

Demolition of the long blocks going well. Block 1 has been demolished. Block 2 is expected to be demolished by the end of next week. The work following the demolition will consist of sorting through the rubble to sort materials before it can be removed off site which will take a number of weeks.

Two rounds of window cleaning for the residents in the vicinity of the demolition will take place but no schedule has been put in place yet.

At the beginning of the 'mechanical demolition' which began the end of August/first week of September there were numerous complaints in relation to the dust levels by residents. The contractors now have this under control as water is being sprayed during the work to control the dust.

New Blocks – new entrance doors fitted to all the blocks and working well. New courtyard doors have been ordered for blocks C and D.

Interim Playground Facilities – Onsite meeting held with the contractor Haffey Playgrounds on August 23rd. DCC have been waiting on new drawings to be submitted by the company to show the alterations of the play equipment and the layout of the equipment which has been received. DCC have also requested our engineer to examine the grounds of where the play facilities will be placed.



Entrance Driveway into Dolphin – cars are continuing to park on both sides of the entrance in and out. Our engineer Colum Gallagher has engaged a contractor to repaint the double yellow lines to deter parking. We are waiting on a start date which should be soon.

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 residents.

A Part 10 planning application is due for lodgment late Q3 2022.

Donore Forum

The first meeting of the new Donore Forum will take place on 29th September 2022. Stephen Rourke will be the interim chair of this forum. The position of Regeneration Co-ordinator was advertised, interviews completed and the successful candidate was Rea Lavelle.

Margaret Kennedy Road/Court

Purcell Construction are undertaking remedial works on the drainage system in the coming weeks. New security measures are being implemented in Margaret Kennedy Court. Heating defects have been referred to Purcell Construction for resolution.

Herberton 39 units Part 5

9 x 3 bed

24 x 2 bed

6 x 1 bed

All these units will be allocated under the Choice Based Lettings scheme, selections and viewing are currently ongoing. Snagging has commenced.



Community

The Tenters 100 Story Gathering Folklore Project

Part 2 of the Tenters Story Gathering & Folklore course will commence again on Friday 16th September and will run for a further 6 weeks.

This course will take place in the Timber Yard from 10am – 1pm each week and is open to anyone who would like to have their stories of life in the Tenters recorded as part of a local folklore project.

Festival of History Events in Dublin 8

Easter Week Repeats Itself – The Battle for Dublin June – July 1922

A lecture by Historian Liz Gillis

Date: 10th October

Time: 12:00 – 1pm

Venue: St James Church

Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e396486530887>

Weaving with the Liberties Weavers

Calling all amateur or novice weavers. Participants will learn how to weave on a card loom. All materials will be included in a pack that participants will be given on the day. At the end of this session everyone will have woven a bookmark, learned a new skill and have a little more knowledge about weaving in the Liberties.

Venue: Richmond Barracks

Date: 26th September

Time: 6.30 – 8pm

Bookings: contact inchicorelibrary@dublincity.ie

Trishaw Experience

Due to the popularity of our recent Trishaw outing's, residents from Memorial Court Sheltered Housing Scheme will once again be invited to participate in a mornings of trishaw rides in the grounds of the National War Memorial Gardens in Islandbridge.

The Trishaw experience opens up a whole new world to those who are suffering with mobility issues and dementia, enabling them to engage in the great outdoors and '**Feel The Wind In Their Face**'.

Art Workshops

A number of art workshops will take place throughout the Liberties area in the coming weeks in preparation for this year's Halloween event.

These workshops will take place in local youth clubs and afterschool's clubs throughout the area.

Participants will be given an opportunity to design their own Lanterns, Masks and Costumes for this year's parade.



Autumn Colour

Community Staff will be distributing Autumn Bulbs and winter flowering plants to groups through the SWIC in the coming weeks. This will add a splash of colour to the area while also providing a valuable food source for the many local honey bee colonies during the winter.

Kilmainham Inchicore Network - meeting 19th September 2022 at 5.30pm

KIN Strategic Planning Process

KIN is almost 6 years in existence and reviewing, evaluating and planning for the future. This strategic process will have a facilitator working with it over the next few months creating a Vision and Strategic Plan. As part of this process a booklet is being prepared for circulation to local households outlining the work of KIN, encouraging greater engagement in planning and attending events. Information will be shared on developments, organisations and services in our area. This booklet will be ready for circulation shortly.

Liffey Gaels/ East Timor Park Master Plan:

Alastair Ferrar, Cunnane Stratton Reynolds Consultant have had their remit extended to include reviewing increased access from the park over to Irish National War Memorial Gardens. This will also be included in a Master Plan for Liffey Gaels Park on behalf of DCC.

Grand Canal - Activation and Animation of Grand Canal between Portobello and Kylemore Road: (presentation at SCAM September 2022)

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. A presentation from Humphrey Murphy will be given at the South Central Area Committee Meeting in September 2022.

Fairs at Richmond Barracks

KIN, in partnership with DSCP and DCCCC, are organising 4 fairs at Richmond Barracks over the next year. The Harvest Fair will take place 24th and 25th September. This is the second Fair to take place this year. KIN are organising workshops, including one by Core Youth Service, a talk by D8 Greenbridge Forum as well as a panel discussion on Sunday 24th discussing issues relating to: Nature, Harvest, Growth, how we respect the environment, food and sustainability, community participation. KIN's emphasis is on workshops with community engagement and development. There will be further fairs for Christmas (November 2022) and a Spring Fair (February 2023).

Click on the link below to download an image of the flyer

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nwqITerpUrtUdpr_RJeG9gqdP6E4VLPm/view?usp=sharing

Click on the link below for pdf copy of flyer

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1j6D4yUK6iEOe63njXeqI2I9MXjh0j3_8/view?usp=sharing



Samhain Stage Event, Halloween 2022

KIN and IRCF are in the process of securing funding to organise a Halloween community event due to take place 31st October 2022 in Inchicore. This is the first of a trilogy of events, post the successful pilot Samhain Stage event of 2021. Core Values, themes, scale, budget, outreach and different forms of research and development are being considered at present.

Office in Inchicore – 6 Tyrconnell Road

Furniture, internet fixtures and media requirements are being ordered such that the Office in Inchicore can be opened to the public. More information to follow.

Bus Connects Route 7 Liffey Valley to City Centre

The closing date for observations on this scheme ended 13th September 2022. KIN made a submission outlining their views on the proposed route between Liffey Gaels Park and James's St. For more information on the scheme: www.liffeyvalleyscheme.ie

Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum – meeting 19th September 2022 at 1pm

The ERD application is due to be lodged to ABP by end of September 2022. The statutory public consultation as part of the planning process with ABP will follow. See www.emmetroad.ie for information.

IRCF Subcommittees:

Meanwhile Activities and Community Building Subcommittee (MACb) – work of this subcommittee includes the Harvest Fair and Samhain events, outlined above in the KIN report. This is all part of the process to encourage community engagement and meanwhile activities, as well as building community leadership, capacity, and trust through shared experiences/memories).

Self Management of Community Facilities

Following response from DCC ERD PM to the IRCF addressing next steps with regard to (a) DCC SCA invitation (15th Feb 2022) to consider leading out on management/ governance /future running of community facilities on ERD (b) feedback on Community Hub Concept Design (initial feedback as well as requirements in order to complete feedback) (c) request for response to IRCF Civic and Community Space Position Paper sent to DCC June 2021 the IRCF wrote to Coilín O' Reilly expressing their opinion on the response. Coilín O' Reilly will meet with the IRCF at their September meeting: 19th September 2022 at 1pm.

Childcare in Lower Inchicore

It was decided at the meeting held 16th June 2022 that the work of this subcommittee is now complete given the publication of the DSCP Early Learning and Care Report. This Report has been shared with relevant stakeholders and will be taken into consideration by planners when considering the ERD.

A reflection on the experience and learning of Regeneration Boards / Forums in Dublin 8, 10 and 12

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:
Wednesday, 12th October 2022 at 1pm-5pm. F2 Centre Rialto**



You are invited to a second Community of Practice Shared Learning Experience Regeneration Event that follows on from a Reflection on Learning and Experience of Regeneration Boards and Forums in D8 and D10 event held in May 2022.

Lunch will be served. More information/an agenda will be shared in advance.

A Report from Community Action Network (outlining an accurate account of what was said at the May 2022 event, where representatives of five Regeneration Boards/Forums as well as DCC Housing SPC representatives attended) as well as a short analysis of that event, compiled by the organisers, with suggested next steps are available. Please email aoife.hannan@dublincity.ie for a copy of reports and if you wish to attend the event on 12.10.22.

Public Domain

The City Neighbourhoods Awards was held on Tuesday 6th September at Richmond Barracks. Cllr Sophie Nicoulaud presented the awards on the night. SWIC had 12 Winning Entries. They will go forward to The Dublin City Neighbourhood Awards in Croke Park on Thursday 6th October hosted by Litter Management Office.

The Dublin Community Clean-up, a county wide initiative with all four Local Authorities, Clean Coasts, National Spring Clean and Water Authorities and the wider community keeping Dublin Litter-free runs from 10th to 18th September. Registration through An-Taisce for insurance. See www.dublincommunitycleanup.ie

Graffiti has been removed from Cork Street, James Walk, Turvey Avenue, and Bulfin Road. Graffiti treatment requested at Carmans Hall, Hanover Lane & Arch and Goldenbridge Terrace.

Public Domain intensive cleaning carried out at: Hanover Lane, Ash Street, Marks Alley, Spitalfields, High Street, Cornamrket, Lambe Alley, Wilson Terrace, Earl Street South, Meath Street, Weaver Street & Close, Brabazon Street, Newmarket Street, Reginald Street and Gray Street Goldenbridge Terrace and Ceannt Fort.

Public Domain, Parks & Community carried out cleaning, weeding, planting and assisted Centenary Committee in Ceannt Fort prior to Centenary Event on Sat 10th September.

37 Public Domain Clean-ups were supported since Aug 1st

Dublin Canvas Traffic Utility Boxes completed: Inchicore Village "Willy Bermingham", Bridgefoot Street "Ukraine Textile Weaving" Emmet Road (College) "Pidgeon Reading a Book"
St Luke's Avenue "Frog King"

Clean Slate Clean-Up of Clarkes Terrace, Ceannt Fort, Brandon Terrace, Dolphins Barn Linear Park, Dolphins Barn median, Timber Yard Archway, Newmarket Street, Coombe Court frontage at commercial units.

Report from: -

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



BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Housing

Cornamona

Work is ongoing and while every effort is being made to have the units completed by year end it may be early 2023 when they are ready.

Springvale

Due to the works that remain to be carried out the units will not be ready until Quarter 2, 2023.

Canal Bridge Apartments Kylemore Road /Bluebell

Tenants will be moving into their new apartments in the coming weeks

Lissadel Maisonettes

The technical review of the feasibility study is almost complete and stage 1 approval will be submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage when that work has been completed. The gardens and laneway have been cleared and a contractor is fitting out the remaining voids.

Bernard Curtis House

The repainting of the units is ongoing.

Labre Park

Various technical departments of Dublin City Council are continuing to interact with Cluid AHB.

Park West Apartment

Following a very high level of interest in a single 2 bedroom apartment that became available, all applications have been processed and a selection has been made for the apartment

Hillside Manor

There is a high level of interest in this development and the CBL applications are being processed

Father LeMass Court

New Benches were delivered to the roof garden in Father LeMass Court.

Claddagh Court

A contractor has been selected and is due to start installing a new intercom system in the coming weeks. New Benches have been order for the roof garden in Claddagh Court.

Sons of Divine Providence

Stage 1 approval has now been received from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage.



Bluebell

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

Rafters Road

Pre Part 8 submissions from various Council departments are currently being reviewed.

Community

Environmental

The Community team continues to support the increasing number of local environmental Groups carrying out street clean ups every Saturday. New environmental groups are encouraged to link up with the established groups in their area, who provide insurance cover and additional volunteers. Ballyfermot Environmental Group, Chapelizod Tidy Towns, Bluebell Environmental Group, Tidy Drimnagh, Make Walkinstown Great and Inchicore Environmental Group are the main groups supported by the Council in the area.

The Environmental groups have been notified and encouraged to take part in the Dublin Community Clean Up 2021 which takes place between the 10th – 18th September

Bulbs not Bonfires: The Council will provide local residents groups and environmental projects with spring bulbs and encourage community planting days leading up to Halloween to promote positive activity and discourage bonfires. Contact scott.watson@dublincity.ie

The City Council is working with the Bluebell Environmental group to identify locations for two benches in the park in Bluebell with funds from the 2022 Discretionary funds.

Community Participation

August Events

8 Community fun days were held on green spaces throughout the area. The events went particularly well when the local community group/residents association were involved. Ring Street Youth Club, Ben Madigan residents and Walkinstown Residents Associations are to be congratulated for their efforts.

Three Drumming work shops were held in the Peoples Park on Saturdays during August and the final Saturday market of the year was held on September 3rd

Congratulations to the Wonderful Walkinstown Festival Committee for holding its first festival in Walkinstown Park on September 4th. The festival offered a feast of entertainment for all the family. Along with music and dancing from local talent there was storytelling, superheroes, clowns and many other games and activities for the kids. It was a great opportunity for local people to chat with local community groups such as the Men's Shed, Scouts, Girl Guides and many more. Almost 2,000 came along to enjoy the fun on the day.



Halloween

The City Council is working with the Youth Projects in Ballyfermot to organise a programme of events to take place on Monday 31st October. Events include a zombie run in California Hills, a fancy dress disco in Markievicz Park, a fire Show at Le Fanu Park, a Lantern exhibition in the new Peoples Park and a spooktacular circus and haunted house in Cherry Orchard.

The City Council has established a Halloween Festival Committee in Bluebell consisting of local community groups. The committee will organise a family Halloween event in the Bluebell Park, It will include a spooky parade, a spectacular fire show and a games area.

The council is working with Youth Organisations and Resident groups and will support Halloween workshops, fancy dress discos and safety campaigns in Inchicore, Walkinstown and Drimnagh.

The Council staff will organise a safety talk in the Area to target local primary schools and carry out a publicity campaign to remind children to stay safe and play safe over the Halloween period.

Social Inclusion

Age Friendly Autumn – Winter Programme of events for Older People.

The City Council is organising an eight week programme of events to encourage older people to get up, get out and remain active during the colder weather.

The programme of events will be launched at the Afternoon Tea Dance in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre on Tuesday 27th September at 2:00pm.

The programme consists of 8 weeks of dance, exercise, bingo and films taking place on Tuesdays in Ballyfermot and Thursdays in venues in Walkinstown.





Volunteer Appreciation Night (South Central Area)

The City Council will hold a Volunteer Appreciation Night which will take place in Richmond Barracks on Tuesday 15th November at 6.00pm. The night will acknowledge residents, volunteers and community organisations that have been active in 2022.

Sisters Sheds, D12

The City Council is supporting the two newly formed sister sheds in D12. The Bluebell sister shed was established at the start of the year while the Walkinstown sister shed was set up in July. The sister sheds aim is to bring women together to talk and support each other in their daily lives, building a supporting network while making friends along with meditation and relaxation fun with plenty of laughter.

Ballyfermot Dementia Singalong Group

After a short break the Dementia Singalong Group returned on Thursday 8th September at 2:00 PM in the Ballyfermot Resource Centre. The Group is open to local residents, targeting those in the early stages of dementia. Kylemore College music school are providing two musical facilitators that have helped create some really special moments in the group.

Chapelizod Scouts

The Chapelizod Scouts have drawn down their allocation from the 2022 discretionary funds to purchase equipment, including planter boxes and a trailer.

Cherry Orchard Community Centre

Summer Project

The project was a great success running for 4 weeks in July with almost 200 children participating. The main attraction was the weekly trips to a variety of locations. Mindful of the current cost of living pressures on many families two of the trips were completely free of charge and the other two only cost the admittance fee to the venue. All transport costs were met by the Centre. There were also circus classes, other activities and football camps as part of the project.

Afterschool Football Sessions

The sessions resume on the first Tuesday in October. Sessions are from 3.00 to 4.00 PM for 8-12yrs boys & girls with fully qualified FAI and UEFA coaches at a cost of €2 per session.

Men's Music Shed

The lads are back for the winter after a short summer break. They meet every Thursday from 11.00 AM to -1.00 PM for fun, music and songs.

Sisters Shed Group

This group is really establishing itself and meet every Friday 10.00 AM to 12.00 PM

Dublin Circus Project

This group continues to grow in the community and is very involved with youth services and DCC on a range of jointly run activities. It also runs workshops for children and adults in the Centre.



Ballroom/Sequence Dance Group

There are classes every Wednesday morning from 11.00 AM to 12.30 PM followed by refreshments and a chat. Classes for advanced dancers are held every Friday morning at the same time.

Indoor Bowling

Indoor bowling for retired people is starting from the first Tuesday in October which will include refreshments. This will be an informal drop in activity that is open to all and will be free to start with but may involve a small fee as it.

St. Ultans School

The local school will be using the Centre for a range of activities throughout the school year keeping the children active.

Holistic Hub

The holistic hub offers a range of treatments to people including massage, reflexology, meditation sessions and much more, contact Paula at 085-7609439 to make an appointment.

Area Action Plan

On September 29th key stakeholders from the Cherry Orchard area will participate in a round table discussion on the formation of the new plan/way forward for the area over the next 5 years.

Public Domain

Ballyfermot Drimnagh had Five Winning Entries which will be represented at the overall city awards in Croke Park on October 6th. The Dublin Community Clean-Up Award was a joint award presented to Inchicore Environmental Group and Chapelizod Tidy Group.

Graffiti was removed from Kylemore Road Industrial Estate.

Public Domain arranged for intensive cleaning and weeding at: Claddagh Green Plaza, Claddagh Green, Blackditch Road and environs.

Dublin Canvas Traffic Utility Boxes were painted at the following locations: "Tristan" Chapelizod Road, "It's all greek to me" Assumption Girls National School Drimnagh, "Bee the change" Walkinstown Ave. " Grainne Mhaile Pirate Queen" Le Fanu Rd, "Anthea" St Michaels School Kylemore Road, "Raining Cats & Dogs" Rafters Road, Naas Road/Bluebell Road.

74 Clean-ups supported by Public Domain.

Report from: -

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