



**Director of Services Report
South Central Area Committee Meeting
15th February, 2023**



SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

Public Realm & Capital Programmes

St James Linear Park: Phase II works between Basin Lane/Brandon Terrace and Fatima Luas have commenced. This phase of work will provide a new play area, exercise equipment, an edible/community garden, tree planting and other landscaping, and path and boundary improvements in accordance with the Linear Park Masterplan. This project is being led by Parks Services.

Parks Services are hosting two upcoming workshops on 11th February and 4th March to develop the edible garden feature in the park. Participation can be advised via parks@dublincity.ie.

Thomas Street – Suir Road Cycle Scheme: The Active Travel Unit advise that a post-consultation report is currently being prepared detailing outcomes of the non-statutory consultation held in November. The Section 38 process to facilitate the interim works needed for the cycleway is currently underway. It is expected that construction of the scheme will commence in Q2/23.

Dolphin’s Barn Interim Improvements: This comprises a new tree planted/SUDS area at Coombe Hospital, benches, cycle parking, new planters and feature seating at locations along Dolphin’s Barn Street. The construction of the planted area at Coombe Hospital is currently being scheduled with expectation to install by the end of March. Street furniture items including planters are on order with expected delivery in late April.

Francis Street Environmental Improvement Scheme: Ongoing. Final paving work will be completed in the next week, followed by the remaining landscaping (c 13 trees and underplanting) and the new lighting scheme, largely completing the programme. The final sections of carriageway reconstruction, which is more weather-sensitive, will entail night work and road closures over three weekends starting on 25th March and these will be advised to businesses and local residents in advance.

Economic Development

Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2023: This year’s scheme will be launched later in February. The scheme assists businesses and organizations in the SWIC with support funding to make improvements to shop fronts and frontages. The scheme will be advertised online and through door to door engagement over the coming months.

Housing

St Michael’s Estate, Emmet Road, Dublin 8

Planning Lodged 5th October, 2022



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.

Emmet Crescent Gate Lodge

Quote from Westside contractors has been received and works to commence shortly on clear out of the courtyard of Gate Lodge and the installation of structural supports.

Basin Street

New residents committee has been established and first meeting with Dublin City Council was held on 10th January 2023. The Area office and Basin Street PPP Project team met in person with the Residents Committee on 9th February to update them on the proposed redevelopment of Basin Street complex.

Oliver Bond Regeneration

Housing Delivery Manager

The new Housing Delivery Project Manager for Oliver Bond House is Keith Fay. Keith attended the Regeneration Board meeting in January to introduce himself as the new project manager to the board members.

Traffic Signs

Erected on Friday 10th February at the entrance to the complex at Oliver Bond Street and Ushers quay advising of "No through Road".

Bollards

Bollards to deter traffic using the complex as a short cut have now been installed, we are awaiting new signage "No through road" at entrance of O Block.

A new key box is to be installed at the Caretakers lock up which will hold the key for the Bollards to allow emergency response access.

Residents Committee

We are meeting with the residents committee on a regular basis, communication between all is going well and issues are being addressed.

Bonham St .Dublin 8. Volumetric Build - 57 Units

26 x 1 bed

26 x 2 bed

5 x 3 bed

Current Estimated 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 3



Dolphin House Regeneration Masterplan Dublin 8

Masterplan

The Dolphin House Regeneration Masterplan approved on the 4th Feb 2021 by the Dolphin House Regeneration Board. We are progressing the masterplan in conjunction with the Dolphin House Regeneration Board and the Dolphin House Community.

Housing Delivery Manager

The new Housing Delivery Project Manager for Dolphin House is Connell McGlynn. Connell attended the Regeneration Board meeting in January to introduce himself as the new project manager to the board members.

Demolition

The Contractors MCB have informed us they will off site early February 2023.

New Blocks

New courtyard doors for blocks C and D have now been installed and working well.

Interim Playground Facilities

The new playground and additional surface works have been completed, date to be agreed for official opening.

Old Football Pitch Site

Inspections carried out and quotes received to enhance and upgrade the area.

Painting of railings

Still ongoing, Canal railings first. Painting of stairwells in old blocks underway.

Donore Avenue - (former Saint Teresa's Gardens)

Donore Forum

The last meeting of the Donore Forum was cancelled due to the legal proceedings issued by the D8 Group against Dublin City Council.

Community Centre

The tender process is complete and the successful tender for the design services for the Building Repair Works at Donore Avenue Youth & Community Centre was from Cotter & Naessens Architects. The manager's order has been drawn up to appoint the successful design team. The final design package to be confirmed and will follow. The works to be carried out are to reinstate the building to its previous condition with no alterations either internally or to the external fabric of the building, and to be compliant with current regulations.

St Teresa's Garden site

Works on-going regarding the relocation of Donore Boxing Club and the de-energising of the remaining units ahead of the tender for demolition. Illegal dumping ongoing, measures are being taken to alleviate this unsightly issue, increased illegal dumping signage to be erected and the boundary of the railings will be extended.



Margaret Kennedy Road/Court

CCTV upgrades are complete. Vandalised solar panels on Margaret Kennedy Court have been replaced and works are complete.

Cork Street / Chamber St Volumetric - 55 Units

32 x 1 bed
10 x 2 bed
13 x 3 bed

Current Estimated Completion of scheme End of Q2 2023. These units will be allocated under the scheme of letting priorities.

DCC have designated a community liaison (Laura Kenny) to engage with residents regarding their concerns.

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

Herberton 39 units Part V

A contractor has been assigned to this complex and works have commenced to bring these units up to fire and safety standard regulations. Interior of apartments 1-21 complete with the further 18 due for completion early March, works on-going in communal areas. Project Manager has advised that units should be ready for allocation end of February beginning March 2023.

Works on CCTV upgrade to commence shortly.

Coombe Court

Resurfacing works are ongoing here, and on completion of these works we will be introducing permit parking.

Ash Grove

Tree pruning was carried out and works complete, painting program due for 2023.

Community Development

Lá Fhéile Bríde

The Timber Yard in Cork Street hosted the first ever St Brigid's Day celebration in the SWI last week. The morning commenced with a truly fascinating lecture by historian Cathy Scuffil. This was followed by a St Brigid's Day Cross making workshop, the rushes for which were gathered in the Wicklow Hills by artist Marja Almqvist.

Following refreshments and lots of chatter about the wonderful St Brigid each participant got to weave their very own cross. Another interesting feature of the workshop was, the twine's used to tie the four corners of the cross were actually grown locally. Little did we ever think we'd see flax growing in the Liberties again, and it's all down to the Liberties Weavers.

Love Your Heart

The annual **Love Your Heart** community event will take place in St Andrews Community Centre on Tuesday 14th February. Members of the public can avail of a whole range of holistic therapies including: Reflexology, Indian Head massage, Aroma Therapy, Auricular Acupuncture, Aura Soma Readings, Angel Card Readings etc.



The Marie Keating Foundation will be in attendance to offer professional advice on the prevention and early detection of common cancers.

There will also be free Blood Pressure Checks, Smoking Cessation workshops, Defibrillator Demonstrations, Healthy Juicing Demonstrations and more.

Doors open to members of the public at 10am. This event is organised and funded by DCC in association with the RDA.

Arts for Tiny Tots

In the coming weeks the community team will once again liaise with the staff from the Hugh Lane Art Gallery in delivering an arts programme for preschool children in the SWIC.

This is a follow on from the highly successful Early Years arts initiative which took place in the School Street Family Resource Centre in 2022.

This year a professional artist will deliver an arts programme to the children in the F2 Preschool in Rialto. The children will also get to visit the Hugh Lane Art Gallery in Parnell Square.

History Talk

A History talk will take place in St James Church on Tuesday 28th February.

Historian in residence Cathy Scuffil will deliver her lecture – **'When the Post Boxes turned Green'**

1922 was a year of huge change in Ireland. The Dáil ratified the Anglo-Irish Treaty and the Civil War commenced. In this talk Cathy will guide us through this fascinating period and how it changed Irish Society.

This talk will commence at 6.30 pm sharp and will also be live streamed via the church webcam.

UPCOMING EVENTS -

The Lost Céilí of 1916

The Community team are currently working with Cathy Scuffil and the Staff of St James's National School in staging The Lost Céilí of 1916.

This is an historical educational event where pupils get to explore their local history by re-enacting events which took place in the Marrowbone Lane Distillery during the 1916 Rising.

The children will also dance the Lost Céilí to a live Céilí Band from Comhaltas Ceoltóirí.

Afternoon Tea Dances

A series of Afternoon Tea Dances will take place in the coming weeks.

The first Tea Dance will take place in St Catherine's Church in Thomas Street.

The second dance will take place in the Beara Hall in Inchicore.

Dates to be confirmed.



Kilmainham Inchicore Network - next meeting 27th February 2023 at 5.30pm, 6 Tyrconnell Road

KIN Strategic Planning Process

KIN Vision and Strategic Plan facilitated process is 75% complete; facilitated design Sprint sessions continue for the fortnight Colm Byrne, The Ladder. The outcomes from the design sprint will inform the KIN Strategic Plan 023-2027.

As part of this process a completed booklet "[SHAPE YOUR LOCAL FUTURE](#)" has been published and is being distributed to local households/businesses/organisations. The booklet shares information on developments in the area as well as outlining the work of KIN with the aim of encouraging greater engagement in planning and attending events. The KIN website upgrade is close to completion www.kilmainham-inchicore.ie.

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:

Dublin City Council and Waterways Ireland along with Irish Leisure Consultants (ILC) launched the [Report Activation and Animation of the Grand Canal](#) in Richmond Barracks 27th January 2023. Having identified the potential recreational Activation and Animation measures along the Grand Canal between Portobello and the Kylemore bridge, the next stage will be shortly engaging again with local organisations, individuals and agencies and piloting projects over the summer of 2023. More details to follow.

Office in Inchicore – 6 Tyrconnell Road

The office at 6 Tyrconnell Road is now open for hosting KIN and IRCF meetings.

Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum – next meeting Wednesday 29th March 2023 7pm. 6 Tyrconnell Road.

The IRCF received reply from Coilin O Reilly, Assistant Chief Executive (20.12.22) confirming ERD residential tenure will be 100% public housing. Mr. O' Reilly has offered to meet with IRCF delegates in March to discuss management of Community Hub building at ERD.

The IRCF lodged an observation to An Bord Pleanála re ERD during the observation period. This observation is available for viewing at www.kilmainham-inchicore.ie/ircf. See www.emmetroad.ie for full application information.



Public Domain

- Area Survey completed for Echlin Street Grand Canal Place, Market Street, Bellevue, Crane Street Rainsford Street. Echlin Street, James Walk, painting programme to follow.
- MoU to remove graffiti with ESB Networks James Street, Francis Street, Blackpitts/Warrenmount, Swifts Alley, Griffith Barracks
- Appox. 600m Graffiti treated at following locations: Inchicore SQ. East, High St, Thomas Street, Thomas Street, Engine Alley, Ash Street, Bridgefoot Street, Augustine Street, Hanover arch, Cornmarket, St Nicholas Place South and Hardy's Lane –rear Ballyfermot Road Shops, Goldenbridge –St Vincent Street West.
- An-Taisce Spring Clean reminder to groups to arrange collections with Public Domain.
- 20 Community Clean-Ups resourced
- Removal of Parking Cones from Clarke's & Mc Carthy's Terrace and James Walk scheduled.

Inchicore Library Building

DCC has engaged a Building Consultancy Company to carry out a survey of the structure. This survey is scheduled to take place later this month.

Report from: -

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



BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Housing

Cornamona

The end of Quarter 1, 2023 continues to be the anticipated date for handover of the completed units.

Springvale

There is no change at this stage to the anticipated completion date of mid-2023.

Lissadel Maisonettes

Work is ongoing preparing a stage 1 application to the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage with an anticipated submission date of Quarter 1, 2023 while the insulation works are being carried out with the first block nearing completion.

Bernard Curtis House

The repainting of the units is continuing.

Labre Park

The stage 2 application is now with the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage for assessment.

Hillside Manor

While the successful housing applicants have been informed by Dublin City Council a likely completion date is still awaited.

Claddagh Court

Tenants are currently being provided with new fobs for the exterior gates, which will then become operational.

Sons of Divine Providence

The City Council is continuing its dialogue with the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage while working towards the goal of submitting a stage 2 application in Quarter 1, 2023.

Slievebloom Court, Drimnagh.

The snagging of the units is underway and over 600 applications have been received through choice based letting process and they are currently being assessed.

Bluebell

The Land Development Agency is continuing to carry out site investigation works.



Rafters Road

Engagement is continuing in relation to queries raised by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage as part of the stage 2 application.

Voids

There are 35 voids at present, a number of them are under offer and others are currently being advertised through CBL.

Community

Community Participation

Cherry Blossoms

The Cherry Blossoms festival will take place during April, a month long celebration of all that is good in Cherry Orchard. There are over 33 events planned, which include a family sports day, an outdoor film screening, heritage walks, the great Cherry Orchard clean up and community big breakfasts.

The committee meet every Wednesday at 10:00AM in the Equine centre and all local organisations and voluntary groups have been encouraged to organise an event. The programme will be launched by the Lord Mayor, Caroline Conroy on Wednesday March 22nd in St. Ultans School at 2:00 pm

Ballyfermot Festival

The Council is working with the Ballyfermot Cherry Orchard Festival committee who have called a public meeting to discuss the future of the Ballyfermot Cherry Orchard Festival which will take place on Tuesday Feb. 21st at 7:00PM in the Community Civic Centre. The Festival committee needs additional help and new members to form the committee for 2023.

The Council will meet with the **Chapelizod Festival** in February to agree supports for their festival which is planned for July 2023.

Environment.

The Ballyfermot office will be hosting a meeting for the 5 area environmental groups on Wednesday 8th of March. Groups from Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Drimnagh, Chapelizod and Walkinstown will be invited to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to provide the groups with an opportunity to share their knowledge and expertise regarding the weekly clean ups and identify how the council can support them. Information on funding, planning and insurance will be available.



Social Inclusion

Ballyfermot Cherry Orchard for All

Local community groups, youth organisations, elected representatives, schools and residents have come together to form the Ballyfermot Cherry Orchard For All Group. The aim of the group is to tackle and condemn lies and misinformation about asylum seekers circulating in the community and to promote diversity and inclusion in the area with a series of positive events and initiatives to include:

Distribution of a myth busting information sheet that will be circulated to every household in the area.

Preparation of an age appropriate flyer for children and young adults

An inaugural event “No to Racism” – Flags of The World Exhibition to be held on Tuesday 14th February at 5.00pm in The People’s Park, Ballyfermot. The event is open to the public to come along and place a flag in the park to represent a country that a family member or friend has emigrated to and also to represent the countries that our new community members have come from.

Age Friendly Programme

The Spring Programme commences on Tuesday 14th February with a Valentine’s Day Tea Dance in the Ballyfermot civic centre.

We are concentrating events in the Ballyfermot Area and will extend events to the Drimnagh /Walkinstown area for Bealtaine.





During the months of February and March the City Council will be holding meetings with residents from the sheltered housing complexes to re-establish committees in the complexes where necessary and to organise a programme of events.

The Council has circulated the current Funding Point local Lists to all the groups on the friends of south central area. <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/improving-my-community/community-grants-and-funding>

This provides information and links to local, national and EU funding sources that local groups can apply for.

Seachtain Na Gaeilge

The Council will support Coiste Bhailethormaid who are organising a programme of events during the month of March. Events will take place from the 13th to the 16th of March and includes a Céili / Music event and Seanfhocal competition

Orchard Centre

St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Orchard Community Centre shall be supporting St. Ultans and reviving the St. Patricks Days Parade for 2023. The parade route will be from the Equine Centre to the roundabout at The Orchard Community Centre and return the school thereafter on the 16th March. The children of St. Ultans will showcase the warm community that they represent and in turn the activities that are available through the school and the agencies in the area.

Change for Life Programme

Coordinating with our local Sports Development Officer Sharon Kelly we have commenced the Change for Life programme on 8th February. The month long programme targets those in the community over 55 years of age with the opportunity to take part in fitness improving activities though boxing, walking, football and indoor bowls and are free of charge. The promotion in late January had a great response with 30 people registered. The emphasis is on fun and participation for all the activities and to get people out of their homes to mix with neighbours and help reduce social exclusion.

Wednesday Night Yoga

Our new yoga sessions started in January and are continuing throughout February. We've had great feedback from the sessions and hope to make this an ongoing activity for the community. Yoga is on Wednesday nights 7.30pm-8.30pm.

Meditation Mondays

After a trial in late 2022, we have also introduced Meditation Monday's 7pm-9pm. All are welcome and the group is already growing in numbers.



Cherry Blossoms Festival

Preparation continues for 2023 Cherry Blossoms Festival, more information to follow in the March report. The April calendar of events will feature canal walks, local stories walk and talks, open days of facilities across the community, Easter egg hunts, podcasts and more.

Public Domain

- Painting of central median guard rail scheduled. Jim Mitchell Park- Ring St-Lighting Poles in Park
- Walkinstown Road/ Avenue Shops and Drimnagh Road Shops – inspections for cleaning/painting and minor improvements underway.
- Bye Law compliance programme progressing well Kylemore & Landen Road- Very good response with noticeable reduction in illegal dumping
- Grafitti removal at Hardy's Lane – rear of Ballyfermot Road Shops
- All illegal dumping removed from Hardy's Lane, Barnville Park & Cherry Orchard Green Swale and environs.
- 46 Community Clean-Ups facilitated, Clean-up Equipment to Ballyfermot Environmental and Tidy Drimnagh

Report from: -

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