



Director of Services Report South Central Area Committee Meeting 17th April, 2024



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SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

Public Realm & Capital Programmes

Newmarket Pedestrian Improvement

Measures: The views of local stakeholders and residents are currently being sought on proposed layout changes to Newmarket to improve facilities for pedestrians and create more public space. An informal consultation is open until 26th April via the Council's Consultation Hub.

Blackpitts Landscaping: This project continues and should be substantially completed by 19th April.

Dolphins' Barn Area Tree planting:

Proposals for tree planting at Haroldville Avenue, Reuben Street and St Anthony's Road are currently been tendered. An updated programme to install 15 no. trees across these streets will be provided once a contractor is in place and the Area Office will keep interested local residents updated on progress.

Vicar Street Playground/ Public Space:

The Area Office received a number of submissions of feedback on a proposed refurbishment of the small playground at Vicar Street. A tender for this project is now being prepared and we hope to publish this by the end of April.

Meath Street Public Realm

Improvement Scheme: A design team has now been appointed to undertake the detailed design phase of this project. It's expected this phase will take approx. 8 months to complete with tenders for construction likely issuing at the end of this year. As part of this phase, the design team will review all the submissions received at Part VIII stage and make recommendations for any design changes, and arrange appropriate engagement with local stakeholders on the emerging detailed design.

Kilmainham Inchicore Network

Kilmainham Inchicore Network (KIN) - next meeting 22nd April 2024, 5.30pm @ 6 Tyrconnell Road

Jenny Keogh, **Stand Out Films** presented promotional videos commissioned by KIN via Dublin City Council about the local area, all will be available soon on www.kilmainham-inchicore.ie

KIN reviewed OPW **planning application** (ref. 3275/24) for the Commemorative Bridge (Lutyen's Bridge) at the Irish National War Memorial Park.

Respectful inquiry into KIN membership currently taking place - including their roles and responsibilities.

KIN facilitated the **Department of Environment bring its successful launch** announcing a new national engagement and communications campaign on climate and community resilience to Richmond Barracks with many local environmental initiatives involved. (Irish Times article (28.4.28) on "*How one of the least green parts of Ireland is ahead on community-driven climate action*").

Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum – next meeting 22nd April 2024, 7pm at 6 Tyrconnell Road.

At the March meeting, the Emmet Road Development Project Manager and Design Team gave an update on the latest design including Architectural General Arrangements - where they currently sit, some architectural design details being explored, current 1 bed apartment layout and features and design intent – including internal and external “look and feel” brief and direction. Upcoming works on site surveys to take place in the coming months were outlined, as well as the enabling works plans. Discussion on the naming strategy for the Emmet Road Development took place.

Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum (IRCF) Civic and Community Space subcommittee (next meeting 19 April 2024) requested a meeting with the design team to discuss the community hub/library building design. It was decided that these issues will be discussed at the May IRCF meeting when the design team will be in attendance next.

IRCF Education Subcommittee next meeting 15th May 2024.

Grand Canal Activation and Animation Programme 2024 – Dublin City Council / Waterways Ireland Partnership

Dublin City Council and Waterways Ireland are in the process of commissioning providers for seasonal water sports participation programmes, scheduled to take place during May and June 2024, for adult and young persons. Engagement with local organisations and groups has begun to gauge the level of interest and allocate slots. At least 19 on water events – kayaking, SUP, Water polo will take place. Building capacity and long term interest and sustainability of water sports on the Grand Canal is the objective.

Goldenbridge Integrated Service Complex, Emmet Crescent Lodge and Inchicore Library, Emmet Road – commissioned feasibility study has commenced.

Lorne Consulting have been commissioned by Dublin City Council to carry out an initial feasibility study to support a master vision for the development of the Goldenbridge Complex at Inchicore, Emmet Crescent Lodge and Inchicore Library. This study will form the basis of a Master Vision for the Future Use of these three public community assets based on an assessment of community needs in the area.

Goldenbridge Terrace and Bulfin Road/Emmet Road path – environmental improvement plans

A landscape architect firm have finished working on first draft of concept design for the Goldenbridge Terrace gravelled space and path at junction of Bulfin Road/Emmet Road. These concept plans have now been reviewed by internal Dublin City Council Departments, including South Central Area Office, Parks, Drainage and Roads, with feedback given to the landscape architects and the draft plan is currently being revised.

Once design plans are agreed, the next stage includes: finalising plans for presentation and public display (expected May/June 2024); risk assessment and a cost and programme summary. Once feedback received and considered then detailed design, bill of quantities for landscaping elements and planting schedules will be prepared. Tender documents for procurement of contractors, including a maintenance plan, will be prepared and a tender process will follow. It is expected that contractors should be on site for 6 to 8 weeks, in the second half of 2024.

Inchicore Library

The process of refurbishing the old Inchicore Library Building has been gathering pace in Q1 of 2024. Architects are currently reviewing the existing plans to decide on which form of universal access will facilitate the most efficient way to enter the building for all, whilst also maintaining the Historic and Unique character of the front of the building. This work is being carried out with a view to not only remaining within the scope of the Part VIII planning consent but also re-engaging with the previous design team to keep the project costs affordable. All of the above work is being carried out in close consultation with the conservation team who compiled the addition report to have the building listed on the registered protected structure list.

Housing

Sarah Place



New swing installed

Tyrone Place

Clearing out work almost complete on new Community Garden



Oliver Bond House

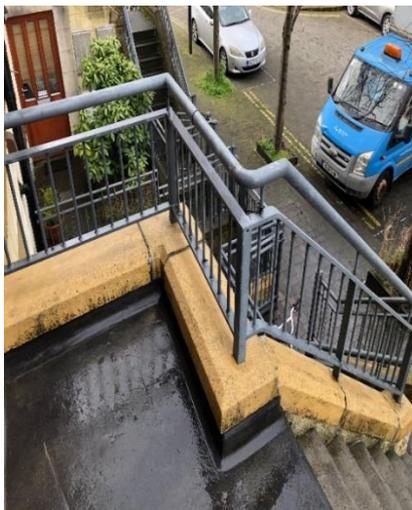
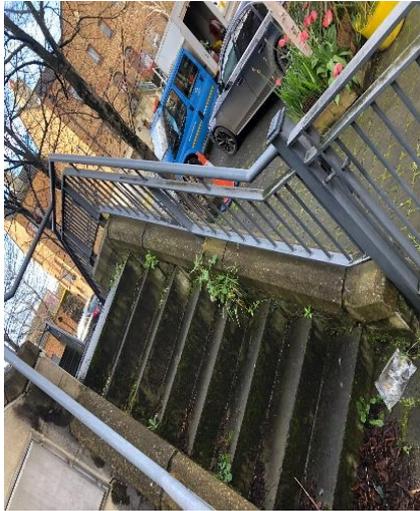
TST Engineering surveys of Oliver Bond. All of the work is non-invasive so there shouldn't be any disruption to tenants. Surveys in relation to Regeneration.



Robert Emmet Close/ Walk

Power washing walls and stairs.

Cleaning all public spaces



Basin Street

Public Private Partnership Part 8 Application will be initiated in May. Planning Application will be lodged in September 2024. The process will last 20 weeks approx. during which observations can be accepted.

Monthly meetings with the Residents group continue as does the weekly clinic held in the complex.

The Housing team are supporting the Community Development Officer in engaging with the local community with a view to support some events in the coming months.

There has been positive feedback from the Residents Committee that the drug dealing on the stairwells in block one and block two has ceased and An Garda Siochana are continuously monitoring the complex.

Poole Street playground & pitch

Housing Maintenance have been requested to give the playground and pitch a deep clean & weeding. Public Domain have been requested to clean the surrounding area.

Meath Place/Pimlico

The Local Area Office are aware of the issue of illegal dumping at Meath Place and Pimlico complex.

We are monitoring this closely on a daily basis, we are engaging with our caretaking service and Waste Management to ensure the removal of rubbish in an efficient and timely manner.

St. Teresa's Gardens

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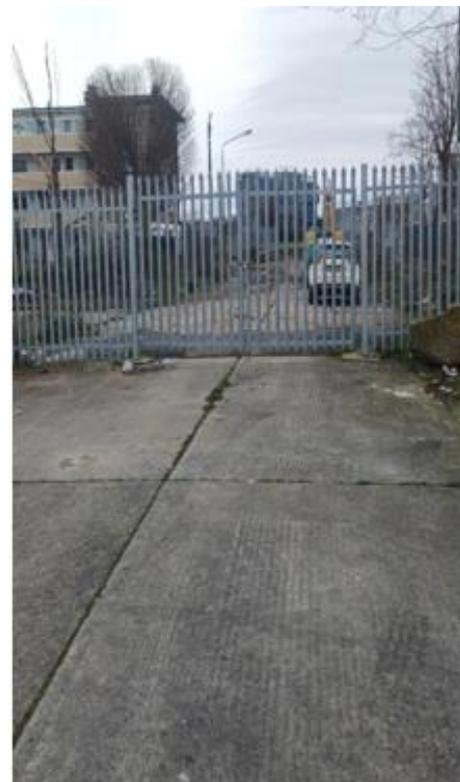
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Before



After



Before



After



St. Teresa's Gardens

A lot of dumping has been taking place in Teresa's Gardens and outside of the fencing. Housing has been proactive to ensure that this is cleaned on a regular basis.

Site works have begun and it is envisaged that demolition of the back block will take place by November 2024.

Local Area Office are currently engaging with CCTV contractors to have poles and cameras moved

Weaver Place

Graffiti removed from exterior walls on Weaver Place. Will be monitored.

All keypads have been replaced with fobs at both Weaver and Poplin Place.



Dolphin House

Footpaths to be levelled along football pitch.

Contractors have visited the play area of the crèche with a view to making improvements.

Graffiti removed from the complex.

Old Dolphin Park

Demolition Contractors currently on site. Utilities are being removed to prepare for demolition.

Herberton/Reuben

Walk of complex done with Management Company, Dublin City Council and An Garda Siochana.

This was carried out to produce a plan to deal with the anti social behaviour in the area and to upgrade security measures.

Community

Launch of the East Coast Dance Festival.

Dublin City Council Community Team supported the launch of the East Coast Dance Festival which took place on 23rd March in Inchicore College.

The Dance Festival celebrates the Art of Dance through training, performance, screenings, discussion, and craft. Their aim is to increase their presence in Dublin South City in 2024 and beyond.

Family Hubs

To celebrate Easter, Dublin City Council Community team, liaised with Focus Ireland team in the local family hubs and were able to supply *Paint your own egg* activity packs and chocolate treats, for all the young people who reside in the hubs.

The team will continue to liaise with Focus Ireland regarding activities within the community ensuring information is shared with families.

History Talk- When the Post Boxes Turned Green

Presented by Cathy Scuffil Historian in Residence. The talk "When the post boxes turned green" took place on Thursday 11th

April at 6p.m. St Andrews Community Centre, Rialto and was well received by all in attendance.

The talk centred on the year 1922 which was a huge year of change for the country. The Dáil had ratified the Anglo-Irish Treaty and the Civil War commenced. Cathy guided us through this fascinating period and how it changed Irish Society.

Dublin City Council Non Voluntary Summer Projects

Applications are now open for Non Voluntary summer projects to apply for grant.

This application now replaces the support for summer project transport costs which some services received last year, funding available is limited.

Non Voluntary Summer Projects are services locally who run. Summer projects within the community applications have been sent to all youth services, family resource centres and afterschool's etc. Closing date for applications is Friday 3rd May 2024.

Applications should be returned by email to lois.salmon@dublincity.ie or colin.doyle@dublincity.ie

Applicants must meet the terms and conditions outlined on the application form.

Opera in the Open

Dublin City Council Community team are in the process of organising local Opera in the Open lunchtime performances.

Two locations are currently being considered and we hope performances will take place in late May and June, further information on dates times and locations to follow.

Public Domain

Graffiti Treatment

Locations this month - *Dolphins Barn Bridge, St. Nicholas Place, Back Lane, Hanover Lane & Arch, St Augustine Street. Marks Alley, Engine Alley, High Street, St Michael's Close, St Michael's Estate, Thomas Street, Winetavern Street.*

BEFORE



AFTER



Night Cleaning Crew - Swan Lane & Guinness Storehouse washed



Waste Management Incident Reports Citizen Hub

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA	
Abandoned Vehicle	30
Community Clean Up	
Collection	27
Illegal Dumping	200
Report Graffiti	14
Street Cleaning Sweep	
Your Street	46
Public Bin Maintenance	45

REMINDER:

Dublin City Council Community Clean-up Saturday 27th April 2024 11am-1pm.

Day Crew - Power Washing Grattan Crescent



Dublin City Council City Neighbourhoods competition has launched.

Groups/organisations wishing to enter can contact Public Domain for more information. The applications forms are available from Eblana House, Marrowbone Lane. Online Applications <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/environment/working-communities/competitions/dublin-city-neighbourhoods-competition>

Closing Date is **May 10th 2024**

Comórtas Comharsanachtaí Bhaile Átha Cliath 2024
Dublin City Neighbourhoods Competition 2024



*Celebrating
20 Years of City
Neighbourhoods*



Marky Lane, Collins Avenue

Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

Dublin Canvas Project 2024: Callout for Artwork Submissions - Summer/Autumn 2024

Dublin Canvas is an idea, a public art project intended to bring flashes of colour and creativity to everyday objects within County Dublin. Less grey, more play! Dublin Canvas utilises traffic light control boxes. These boxes previously designed to go unnoticed have now become canvases for artwork. Leading on from the successful completion of over 815 pieces to date within County Dublin throughout the Summer/Autumn 2015 - 2023. Dublin Canvas is now seeking submissions of artwork for a further 97 boxes located throughout County Dublin. Support the artists and the platform by following [#DublinCanvas](#) @

www.facebook.com/dublincanvas
www.twitter.com/dublincanvas/
www.instagram.com/dublincanvas/

Callout Commences - Monday 1st April 2024

Submission Deadline - Friday 3rd May 2024

Selection process - Monday 13th May - Friday 31st May

Artwork Completed - early June - late August



Photo: Watling Street

Environmental Works Ceannt Fort, Mount Brown Estate, Dublin 8



Public Domain is engaging with Ceannt Fort Residents Association regarding estate improvements. The landscaped gardens at various entrance points to the estate have been weeded and the planting scheme will be enhanced over the coming weeks.





during penal times, the local Catholic community worshipped secretly in a small wooden barn. In 1798, a small stone chapel on St. James's Terrace was erected and served the local community until 1892 when the present church was built.

Cork St/ Donore Avenue Heritage Panel, located junction Cork Street and Donore Ave landscaped seating area (Image -The Fever Hospital and House of Recovery)

Dolphins Barn Heritage Panel, Located at Linear Park Dolphins Barn (Image contains St. John's Church)



Historic information for both panels was provided by South Central Historian in Residence Cathy Scuffil.

The name 'Dolphin' – relates to David Dolphin, a Knight of Kilmainham who was granted lands extending to the area in the Norman era. The Celtic Cross monument on the crossroads marks the spot where,

The Fever Hospital and House of Recovery, built on the Widow Donnelly's Orchard, Cork Street. In the 1950s, when Cherry Orchard (Ballyfermot) Fever Hospital opened, the Cork Street Fever Hospital became Brú Chaoimhín, a community nursing home. This closed in 2011, the site is now used for HSE services.

BALLYFERMOT DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Housing

Tristan Square

Tristan Square was advertised on CBL with a closing date of 19th April. There are 180 properties consisting of 90 One Bedroom units, 88 two Bedroom units and 2 three Bedroom units. The development will be managed by Tuath Housing.

Elanora Court

All of the units have now been occupied by the successful housing applicants.

Springvale

20 successful housing applicants have signed their tenancy agreements and the rest should be signed over the next 2 weeks.

Bluebell

A meeting with the residents who use the bungalow took place on Friday 22nd March with a community public consultation event now planned for the 18th April.

Lissadel

It is anticipated that the detailed inspections of individual properties will commence this month.

Sons of Divine Providence

The draft Heads of Terms are still being reviewed by the Sons of Divine Providence. Following this process negotiations will progress. As reported previously, the steering group will be reconvened when this process is completed to enable DCC share more relevant project updates with the group.

Cherry Orchard

Site 1 of the Local Area Plan:

The door-to-door surveying of 400 local non-home owners is continuing.

Site 2 of the Local Area Plan:

As reported previously, work is continuing in relation to the preparation of the technical design for the project with the public consultation now likely to take place in Quarter 3, 2024

Site 4 of the Local Area Plan:

The planning application for this development is with an Bord Pleanála. The outcome of the application will be reported to the members when it is known.

Labre Park

Cluid continue to work through final aspects of the new proposal in advance of a new CAS 2 application which is expected to be submitted in May 2024. The new plan includes 14 new built units and 19 units for refurbishment along with a community facility. Further engagement will also be required with DCC's Planning and Flood Defence units to ensure the proposal meets all necessary requirements. A contractor has been procured to supply and install the new playground which will be located at the front of the estate. The commencement is expected to be early June.

Voids Update:

Vacant (Void) Property Refurbishments completed in 2024 (Year to date)

Ballyfermot Depot Area	Re-let
House	14
Apartment	11
Senior Citizens	5
Total	30

The following is a summary of the vacant units in the Ballyfermot Drimnagh Area:

Type	Location	Bedrooms	Vacant possession date	Status	Estimated Completion date/Status
House	CHERRY ORCHARD GREEN	2	N/A	Awaiting vacant possession	N/A
House	CROFTWOOD GARDENS	2	N/A	Awaiting vacant possession	N/A
House	CROFTWOOD GARDENS	3	N/A	Awaiting Vacant Possession	N/A
House	CROFTWOOD PARK	3	N/A	Awaiting Vacant Possession	N/A
House	RAHEEN PARK	3		Awaiting Vacant Possession	N/A
House	ROSSMORE ROAD	3	N/A	Awaiting Vacant Possession	N/A
House	BALLYNEETY ROAD	2	03/04/2024	For framework	TBC
House	BARNEVILLE PARK	1		Tenant selected - AGS checks being carried out	
Senior Citizens	BERNARD CURTIS COURT	1	21/01/2024	Tenant selected	30/05/2024
Senior Citizens	BERNARD CURTIS COURT	1	21/01/2024	Tenant selected	15/05/2024
Apartment	BERNARD CURTIS HOUSE	2	06/08/2023	Tenant selected - AGS checks requested	13/03/2024
House	BENMADIGAN ROAD	2	04/07/2023	Issued to Contractor	30/04/2024
Senior Citizens	BLACKDITCH ROAD	1		For framework	30/05/2024
House	CHERRY ORCHARD AVENUE	4	16/08/2023	Tenant selected	05/05/2024
House	CHERRY ORCHARD GREEN	2	13/09/2023	Issued to Contractor	30/03/2024
House	CHERRY ORCHARD GROVE	3		Issued to Contractor	25/05/2024
Senior Citizens	CLADDAGH COURT	1	26/11/2023	Tenant selected - financial contribution	26/01/2024
Senior Citizens	CLADDAGH COURT	1	27/09/2023	Issued to Depot	10/05/2024
House	CLIFDEN DRIVE	3	19/10/2023	Issued to Contractor	20/04/2024
House	CLIFDEN DRIVE	3	01/09/2023	Tenant Selected	20/04/2024
House	CLOVERHILL DRIVE	3	10/03/2024	To be referred to contractor	TBC
House	CLOVERHILL DRIVE	3	12/03/2024	Issued to Contractor	TBC
House	CLOVERHILL ROAD	3	11/02/2024	To be Issued to Contractor	TBC
House	COMERAGH ROAD	2	21/11/2023	Tenant Selected	15/06/2024
House	COLEPARK AVENUE	3	22/01/2024	Acquisition	30/05/2024
House	CROFTWOOD DRIVE	3	12/09/2023	Tenant selected	18/04/2024
House	CROFTWOOD GARDENS	3	09/07/2023	Tenant selected	03/03/2024
House	CROFTWOOD PARK	3	22/08/2023	Acquisition	07/05/2024
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	21/02/2023	Tenant Selected	18/04/2024
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	25/11/2023	Tenant selected	10/05/2024
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	20/09/2023	Tenant selected	10/05/2024
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0		Tenant selected	10/05/2024

Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	04/03/2024	With Depot	10/06/2024
House	DRUMFINN AVENUE	4	20/10/2023	For Framework	04/06/2024
House	DRUMFINN AVENUE	2	25/09/2023	Tenant Selected	30/04/2024
House	ELMDALE DRIVE	3	31/03/2024	For Framework	TBC
Senior Citizens	FATHER KITT COURT	1	24/02/2024	Issued to Depot	25/06/2024
Senior Citizens	FATHER KITT COURT	1		1st Offer refused - New tenant selected	
Senior Citizens	FATHER KITT COURT	1	18/01/2024	Issued to Depot	30/05/2024
Senior Citizens	FATHER LEMASS COURT	1	29/06/2023	Tenant selected	13/02/2024
Senior Citizens	FATHER LEMASS COURT	1		1 st Offer refused - new tenant being sought	
House	GALTYMORE ROAD	3	03/10/2023	1st offer refused - new tenant to be selected	06/03/2024
Apartment	KINGS HALL	1	19/10/2023	tenant Selected	10/05/2024
House	KNOCKMAREE	3		Tenant selected	TBC
Senior Citizens	LA TOUCHE COURT	1	20/09/2023	Issued to Depot	18/04/2024
Senior Citizens	LA TOUCHE COURT	1		Tenant selected - 1st offer was refused	
House	LE FANU ROAD	2	25/02/2024	Issued to Contractor	27/05/2024
House	LALLY ROAD	3	06/02/2024	With framework	19/04/2024
House	LANDEN ROAD	3	10/01/2024	With framework	31/05/2024
House	LANDEN ROAD	3	28/08/2023	Tenant selected	28/04/2024
House	LANDEN ROAD	3	18/07/2023	Tenant selected	08/04/2024
Maisonette	LISSADEL ROAD	3		Issued to Contractor	30/04/2024
Maisonette	LISSADEL ROAD	2		Issued to Contractor	10/05/2024
House	O'DWYER ROAD	3	25/05/2022	Legal issue with boundary	
House	ORANMORE ROAD	3	12/12/2023	For framework	12/06/2024
House	ORANMORE ROAD	2	03/12/2023	For framework	20/05/2024
House	ORANMORE ROAD	3	12/06/2023	Offer refused - New tenant to be selected	31/05/2024
House	RAHEEN PARK	3	03/03/2024	For framework	TBC
Senior Citizens	RIVER VIEW COURT	1	20/07/2023	Issued to Depot	03/04/2024
Senior Citizens	RIVER VIEW COURT	2	09/01/2024	Tenant selected	05/04/2024
Senior Citizens	ROSSAVEAL COURT	1		Issued to Depot	30/05/2024
Senior Citizens	ROSSAVEAL COURT	1	03/12/2023	Issued to Depot	20/04/2024
Senior Citizens	ROSSAVEAL COURT	1	09/10/2023	Tenant selected	18/04/2024
Apartment	Seven Oaks	1		Tenant selected	
Apartment	Seven Oaks	2		Issued to contractor	20/05/2024
House	THOMOND ROAD	2		Tenant Selected	
House	WALKINSTOWN DRIVE	4	20/12/2023	For Framework	21/04/2024

Community

Community Participation

Community Festivals

The City Council will continue to provide support to festivals taking place in the area and access to professional support and advice from an event management company regarding event plans, risk assessments and park permits which can be difficult for local voluntary groups to navigate.

Community Development staff are currently involved with the following Groups:

Cherry Blossoms: The Cherry Blossom Festival is now underway and will continue with events in Cherry Orchard until the final event on Tuesday 30th April, a concert in the Most Holy Sacrament Parish Church, Cherry Orchard.

Link to brochure:

<https://tinyurl.com/mvcp3mrn>

Ballyfermot Festival: Planning is underway for the Ballyfermot Cherry Orchard Arts Festival which takes place from the 7th – 14th July. The next public meeting is in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre at 7.00 PM on Tuesday 23rd April. The Council will support the family fun days in Markievicz Park & Cherry Orchard Park.

Walkinstown Festival: Planning is now underway for the Walkinstown Festival which is planned to take place on Sunday 1st September. The initial festival committee planning meeting was held on 19th March with a follow up meeting due to take place on 16th April. Fund raising has already commenced alongside implementing actions aimed at extending the level of diversity and inclusion within the festival activities for this year's event. To this end DCC Community staff will assist in identifying any new communities that can be invited to attend the festival and participate in the festival line-up.

Chapelizod Festival: The Chapelizod Festival takes place from the 1st – 7th July.

Drimnagh Festival: Drimnagh Festival will be undergoing some changes for 2024. Planning and fundraising meetings are due to commence in April where festival date, content details and proposed changes will be agreed and confirmed.

The Council will also support local residents groups to host local play events in local parks and/or green spaces during the summer months.

Opera in the Park:

The council will also organise Opera in the Park in Ballyfermot and Drimnagh on local greens during July. Dates to be confirmed.

Sheltered Housing Complexes

The City Council has been working with the residents in Fr. Kitt Court to re-establish an annual activity programme to animate the Common Room. Fr. Kitt Spring activities programme commenced on February 27th and will continue until 19th June when the programme will be reviewed in advance of resuming an Autumn Winter Programme. Activities take place on Tuesday afternoons e.g. flower arranging & chair yoga with board games on Wednesday Afternoons. This programme will extend into May and June ending with Afternoon Summer Sizzle Tea Dance in garden area at Fr. Kitt Court.

The Lord Mayors afternoon tea: On May 10th a number of age friendly groups from Bluebell & Drimnagh will enjoy afternoon tea at the Mansion House with the Lord Mayor including Bluebell Sister Shed, Senior Citizen Group and Ladies Club. Some Members of the Drimnagh Residents Group will also attend.



Environment

Birds of Benmadigan: Dublin City Council Community Development has been liaising with Benmadigan Residents Group and Birdwatch Ireland & DCC Parks and Biodiversity staff to develop comprehensive text and design for proposed signage highlighting native bird habitat at Benmadigan Green. The draft text is currently with Birdwatch Ireland for review.



NO PLACE FOR RACISM



Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

Plant Sales

The Annual Community Plant Sales will take place during the month of May in four locations across the area. The vast majority of the bedding plants have been grown locally in the Cherry Orchard community garden, the remaining plants will be sourced through B & V Nurseries. All plants will be sold at a subsidised rate.

The sales will take place as follows:

Saturday 18th May @ 11.00am –
Ballyfermot Civic Centre
Tuesday 21st May @ 6.00PM in Bunting
Road Depot,

Bunting Park, Walkinstown (TBC)
Wednesday 22nd May @ 10.30AM in Our
Lady's Hall,
Drimnagh (TBC)
Wednesday 22nd May @ 6.00PM in St.
Laurence's
Grove, Chapelizod

Social inclusion

Welcome Rooms

There has been great interest from the local community in the welcome room pilot scheme in Ballyfermot Family Resource Centre. The trial space has been open since October 2023 and has seen a footfall of vulnerable people who have taken the opportunity to use this space.

DCC Community Development will provide information on welcome rooms to those living in temporary accommodation through continued liaison with staff supporting residents at the Sheldon Hotel.



History/Heritage

Walkinstown/Crumlin History Group: DCC Community Development (Crumlin & Walkinstown) have been liaising with and supporting the Walkinstown/Crumlin History Group with regard to the republication of "Crumlin and the Way it Was" by local resident Finola Watchcorn. Thanks to local fundraising and financial support from Crowdfund and South Central Area Office, the book is now going to print.

The group have also been working on a number of historical profiles of people related to the area and have completed 80 of them, see link:

<https://www.crumlinwalkinstownhistory.ie/person/>

One profile held particular resonance with local people, Jonathan Wade, an artist from 2 Walkinstown Avenue

<https://www.crumlinwalkinstownhistory.ie/person/wade-jonathan/>

DCC Community Development and Heritage office are supporting the group with their application for a commemoration plaque for Jonathan and agreement has been secured with his family. The date for installation of the plaque will be confirmed when the application process is complete and permissions/agreement is secured and approved.



AGE Friendly Programme/Bealtaine Events

For the month of May the overall South Central age friendly programme will be running in connection with Bealtaine. The uptake for the age friendly events has increased since January and all weekly

events are now at 90% capacity, with the exception of the tea dances which are oversubscribed. The senior population of Ballyfermot and surrounding areas are reconnecting with friends and services in the area and are encouraging other seniors who are living alone to attend events.

Walkinstown Age Friendly Spring/Summer Programme commenced on 5th March and has included Holistic days, history talks, dance, Bingo and an Easter tea dance with an Easter bonnet competition. As the hall is closed for the summer months, the programme will finish with on 9th May with 'Tiki' Tea Dance (Hawaiian themed event which will also be included in the Bealtaine Festival). A review of the programme will take place at end of May with Moeran Road Hall Committee to confirm details and format for Autumn/Winter Age Friendly Programme.



Drimnagh Age Friendly Event: DCC Community Development staff have been liaising with age friendly groups in the Drimnagh area to identify how to address ongoing requests for age friendly events in this locality. A local tea dance is planned for Our Lady's Hall on 13th May and theatre event (date TBC) as part of Bealtaine Festival are currently being discussed and planned.

The South Central Area Age Friendly programmes and events in the Drimnagh/Walkinstown Area; Fr Kitt Residents Group and Moeran Road Hall Committee and Drimnagh Ladies Club etc., have agreed to liaise and share information on both Fr Kitt Court activities programme and Walkinstown age friendly programme at Moeran Road Hall in order to maximise attendance and use of both venues whilst also encouraging increased social interaction at local amenities within close proximity of each other. Where practicable Bluebell will also be included in this initiative. The upcoming Bealtaine Programme will include events at venues in key locations in Bluebell, Drimnagh and Walkinstown.



Summer Projects

Summer Projects: DCC Community Staff have commenced review and planning meetings in respect of summer project support. Crosscare annual summer project general meeting is planned to take place on 15th April where support criteria for voluntary and non-voluntary summer projects and 'special needs' summer projects will be discussed. Following agreements made at this meeting community staff will liaise with local voluntary summer projects in their area to promote and distribute relevant funding support.

Collaborative efforts are crucial in supporting volunteers on the ground in their respective areas. Therefore DCC and Crosscare Officers will work together to achieve this goal. Officers from both organisations will support local volunteers and encourage them to attend the following launch events at the most relevant locations and dates:

- Monday, April 8th – St. Paul's Artane Youth Club – 6pm – 7.30pm.
- Tuesday, April 9th – The Den Finglas – 6pm – 7.30pm.
- Thursday, April 11th – St. Mary's Place – 6pm – 7.30pm. (South Central)



Fundingpoint: Local groups have been sent information on the latest edition of the Dublin City focussed Fundingpoint Local Digest. This provides up to date detailed information and links to viable alternative sources of local, national and EU funding to which local community groups can apply.

It is also available to download on the Dublin City Council website at <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/improving-my-community/community-grants-and-funding>

EU Funding: DCC Community Development Teams have received updated information regarding EU funded applications calls, their related workshops and other training events which might be of interest to the community sector via community development officers and Area Offices. Teams will review and identify relevant funding and workshops for themselves and local groups and will circulate to relevant groups.

Please see Youth related opportunities [Explore Youth Opportunities - Leargas](#)

Orchard Centre

The largest ever Cherry Orchard St. Patricks Day parade took place on Friday 15th March with over 1,000 participants mostly made up of students and staff from St. Ultans and Mary Queen of Angels primary schools. The Lord Mayor (and



local resident) Daithí De Róiste led out the parade which consisted of a 1.2km walk around the park, picking up some very small members of the community dressed in green to lead us all home.

This was the essence of services coming together to share their experiences and skills with the local community at the centre of the entire morning.

St Patrick even showed his face!



The Cherry Orchard Community was delighted to hear the Stone Soup project received recognition from Lord Mayor Daithi De Roiste on Friday 22nd March for their endeavours in improving the environment and at the same time reducing anti-social behaviour in the area. Dave O'Donovan has worked with the gentleman for a number of years and a great night was enjoyed by all staff involved in the Mansion House.



Public Domain

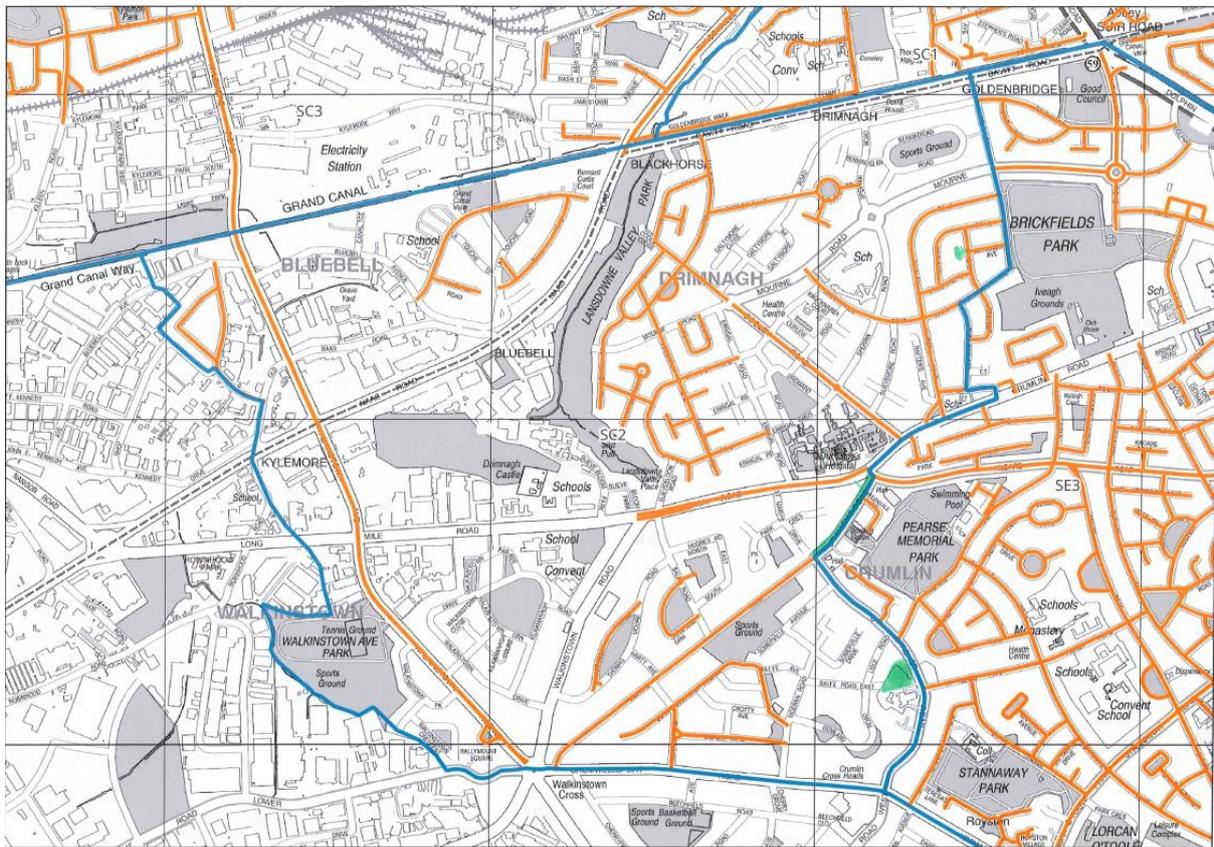
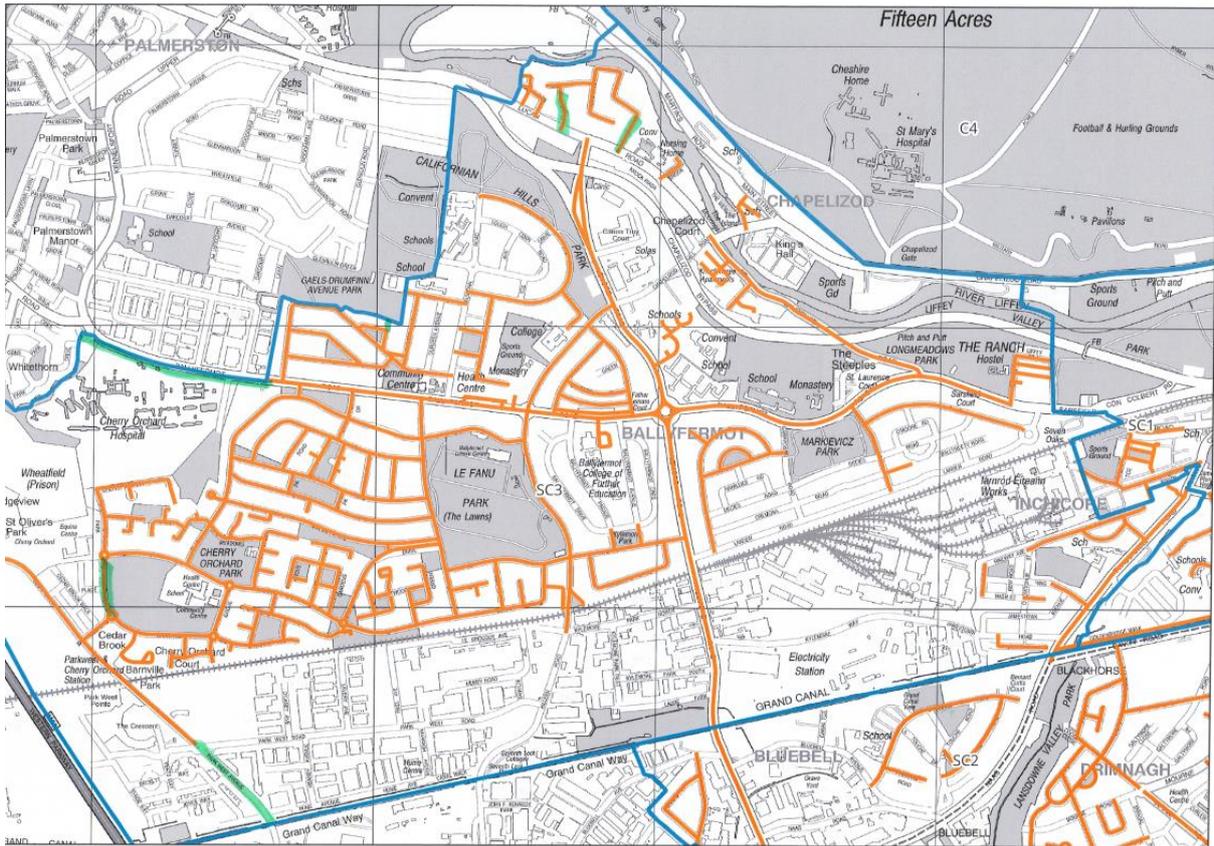
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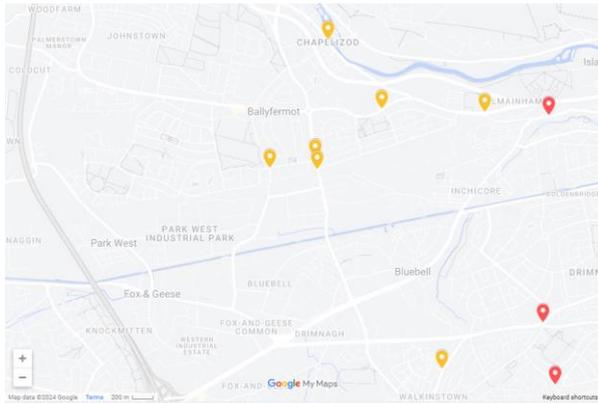
Below are Maps highlighting the Roads in the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh LEA that have been selected for weed spray treatment in 2024. The blue line indicates the local authority boundary and the orange identifies the selected roads for treatment. The roads selected covers approximately 56km, in the area which has an estimate road network of 129km. This is the total allocated budget for the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh LEA for weed treatment, plus additional spend from the Local Area Office.

As you can see, we cannot treat all roads in any one year, hence we are implementing a 3 year cycle so that all the roads in our network will get at least one treatment every 3rd year.

Some of the major roads were also included e.g. Ballyfermot Road, as these are high profile roads. This process will be reviewed annually to ensure its effectiveness, while also endeavouring to fairly distribute the limited resources available for weed spraying.

Treatments are due to commence the on the 15th April onwards, weather permitting.





Dublin Canvas - SUMMER 2024 CALLOUT

Dublin Canvas is a public art initiative intended to bring flashes of colour and creativity to everyday objects, utilising DCC traffic light control boxes. The Public Domain Officer in consultation with Dublin Canvas has selected 8 boxes in the Ballyfermot /Drimnagh LEA to be painted in 2024.

Locations:

1. Ballyfermot Road, Kilmainham, Dublin 10.
2. Kilnamanagh Road, Walkinstown Road, Walkinstown, Dublin
3. Kylemore Road, Kylemore Avenue, Dublin 8.
4. Kylemore Road, Landen Road, Dublin 8.
5. Lucan Road, Kylemore Road, Dublin
6. Mayfield Terrace/Lucan Rd, Chapelizod, Dublin 20.
7. Raheen Park/ Le Fanu Rd, Ballyfermot Dublin.
8. Davitt Road/Benbulbin Road, Drimnagh, Dublin 12.

Dublin Canvas is now seeking submissions of artwork for these boxes and others located throughout Dublin. A mixture of new locations and repaints are available.

This is a fantastic opportunity for artists to have their artwork displayed to the public in prime locations. Completed artwork will brighten up and turn these once dull, heavily graffitied boxes into beautiful works of art, transforming each area into a walking gallery of public art. Artists and community groups who wish to participate and paint one of this summer's available boxes are asked to carefully read the below guidelines on how to enter and then

forward on their correctly prepared submissions to info@dublincanvas.com Visit website www.dublincanvas.com to view all artist's profiles and to further explore the background to Dublin Canvas.

Please forward on this brief to anyone that you believe may be interested in public art and helping Dublin Canvas to continue to "Colour in the County." Support the artists and the platform by following #DublinCanvas @

www.facebook.com/dublincanvas
www.twitter.com/dublincanvas/
www.instagram.com/dublincanvas/

The callout is currently underway. There has been a great response to the campaign on social media so far.



Artwork title: 'Pat Mustard' **Artist:** Conor O Lochlainn **Location:** Ballyfermot Road at Tesco, Ballyfermot Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10

Abandoned Vehicles

Recently a high level of representations have been received with regard to purported abandoned vehicles in the Ballyfermot Area. The Public Domain Officer has engaged with DCC Waste Management Services, Abandoned Vehicles section, to investigate these reports.

All reports of abandoned vehicles are fully investigated, all abandoned vehicle investigation requests should be routed through Dublin City Council's citizen hub portal. Please note each investigation can take up to **6 weeks to complete**, as it may require our staff to write to An Garda Siochana and/or the Motor Tax Office to obtain ownership details on any reported vehicles. When ownership details are obtained the Abandoned Vehicles section are required to inform the registered owner, that their vehicle was reported as abandoned and requesting that they inform them of the vehicles status. If, following a full investigation a vehicle is deemed abandoned, it will be removed and may be stored for up to a month. During this time it can be reclaimed by the owner once all applicable and accumulated fees are paid.

- A vehicle **will not be designated** as abandoned if it displays current Tax, Insurance or NCT certificates.
- A vehicle **cannot be designated** as abandoned if the registered owner of that vehicle informs the Abandoned Vehicles section that it is not abandoned.
- Abandoned Vehicles section **do not remove** or investigate reports of suspected abandoned vehicles which are **located on private property** only those reported on the public roads, laneways or spaces.

Rough Sleeping

If you notice anyone rough sleeping in your community, please report it. There are a number of ways this can be done. You can go directly online to the Dublin Region Homeless Executive website (link below) and report it

<https://www.homelessdublin.ie/homeless/i-am-rough-sleeping/report-rough-sleeper>

Or

Download the Dublin Rough Sleeper Alerts app from the Apple store or Google play

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive is provided by Dublin City Council as the lead statutory local authority in the response to homelessness in Dublin. The information you provide will help street outreach teams, run by Dublin Simon Community for the DRHE, to locate the person and offer support.



Tent recently removed from the grounds of the Ballyfermot Library

Graffiti

The Public Domain Office continue to address the anti-social issue of Graffiti in the area, both by engaging contractors to remove graffiti from public infrastructure/property and by engaging with private property owners, and utility companies such as the ESB, Dublin Bus and Eir, to remove graffiti from their infrastructure located in the public realm.

Below is some of the more recent and prominent graffiti removals in the Area.

Information stands on the Grand Canal walk way

Before



After



Grand Canal walk way

Before



After



Jamestown Road, Inchicore

Before



After



Outside the Spar on Martins Row Chapelizod

Before



After



Community Clean – up Groups

Recently the Public Domain Office has help support the establishment of two new community clean up groups in the area, staff of Britvic Ireland Ltd, Kylemore Park West, carried out their first Community clean up along the grand canal on Friday 15th March and a Rubbish collection group in Lower Ballyfermot, carried out their first Community clean up on Sunday the 24th March which was a great success with 16 bags of waste collected.



Team Dublin Clean – up - 27th April 2024 from 11am to 1pm

Delighted to inform members that the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Area was selected by Waste Management Services as the location to launch 2024 Team Dublin Clean – up.

The event will be officially launched by our Lord Mayor, Cllr Daithi de Roiste on Thursday 11th April in the Peoples Park, Ballyfermot @ 11.30 am

Building on the success of previous clean-up days, Dublin City Council are again asking all residents, volunteers and community groups around Dublin city to join forces to organise the biggest ever clean-up around the city. Let's get together to clean-up our streets, laneways, canal walks and beaches and make Dublin a Fair City again.



April is also the month when the National Spring Clean takes place. To make it extra special, Dublin City Council are calling on all volunteer groups to come out at the same time on the same day to help to clean-up Dublin City.

Groups that register with an Taisce on <https://nationalspringclean.org> will be covered by their insurance.

Dublin City Council are seeking the assistance of all Dublin City Council members working Environmental and Community Groups to contact volunteer groups in your area to inform them of the Team Dublin Clean-up and to get them involved on the day.

As usual, Waste Management Services will be to provide litter pick equipment and will be to collect and dispose of the bags.

A very important point to remember, please inform all groups that get involved that they will be entered to the City Neighbourhoods Competition 2024 and could be in with a chance to win €1,000.

