

**Director of Services Report
South Central Area Committee Meeting
15th July 2020**

SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

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PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bridgefoot Street Park – Ongoing until end of 2020. A landscape scheme for the central median of Bridgefoot Street is currently under development.

Francis Street Environmental Improvement Scheme – This project is awaiting final corporate project governance board approval to proceed to site.

Meath Street & Environs Public Realm Project – Initiated. It is hoped to advance this scheme to Part VIII stage by end of 2020, early 2021.

Marrowbone Lane: the final surface treatment has been applied to Marrowbone Lane. This completes the project. The response to the new amenity area has been generally very positive.

Reuben Street tree planting – civil works to install 6 no. tree pits and planted areas will commence on 27th July. Residents will be advised in advance.

St Catherine's Park – conservation-led works to relocate 9 no. grave markers in the park will commence on 15th July. The aim is to remove a cluster of stone on the east side of the park that is a focus for antisocial behavior. It is proposed to landscape the east end of the park thereafter. All going to plan, the park will reopen to public use in September.

Oisín Kelly Park/ Basin Lane – the Area Office is working with local Parks team to undertake some tree maintenance, landscaping works and boundary improvements to this amenity area. Tree works, including some removals, should take place in coming weeks.

Pedestrian and cycle prioritization measures – the Area Office is seeking for a number of measures to be assessed in The Liberties and some busy village locations to assist with social distancing and mobility.

Economic Development

- The **SWIC Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2020** is now closed. In total the scheme is supporting 24 projects this year in The Liberties, Inchicore, Rialto and Dolphins Barn with expected investment by businesses of over €170,000 being made.
- The Area Office facilitated a meeting of local **tourism partners** in Dublin 8 on 25th June to assess the impacts of the Covid-19 Emergency on the sector and explore opportunities to work together to sustain as many jobs and businesses as possible. Liaison is ongoing with the Dublin Tourism Taskforce on a number of suggestions.
- The Area Office, together with Smart Dublin and the Digital Hub, is leading a partnership of local stakeholders in research, tech and health to develop **Smart D8** – a Smart

Healthcare and Well-being Testbed District in Dublin 8. The project will run for an initial two years under the Smart Dublin banner. The project will launch in September/October.

HOUSING UPDATES SWIC.

Bonham St .Dublin 8. Volumetric Build

Site works resumed May 18th

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

Mark can be contacted @ 0877371254 mark.mcinerney@dublincity.ie

Cork St/ Weaver St. Volumetric Build

Site works resumed May 18th

DCC have designated a community liaison (Veronica Hand) to engage with residents regarding their concerns. Due back on site May 18th.

Veronica can be contacted @ 0870997512 veronica.hand@dublincity.ie

Margaret Kennedy SQ. Dublin 8.

Site works resumed May 18th

Overall – 9 wks behind program. This comprises 2 wks + 7 wks COVID related delay

St Michael's Estate Emmet Road Dublin 8.

Design Team meetings ongoing.

Tyrone Place D8. Regeneration.

Study underway .Report due for completion in July.

Liberties Cluster D.8.

Study underway.

Oliver Bond Regeneration.

SIMS building. Three options explored. New community centre and football pitch to be considered as part of the scheme. Model and plans to be presented to newly established local consultation group for feedback.

Dolphin House Regeneration Masterplan Dublin 8.

Consultation meetings to take place with DCC and Dolphin House Regeneration Board regarding agreement for a Dolphin House Masterplan.

COMMUNITY

A number of outdoor musical events will take place in various apartment complexes throughout the South Central Area in the coming days.

These events have been organised with a view to lifting people's spirits and bringing people together in a safe way.

Residents in the following locations are invited to participate and enjoy an afternoon of Music from the comfort of their own doorsteps and Balconies.

Summer Fun at Robinsons Court Wednesday 8 July 2020

An afternoon of celebration and singing in the rain was held at Robinsons Court Older persons Complex with live music, fun and food in accordance with COVID 19 safety

protocols. The event was organised by the Community Development team who were on hand to safely interact with the residents and provide much needed social activity after a prolonged period of isolation for many of the residents.



On Tuesday 14th July there will be a performance with Gerry Noonan Baritone and Pauline Cooper Pianist in the inner courtyard of Memorial Court. This will be an afternoon of music and songs with spot prizes. Strict Covid 19 protocols will be adhered to at all events.

STORYTELLING ON YOUR DOORSTEP

Dublin City Council's Arts Office in collaboration with South West Inner City Community Development Team is delighted to present The Breadline World premiere of MY FIRST HOLY COVID, a new play by TKB, produced as part of the new Story on Your Door initiative.

Summer-Breeze Fagan and Reece Howard have been friends since junior infants... A WHOLE FOUR YEARS, LIKE!!! And guess what? This year is the most important year of their lives. This year is the year they make their First Holy Communion. And guess what again???

Story on Your Door aims to reimagine residential areas in the city and bring theatre to new spaces in the face of the challenges posed by the Covid19 global pandemic. This performance is designed in alignment with the national guidelines for social distancing.

A number of locations have been identified within the Dublin 8 community. These short performances will take place the week of 27th July – 31st July inclusive.

Clanbrassil Close Environment project and Residents Group

A new residents group has been set up in Clanbrassil Close with the support of the community development team. A meeting was held with the residents and several projects and events have been identified to do with the group. A clean up of the green space is scheduled with the assistance of the Public Domain Team. Clean up tools, bags pickers and gardening implements were provided to the group and we are in the process of planning the new green space. A sub group of the Residents group will work with the community development team to achieve their goals and build capacity. We are providing resources and supports going forward.

Dolphin Social Regeneration Group

The Community Development's team continues to support the Dolphin Social Regeneration Group, with practical, funding/ resource support to the Dolphin Social Regeneration Group. This sub group of the Regeneration board supports the transition of the Dolphin Community through the regeneration and building process. Community development is a vital part of this process and we are thoroughly engaged in this process. We are also the conduit for the social regeneration fund, its draw down and its allocation Dublin City Council has a member of the community development team on this group.

Canal Communities against Racism –Irish Network against Racism: Ongoing

We are actively supporting Canals Communities against Racism and the Irish Network against Racism to disseminate information and connect minorities and immigrant groups into our area.

New Communities Ireland:

We are embarking on a piece of work with New Communities Ireland to assist with their remit locally. We will endeavor to connect them to those minorities that not currently linked to them and we will avail of their educational and practical resources advice for supporting those new to Ireland and our area.

Muslim Community- St Catherine's Sports Centre

The Community Development team been supporting The 800 strong Muslim community based in the Sports Centre. Through their Imam, The Community Development team kept them up to date with health advice and recommendations, community development initiatives, supported, and advised them to deliver live broadcasts from Dolphin's Barn Church during Ramadan. The Community Development team also provided them with the official COVID health advice in both in Urdu and Arabic and sent posters and leaflets for printing to send to the congregation in both languages.

Child and Family Support Network:

The Child and family support networks in Inchicore and the Liberties continues, Dublin City Council's Community Development team participates and shares information, give updates from our respective organisations and work together to support families and children in both areas with practical, physical and developmental pieces of work. The role of the CFSN during COVID has been extremely important and we met via conference call throughout lockdown. This has been very successful in providing vital supports for Families and children locally. The Chair of the meetings has also been an asset to our community development team assisting us with information and advice from the HSE for the many social care related calls we received on the helpline, sometimes at unsociable hours.

Summer Projects 2020

Dublin City Council Community Team are working with Crosscare to support voluntary summer projects to operative this year in a small way.

Due the current Covid 19 pandemic the criteria and guidelines for projects has been revised. Committees are in the process of adapting and creating programmes that adhere to these guidelines, any project who are unable to adapt to this new criteria will not qualify for summer project support.

Summer Projects that qualify will be running their projects during July and August.

Environmental Enhancement Projects

An environmental enhancement project is under way at the shopping Area on Bulfin Road , Inchicore.

The existing planters will receive a facelift, bollards will be painted and the existing hanging baskets will be replenished.

Rialto Cottages

A group of enthusiastic residents from Rialto Cottages met with the Community Development Team and Public Domain officer, with a view to enhancing two cull de sacs, in the area by painting some walls and planting some flowers/shrubs. A number of pre-planted planters is due to be delivered soon to enhance the area around the Virgin Mary Statue. Local residents have committed to maintaining these planters by watering and weeding etc.,

Public Domain section will provide some equipment for community clean ups on a regular basis.

WEAVING IN THE LIBERTIES

Dublin City Council's informal education class on an introduction to - Weaving in the Liberties has grown from strength to strength. In conjunction with South Central Area historian in Residence Cathy Scuffil, City of Dublin Adult Education Services the group have continued to weave their way through this Covid pandemic via Zoom, Instagram and other means of communication.

A further development has come about from this humble gathering of likeminded individuals who participated in the Launch of the Weaving in the Liberties exhibition hosted by the Hyatt Centric Hotel, last January. Not only was there a full house on two days but it also inspired tutors from nearby CDET college to seek approval to run a "Textiles –Heritage, Craft, Revival & Renewal Course " Duration 1 year full-time QQI Level 5

I am pleased to say that this is due to commence in September 2020.

This course offers both a vocational pathway and progression to advanced studies. Students will develop textile crafts, based on ethical and sustainable principles and processes relevant to the 21st Century.

Please see attached flyer for further details. Alternatively, visit www.libertiescollge.ie

COVID 19 COMMUNITY RESPONSE /SUPPORTS

Calls to the COVID 19 community support line have reduced significantly since its introduction. Thankfully, the majority of the callers are now in a position to source their own requirements, or through supports that we have linked them. The Community Development Team would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the support/assistance from all the community groups that we have supported over the years and this time they proved an invaluable contact within the communities they live in by looking out for their friends and neighbours.

PUBLIC DOMAIN

The **Weed Control** Tender is nearly complete and will be awarded in the next two weeks, subject to contract. The programme will run over four years and will be completed across the city on a phased basis. 289 KM of impact one and two roads, as per roads schedule, have been identified for treatment and each area is allocated a number of KMs on a pro rata basis. A schedule for the programme has been drawn up by Road Maintenance as a guideline for implementation of the programme for years 2020/21/22 /23. The SCA has been allocated 42km of impact one and two roads per year. It is only possible to allocate annual

resource to a limited area and the Public Domain Officers, South City, will be working together to identify streets worst affected and put forward a coordinated practical approach to implementation. Inspections of the South East and South Central Area are ongoing and the findings will form the basis of the programme. A discretionary amount of €10,000 has been awarded to each Public Domain Officer for additional weed control measures. It is anticipated that the programme will be completed citywide over a six-week period.

The **City Neighbourhoods competition** will proceed this year within the areas culminating in a local/virtual awards ceremony in September - dates to be confirmed. A proposed closing date of 29th July has been put forward by the Litter Management Office. We are in the process of agreeing a format suited to all areas. The City funds will be made available to areas for the awards.

Intensive wash programme has resumed and Thomas St and environs is in progress with Ballyfermot to follow shortly.

The Dublin Canvas Project will begin this month and 19 Boxes in the SCA have been identified for either repaint or new artwork. The submissions were of a high standard and all artists have been briefed on adhering to HSE Covid Guidelines.

The 2020 planned **Biodiversity Courses** will now go ahead as restrictions have eased and Aoife Munn will be facilitating their delivery in the SCA. Dates and locations to be confirmed.

Report from: -

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

BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

HOUSING PROJECTS

Chapelizod/Springvale Site

The contractors, Sisk and Son Ltd., are on site since 18th May. We are awaiting a court date for the judicial review hearing. Work on the site is progressing well.

3.8 Acre Site at Sarsfield Road

At the most recent meeting on 16th June, the main outcomes and future recommendations which emerged will be of assistance to DCC and DHLGH as they proceed to take the project to its next developmental and design stage. These recommendations come under a number of headings:

Overall development of 3.8-acre site. It was recommended that the site be developed as one entity, if that is not possible no more than two phases.

Housing Mix. Approximately 190 units on the site all of which are apartments across three blocks which will comprise of one bed, two bed and three bed units.

Intergenerational Housing. This type of housing will be a key element of the site with a proposal of two of the three blocks designed for intergenerational living.

Universal Design. It is recommended that these principles and practices will permeate across all future developments on the site.

Management of Housing Units It will be necessary to clearly identify who will manage the complex into the future (e.g. a combination of DCC, TSDP or another approved housing body).

Environmental Sustainability. It is recommended that a particularly strong emphasis be placed on issues relating to parks, walkways, landscaping and overall greening of the site.

Community Facilities. An audit of community facilities is recommended and will be carried out shortly. The option of extending and expanding TSDP's current premises at Sarsfield Road will also be explored.

Access Routes/Roads. Other entrance points to the site or a combination of existing and newly created access points need to be explored.

Next meeting of the SWG is due to take place in September.

OLV site on Sarsfield Road

Site investigations have commenced on site.

Cornamona Site

The contractors are on site since Monday 18th May. Due to the strict adherence to Government guidelines around H&S, there is a reduced workforce on site at present. 189 expressions of interest forms for the units have been registered to date.

Crumlin Road

The potential impact of Bus Connects on the project is being examined currently.

Bluebell Regeneration Project

Housing Development and City Architects are currently working on a vision document for the project. As part of the process, an in-house village feasibility will be undertaken including a greening strategy. Heights, density, tenure mix will form part of the discussion and subcommittees are currently being established.

Work is continuing on refurbishment of the void properties in the area, albeit at a slower rate due to Covid 19 restrictions. Four properties let to date in July with fifty-nine let to end of June 2020. Rent assessments and estate management issues continue to be addressed with staff combining remote working and rostered office attendance.

Skate Park Le Fanu Park

The skate park opened recently ahead of the official opening and unfortunately, there were some incidences of anti-social behavior mainly located in the playground. A number of reasons could have contributed to this. Opening during the Covid-19 phasing when young people had been confined for several months, the newness of the facility and the excitement generated by the opening of such an amazing resource for Ballyfermot, the lack of families travelling abroad for holidays and the fine weather all contributed to higher than average numbers of young people visiting the skate park and causing disruption to the residents adjacent to the

facility. At a meeting on 6th July attended by DCC officials, An Garda Siochana, youth services, public representatives and a number of residents the following measures were agreed: In the absence of fencing, parks staff will continue to monitor the situation with regard to anti-social behavior. The boundary between the playground and Le Fanu Road will be examined and screening shrubbery will be planted. The CCTV, which is already installed and operational, will be linked to the Garda station at Drumfinn Road for remote access and monitoring. Gardaí have agreed to increased patrols over the coming weeks. Barriers will be provided along Blackditch Road in the coming weeks but, in the interim, granite slabs have been placed at strategic locations to prevent unauthorized access to the park. Two big belly bins have been ordered for the new skate park, but in the meantime, bags for the collection of litter will be provided which is the responsibility of Parks staff. BYS have been assisting with the collection of litter and have established an environmental clean-up group who are on site every day. BYS, along with other youth services, have been working with young people in developing programmes to help make the skate park a success. Parks are going to tender shortly for the refurbishment of the pavilion and anticipate that this work will start in October. BYS are already operating from this base and hope to have staff on site until 10pm who will continue to engage with users of the skate park. Ballyfermot Area office, Parks, An Garda Siochana and the youth services have committed to work with the residents until the issues have been addressed. A follow up meeting has been requested by the residents to be held in the next two weeks.

Kylemore Park

No work has taken place on the Kylemore Park upgrade since the restrictions were imposed. The company carrying out the work are from Northern Ireland and have been unable to travel due to the restrictions. I will keep Councilors' updated as to when this work can recommence.

Springvale Allotments

Groundworks commenced on 27th May adjacent to Donore Harriers for the provision of 40 replacement allotments, which were located on the Springvale site. The contractor has been requested to include a space for the future installation of a composter on site. Discussions are underway around the possible installation of composters in Bluebell and Cherry Orchard allotment sites and other sites that may be identified in the area.

California Hills Park

Following on from De La Salle GAA's request to install goalposts in California Hills, as their pitch is no longer available and following consultation with the residents, the goal posts were installed on 8th July.

Ballyfermot Civic Centre Park

Further to the update included in the previous SCAC meeting of 18th June, Parks Services have set up an online consultation page where the plan can be viewed and feedback given. The link is <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/parks/ballyfermot-peoples-park/> Display boards are to be mounted on the railings of the park for a six-week period during the consultation. A comment box will be located in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre in addition to online consultation.

Food Bank

DCC via the Ballyfermot Civic Centre, and in conjunction with An Garda Siochana, delivered 586 food parcels to older persons in the following Older Persons Complexes: Fr. Lemass Court, Rossmore Ave., Rossaveal Court, River View Court, Blackditch Court, Claddagh Court and Fr. Kitt Court. The Ballyfermot/Chapelizod Partnership deliver to vulnerable families and

older persons in the wider community. In line with phase 3 of the re-opening of services, and in conjunction with the Partnership, all deliveries ceased on the last week of June.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Covid Helpline

The Community staff continue to support the Covid Helpline Ph. 2228555. The helpline operatives 5 days a week to respond to requests for local supports. With the lifting of restrictions, the Helpline is very quiet though still operating to support vulnerable people at this time.

The following groups have been recommended for funding from the Dublin City Covid 19 Emergency Fund scheme:

Walkinstown Social Services Centre

Ballyfermot De La Salle GAA and Ballyfermot Social Services Initiative (BSSI)

Cherry Orchard integrated Youth Service and St. Ultans Childcare services

Bluebell Community Project Food bank and Calvary Christian Centre

Meals on Wheels

The Green Café on Walkinstown Green closed due to COVID19 restrictions. Walk were aware that many of their daily customers and clients depended on the service for food and company and responded swiftly and turned the café into a Meals on Wheels hub. They deliver up to 60 meals a day to the Dublin 12 area and support requests from the Covid Helpline. The project has been so successful they have decided to keep it running. The City Council is working with Walk to connect the café with existing services to complement their projects and to identify volunteers and any other support needed to promote the initiative. This initiative has generated new activity in the Walkinstown area and is something very positive to build on.

Halloween

The City Council is working with the Youth Organisations in Ballyfermot and Drimnagh to plan events for Halloween 2020 that will engage young people and families in a safe way.

Environment

The Ballyfermot and Chapelizod in Bloom Garden competition attracted over 100 entries and the official "On street launch" of the Photographic exhibition of the gardens will take place in Ballyfermot on Tuesday 21st of July at 7:00PM on the railings at the Church of the Assumption at the main roundabout.

The Chapelizod unveiling will take place on Saturday 18th of July at 11:30 along the hoarding at the old Kelly's shop. Great credit is due to the Satsun Camera club, the Ballyfermot Environmental Group and the Chapelizod Tidy Towns for their involvement in this project. Building on the success of the Garden Projects the Council is expanding the project, "Drimnagh in Bloom" will take place next month, and the closing date for entries is Friday 24th of July.

Bluebell Allotments

The City Council has called a meeting of the allotment holders in Bluebell to establish a committee that will work with the Council to develop the allotments. The Meeting will be held on Saturday July 18th in the grounds of the allotments.

Springvale Allotments

The City Council is working with the old Springvale Allotment group and is in contact with the previous allotment holders regarding the opening of the new allotments, which will take place during Autumn. The new Allotments will have 40 plots and there is great interest in them and a large waiting list.

Drimnagh Planters

The City council is working with Tidy Drimnagh who have identified suitable sites for the planters and will work with local residents to maintain them. Walk and the local Men's sheds will make and deliver the planters.

There has been an increase in residents contacting the Council to organise clean ups in the Cherry Orchard and Drimnagh Areas and the Council continues to support the Clean ups by providing equipment and arranging collection of the rubbish.

Social Inclusion

Social Inclusion Week will take place from Monday 28th of September to Sunday 4th of October. The theme for 2020 is "belonging, including, participating. The City Council will work with local organisations to hold events during this week

Drimnagh Forum

A group of active residents and community organisations are working to establish a Forum for Drimnagh. The Group is community led and will consist of the local groups, agencies including the City Council. The aim of the Forum is to bring the groups together and form one voice for the area. Local staff are supporting this initiative.

The Community Development staff contact details for Ballyfermot /Drimnagh area are:

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The picture below is a mural designed by St John Bosco Youth Club and supported by the Council to thank all the front line workers which will be located on Davitt road and will be display by the end of July.



Community

The Orchard Community Centre has re-opened on a skeleton staff and severely reduced numbers of visitors/users as per health guidelines.

The DCC Staff of the building above are splitting shifts to cover evening events, since June 29th.

Organisations based in the centre have been advised to be Covid-19 compliant at all times as per national guidelines. Fineprint have been engaging with Orchard Centre with regards screening, flow of footfall etc.

The Sports Hall extension is nearing completion and a proposed completion of build of August end.

The original sports hall requires a new floor for new users and application to relevant funders will commence shortly.

Food deliveries and storing of same regards foodbank has also begun again and in consultation with St. Vincent De Paul a system of distribution will begin in the near future.

Communications around Halloween festival 2020 is ongoing, Cherry Orchard usually displays the fireworks as a culmination of Halloween events each year, due to Covid restrictions, and this is an ongoing discussion with all relevant parties.

The Stone Soup Project has entered the Pride of Place competition for 2020; DCC staff have been engaging with the Stone Soup Project during “lockdown” and wish them well on their entry.

DCC staff from the Cherry Orchard centre continue with their colleagues in the monitoring of the Community Response requests as they came in during June and July.

Public Domain

The Ballyfermot /Drimnagh Area Office, Litter Management Office, Waste Enforcement and Public Domain have jointly resolved an issue of illegal dumping and illegal waste storage near the entrance to California Hills at Drumfinn Road. A clean-up operation was facilitated by the local parks supervisor and the area made secure with armour. The site was cleared completely on Friday 10th July with no costs for waste removal to Dublin City Council

Report from: -

Kay Noonan,

**Acting Senior Executive Officer
Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Local Electoral Area.**



Textiles – Heritage, Craft, Revival & Renewal



“Liberties College can offer the perfect base knowledge for Pattern cutting, construction techniques and fabric experimentation in the form of woven and embroidery techniques.”

Niall Tyrell
Haute Couture Designer

This innovative course fosters and develops artistic skills, techniques, and knowledge, based on the traditional crafts of weaving, embroidery, lace making and felting. Drawing on the rich textile heritage of the Liberties, students can rediscover and recover traditional practices. We place an emphasis on sustainability, working with natural fibres and merging heritage with newer models.

Duration

1 year full-time

Certification

- QQI Level 5 Design 5M2208

Principal Areas of Study

- Design Skills
- Drawing
- Customer Service
- Work Experience
- Combined Materials
- Appreciation of Art, Craft and Design
- Computer Aided Draughting (2D)
- Woven Textiles
(Modules offered may be subject to change).

Features of the Course

- Applicants who have done short part-time or introductory craft courses are especially welcome.
- Students develop a practical working knowledge of Textiles and Craft skills as applied to traditional and contemporary heritage design and practice.
- The chance to develop their own ethical and sustainable craft work.
- Work placement experience which offers real opportunities to engage with professional Textile makers and entrepreneurs.
- A deeper understanding of the history and traditions of traditional crafts of weaving, embroidery, lace making and felting.
- Collaborative working methods.

Entry Requirements

- General College requirements
- No Portfolio is required

Progression and employment route

This course offers both a vocational pathway and progression to advanced studies. Students will develop textile crafts, based on ethical and sustainable principles and processes relevant to the 21st Century.

Progression

- AD101 L8 Art & Design
National College of Art & Design
- AD211 L8 Fashion Design
National College of Art & Design
- TU719 L7 Design Technology & Innovation
TU Blanchardstown

Employment

A wide variety of opportunities including;
Threader & Patrol Controller
Weaving & Textiles production
Loom / Embroidery Technician
Heritage Centre Manager
Textiles Buyer and marketer
Clothing textile technologist



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