



**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE NORTH WEST AREA JPC  
TO BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM - BALLYMUN CIVIC OFFICES,  
ON MONDAY, 13 MARCH 2017 AT 3.00 PM**

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**Item: no.1**

**Draft Minutes**

**NORTH WEST AREA JOINT POLICING SUB COMMITTEE**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 3.00 p.m.**

The following announcements were made at the start of the meeting.

- The transfer of Inspector Liam Casey from Mountjoy Garda Station, replaced by Inspector Aidan Flanagan.
- Welcome to the newly appointed Finglas Safety Fora Coordinator, Jackie Phelan.
- Welcome to the newly elected Community Representatives, Martin Hoey and Triona O'Sullivan, who were elected through the PPN process.
- Welcome to Olivia Mc Cormack to the Admin team at the Finglas Area Office.

<b>Item</b>		<b>Action</b>
1.	Minutes of meeting held 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2016 and matters arising.	Agreed.
2.	Update on the CCTV Project – Insp John Burke.	Cllr. Keegan with regret reported the death of Insp. John Burke's father Michael. 1 minutes silence was observed.  A comprehensive update on the progress of the CCTV programme will be give at the next meeting in March 2017.
3.	Update on Kildonan Lands Project and Abigail Centre.	Noted. Cllr. McAulliffe and Deputy Ellis requested the possibility of advancing development at the site. Tony Byrne noted the recent incident has led to a breakdown of communications and emphasised that community engagement is key to the success of any development project. Aidan Maher noted all comments and informed the committee that while responsibility lay with the local area office the authority over managing the site was needed. Cllr. Keegan requested the attendance of representatives from the Abigail Centre at alternate meetings.
4.	Presentation on the An Garda Siochana Christmas Campaign.	Sergeant Vincent Connolly, Crime Prevention Officer presented a PowerPoint on safety around the Christmas Period.

		<p>Sergeant Séan Herlihy presented a PowerPoint on the Open City Campaign.</p> <p>Both presentations followed with Q &amp; A.</p> <p>Further information on these campaigns can be found at <a href="http://www.garda.ie">www.garda.ie</a></p>
5.	Interim Report on Youth Services Sub Group.	<p>Frank Murphy, Chairperson on the Youth Services Sub Group gave a verbal update on the progress of the work undertaken by the Youth Services Sub Group. Frank to provide a written report for the next JPC meeting in March 2017.</p> <p>Deputy Ellis noted his request to lodge a Bill in the Dáil relating to Quad Bikes, scramblers and rickshaws.</p> <p>Chief Superintendent Wheatley noted the recent information campaign by SDCC and An Garda Síochána on scramblers and quads, Lisa to circulate a copy to all members.</p>
6.	Review 2016 Work Plan and Agree 2017 Work Plan.	2016 Review and 2017 Workplans agreed.
7.	Fora updates.	<p>Reports Noted.</p> <p>Niall Counihan thanked Dublin City Council for the installation of gates to the lane at the rear of the shops on Faussagh Avenue and also for the contribution of winter plants for the planters along Faussagh Avenue.</p> <p>Cllr Reilly asked for an update on a strategy for the Main Street, Ballymun. Chief Superintendent O'Brien agreed a broad agency approach was needed to tackle the ongoing problems and suggested Superintendent Finbarr Murphy contact Cllr. Reilly to discuss further.</p>
7.	Garda Reports.	<p>Reports Noted.</p> <p>Deputy Ellis raised concern over the amalgamation of the drug squads for Finglas and Blanchardstown. Chief Superintendent Wheatley noted the Deputy's concerns and agreed the new arrangement would be monitored.</p>
8.	Strategic Questions.	<p>16 Strategic Questions received, replies circulated in packs to all members.</p> <p>Cllr. Perry's Q. 2 to be forwarded to City Wide JPC for reply.</p>

12.	AOB	Dates for 2017 NWA JPC meetings included in packs. Cllr. Keegan wished all members a Happy Christmas and New Year.
<p>The meeting concluded at 16.40</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on <u>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016</u> at 3.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Ballymun Civic Centre, Main Street, Ballymun, Dublin 11.</p>		

**Attendance:**

Councillors:	Teresa Keegan, Noeleen Reilly, Emma Murphy, Anthony Connaghan, Aine Clancy, Paul Mc Auliffe, Cieran Perry, Andrew Montague, Norma Sammon.
TDs:	Deputy Noel Rock, Deputy Dessie Ellis.
Officials:	Dave Dinnigan (Executive Manager), Aidan Maher (Senior Executive Officer), Mary Taylor (Senior Executive Officer), Lisa Keenan (Staff Officer), Olivia Mc Cormack (Staff Officer), Leona Fynes (Project Estate Officer).
Gardaí:	Chief Superintendent Lorraine Wheatley, Chief Superintendent Finbarr O'Brien, Sergeant Vincent Connolly, Sergeant Séan Herlihy.
Community Reps:	Mr. Frank Murphy, Mr. Tony Byrne, Mr. Martin Hoey, Ms. Triona O'Sullivan.
Safety Fora Reps:	Mr. Niall Counihan, Ms. Jackie Phelan.
Local Drugs Task Force:	Mr. Hugh Greaves
Apologies:	Cllr. David Costello, Cllr. Seamas McGrattan, Deputy Roisin Shortall, Inspector John Burke, Fergus Synnott.

**Councillor Seamas McGrattan**  
**Chairperson**



#### **Item: no. 4**

#### **Update on Kildonan Lands Project – Aidan Maher**

A meeting chaired by Rita Burtenshaw, the Independent Facilitator, was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February in the Finglas Office. Attendees included representatives from WFTRA, Councillors Connaghan and Costello who are members of the Development Group, and Aidan Maher. Items discussed included amended brief for the Planners, Brady Shipman Martin (BSM); feedback on draft BSM report before publication; BSM presentation to the North West Area Committee (NWAC); and type of consultation after publication of the BSM report.

The next Meeting of this group was scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Brady Shipman Martin (BSM) is progressing masterplan options with specific reference to:

- Zoning
- Adjacent land uses
- Site opportunities and constraints
- Consultation output
- Range of possible uses
- Scale of potential development on site
- Access options

The masterplan is non-statutory but will be consistent with the City Development Plan. The draft BSM report will be presented to the site Development Group. The report will then be amended before BSM make a presentation to the NWAC: this is now scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup> May.

Subsequent consultation will include some or all of the following steps:

- Put the plan on public display in the area office / local library;
- Put the plan on consultation for a minimum period of one month;
- Give notice of the consultation in a local paper / on the DCC website;
- Ensure the draft masterplan is available to view online;
- All comments will be collated / responded to in an Area Manager's report;
- Make any changes to the draft masterplan as deemed appropriate;
- Send Area Managers report to the NWAC Members seeking their approval for the Masterplan.

#### **Abigail Centre – Eddie Matthews**

The following is a brief report in respect of services for homeless women on the Abigail Campus since the update provided to the last meeting of the NWA, JPC in December 2016.

The Steering Group meeting overseeing and reviewing the services on the campus has not yet recommenced since the meeting held in March 2016. The Steering group includes representatives from De Paul, Novas, DCC, WFTRA, Gardai and Probation Services.

#### **Issues**

Both site managers continue to address any individual issues, complaints or queries arising from members of the community in as timely a timeframe as possible.

Within the services themselves the number of clients remains on any given day between 29 and 34. This fluctuates depending on move on, unsuccessful transfers

and the well documented and unprecedented demand for homeless services particularly for women.

Since the last meeting the campus has been very quiet and recording of incidents extremely low. The atmosphere in both services is very positive and the number of successful move on to long term accommodation for clients has exceeded targets set out in the service level agreements.

The few issues that arose were managed in-house within the confines of both services.

When the Gardai had to be called they were very speedy in their response to ensure that there was no overspill into the local community.

There was one issue where a male was seen on camera urinating near the gate. He was approached by staff, advised his behaviour was unacceptable and advised to leave the area, which he did. Another issue involved a verbal altercation between a client and a local resident in the park regarding a dog off the leash and the clients belief that the dog was aggressive to which she was frightened.

The progress which was outlined in the last update has been maintained and in addition:

- Preparatory work is being carried out in the garden project as the weather improves.
- Fundraising has allowed for the provision of a small gym and wellness room within the project.
- The CDETB arts tutor is working with the clients and a DCC arts worker around the creation of an arts exhibition of clients work in Parkgate Hall ,Dublin 8. As a reciprocal gesture an arts exhibition will be held in the Abigail Centre in due course.
- Both services will be actively supporting and arranging events to celebrate International Women's Day on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March.
- The local CDETB will be working with the local community and the clients to mount an arts exhibition in the centre in May this year building on the positive take up of the yoga, mindfulness and CBT sessions. The large room in the centre (former church) will be fitted with rails to facilitate future/ongoing art exhibitions.
- The West Finglas Scouts group visited the centre on the 11<sup>th</sup> February as part of their community involvement initiative and baked cakes and bread, used the games and fitness equipment, and met clients and staff.
- The Pavee Point Travellers initiative has now expanded to five mornings per week to incorporate outdoor work in the garden plots, horticultural classes and literacy classes. This is done in conjunction with the CDETB. The Mens Shed project is now operating two afternoons per week.
- I'd like to acknowledge the significant input and assistance from management and staff from the local DCC office with the Men's Shed and Travellers projects and general maintenance and support issues.
- Three clients have engaged with the Voyagers Programme (6 months /Fetac 4) at the Finglas Centre while two other are enrolled with the BRIO programme in the SAOL Project.

While the Abigail Centre admits clients on a needs basis we are also committed to supporting employment opportunities locally. To this end there are 15 full/part-time front line workers from the local area and a further 4 from the Ballymun area. In addition there are 5 contract cleaners and 2 taxi/mini-bus drivers employed locally. Where possible, consumable and other products are purchased from local suppliers.





# Finglas Family Support, Mental Health Survey / Recommendations



Comhairle Cathrach  
Bhaile Átha Cliath  
Dublin City Council

# Background to survey

The Dublin Northwest Area JPC requested the following themes be researched...

- CCTV.
- Youth facilities and services.
- Family mental health supports.



# Organisations who completed the survey

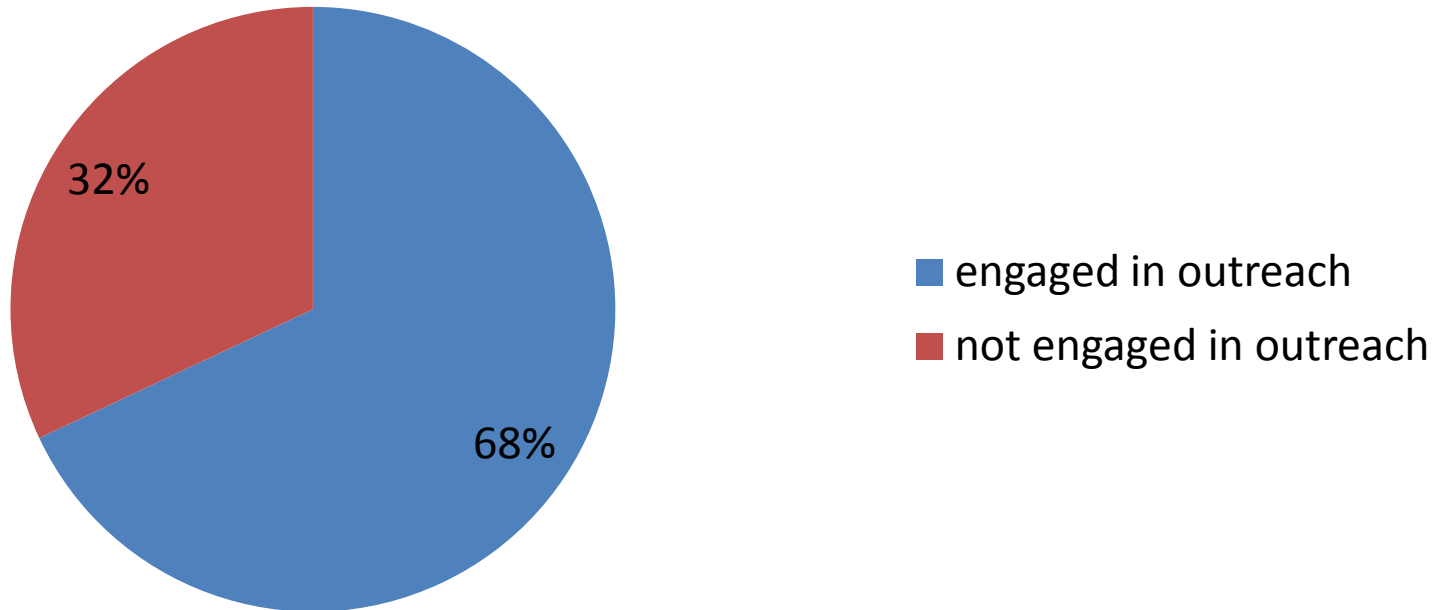
- 27 services completed the survey through survey monkey.

These organisations included:

- Family support agencies / networks.
- Local authority
- The education sector
- Community groups
- Youth organisations
- Local partnership
- HSE
- Sports organisations
- Disability interest groups
- Housing organisations
- TULSA
- Local Safety Forum



## Organisations / groups engaged in outreach



# Respondents reported that they receive referrals from.....

- Department of Social Protection
- TUSLA
- Local Schools
- GP's
- Clinics
- Gardaí
- Hospitals
- Mental Health Ireland
- Dublin City Council
- Community Organisations
- Self Referral
- Down Syndrome Ireland
- Vincent de Paul
- PHN's
- Local Partnership
- Probation Service
- Family member
- Barnardos
- Primary care team
- Crèche
- Solas
- Residential
- CRC
- HSE
- Housing Associations
- Youth Services





## Respondents to the survey reported that they refer & collaborate with the following:

- TULSA
- Local clinics
- G.P.'s
- Hospitals
- Residential Services
- Pieta House
- Northwest Area Partnership
- 1in4
- FAST
- Barnardos
- CAHM's
- School Completion
- National Educational Psychological Services
- Local training & education providers
- Department of Social Protection
- Education Welfare Service
- Primary Care
- Solas
- Local Crèches
- HSE
- CDETB
- Community organisations
- Counseling in Primary Care
- Adult mental Health services
- Sports organisations
- Local mental health teams
- PHN
- Social Work
- Counseling services
- SPC



# How the public access respondents service:

- Social / Community professional referrals.
- Self referrals.
- Medical referrals.
- School referrals.
- Adult mental health services.
- Counselling in Primary Care.
- HSE.



# Changes facing service providers 2013-2016:

- Clients “more chaotic”.
- Problematic health issues.
- Increased number of students with mental health and addiction issues.
- Increase in the number of homeless families.
- More children presenting with emotional and behavioural disorders.
- Increase in long term unemployed.
- Increase in the need to take on a second sibling for support.
- Increase of instances of domestic violence.





# Changes to services since 2013:

- Loss of staff due to lack of funding.
- Change of work practices.
- Reduction of hours.
- Increase in collaboration with external agencies.
- Groups have had to extend time that the client is using the service.
- Introduction of a hub style service linking into services and increased focus on providing information and advice i.e. preventative support.



# Needs of client group not being addressed / gaps in services.

- Limited outreach
- Addiction issues
- Mental health issues
- Housing issues
- Lack of additional support
- Lack of therapeutic interventions
- Long waiting lists.
- Lack of rapid access to counselling
- Limited mental health support
- Lack of local community integration
- Limited assessment
- Lack of legal support
- Inadequate resources & funding.



## What groups report they would like to see in the future:

- For their service to include the whole family unit.
- For mental health services to integrate with addiction services.
- For their service to link in with mental health services.
- They would like a local service to refer too for youth mental health and addiction.
- Have a referral service for adults with mental health difficulties.
- Run a course / workshop for parents with mental health difficulties / a workshop on how parents can be aware of their own children's mental health.
- Additional funding to provide more therapeutic interventions in school.
- Expansion for some groups to become full time.
- Increased in general funding.
- Additional resources.
- An integrated plan for the area.
- Mental Health supports with a whole family approach.
- Advocate for a specific mental health minister.
- Increase partnership in and involvement with the community at all levels.
- To develop the service to be able to meet the demands, to become more client centred focussed.



# Recommendations from survey respondents:

- Address gaps in services for groups of moderate risk including outreach services.
- Address gaps in support for certain age groups for particular kinds of unmet needs.
- A greater cooperation with state services required.
- A campaign for positive mental health.
- Address gaps in services for groups of moderate risk including prevention, early intervention services.
- A coordinated approach for mental health in the local area.



## **Item No. 7**

### **A. Ballymun**

The last 2 meetings of the Ballymun forum took place on the 14th December 2016 and the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Both meetings were well attended by residents, public representatives and the Gardaí.

Statistics for the area were given by the Gardaí at each meeting. Issues that were discussed at the December 2016 meeting included anti-social behaviour in the area, in particular the ongoing problem with drugs, gangs congregating in the parks, particularly Poppintree Park, and how to maximise the use of the CCTV system. A Garda from the Divisional Drugs Unit attended the February 2017 meeting and gave an overview of the challenges the Gardaí are facing in tackling the drugs problem, and the progress they are making. Various other issues on the night that were discussed included anti-social behaviour in the Courts and open spaces in the area, and illegal dumping.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup> 2017.

### **B. Cabra**

Cabra Community Policing Forum annual newsletter was prepared and delivered to all households in the target area: a positive response from numerous residents was received. A number of complaints was received at Christmas regarding motor bike activities in the Cabra West area. Although frustrated, most people accepted the strategy which was agreed and implemented. Numerous motor bikes have since been taken into possession of Gardai and arrests have been made. These measures and the engagement with young people involved and their parents will hopefully lead to positive outcomes.

There were a number of complaints made to the forum regarding excessive speed around Ventry estate. As a result, the forum is currently carrying out awareness campaign in this area.

Local residents are very pleased with the proposed Dublin City Council precinct enhancement on Faussagh Avenue.

The Cabra for Youth Community Garden is currently preparing for the 2017 season with further site clearance and planting.

In relation to redevelopment of the Lock Keepers cottage on Royal Canal, planning permission has been granted and Cabra for Youth are currently preparing a funding application and awaiting long term lease from Waterways Ireland.

Ongoing meetings with Gardai, Dublin City Council, and local individuals, groups and organisations.

### **C. Drumcondra**

The final meeting of this forum in 2016 took place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December and was well attended on the night by local residents, public representatives and members of the Garda Síochána.

Gardaí from Mountjoy and Santry stations gave statistics for the previous period from the last meeting and the newly appointed Inspector to Ballymun was introduced. Issues discussed included anti-social behaviour in the area, in particular the recent spate of burglaries and bicycle thefts, and damage caused to a local playground by a

group of youths. Traffic issues in the area was also discussed, in particular the continued violation by motorists of the traffic laws and also the planned changes to the road layout at Ferguson/Walsh Road. Mary Taylor gave a summary of the work carried out during 2016 through the Discretionary Fund.

Dublin City Council and the Gardaí are reviewing existing meetings in the general Drumcondra, Whitehall, Santry, Beaumont and Larkhill areas with a view to optimising the area covered by local Safety Fora.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### **D. Finglas**

The following meetings have taken place in 2017:

Finglas West Safety Forum meeting on 30th January

Finglas East Safety Forum meeting on 13th February

Finglas South Safety Forum meeting on 20th February

There was good attendance at the three meetings with positive discussions and issues brought forward by the community to Dublin City Council, Finglas Gardai and elected representatives present.

#### **Burglaries**

Finglas East has experienced a large increase in burglaries since November 2016, which is a concern for residents. There was a positive response to the meeting and a strong presence from the Finglas Gardai on the night to answer questions and concerns from the community. The Finglas Safety Forum Coordinator has met with, and continues to liaise with residents in the area. As a result of the number of incidents and level of contact to the Safety Forum, leaflets and Beat the Burglar posters have been distributed in the community.

#### **Fergal's Lane**

Anti-social behaviour, illegal dumping and ongoing group intimidation centered around Fergal's Lane has seen residents at the Finglas West and Finglas South forum meetings call for closure of the lane. The level of success and reduction in anti-social behaviour following the closure of Charlie's Lane was also noted at the Finglas West meeting. Residents have collected over 100 signatures in support of the closure. The Safety Forum coordinator will continue working with the residents to seek positive solution.

The Finglas Safety Forum coordinator has designed and begun distribution of a Safety Forum leaflet to raise awareness of the Forum. The leaflet includes the 2017 dates for the forum meetings, useful numbers in Finglas i.e. DCC, Garda, Crime Victims Helpline and Finglas Safety Forum, information about the Forum and beat the burglar poster. Distribution of the leaflets has begun and will be carried out over the coming weeks.

The next round of Finglas Safety Forum meetings will take place as follows:  
Finglas West - Monday 24th April at 7pm in St Fergal's Boys National School.  
Finglas East - Monday 15th May at 7pm in St Canice's Boys National School.  
Finglas South - Monday 22nd May at 7pm in St Helena's Family Resource Centre.

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