



**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE NORTH WEST AREA JPC  
TO BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM - BALLYMUN CIVIC OFFICES  
ON MONDAY 26 JUNE 2017 AT 3.00 PM**

**AGENDA**

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**Item: no.1****Draft Minutes****NORTH WEST AREA JOINT POLICING SUB COMMITTEE****Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 3.00 p.m.**

A minute silence was observed at the start of the meeting in respect of the death of Chief Superintendent Lorraine Wheatley's mother Claire.

<b>Item</b>		<b>Action</b>
1.	Minutes of meeting held 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2016 and matters arising.	Agreed.
2.	Update on the CCTV Project – Insp John Burke.	<p>Inspector John Burke from Finglas Garda Station gave an update on the ongoing CCTV project in the North West Area. 7 out of the 8 cameras on the chosen sites identified have been successfully installed, they are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kildonan Road (outside Abigail Centre) –Funded by DCC.</li><li>• Barry Avenue - Funded by DCC.</li><li>• Car Park of Clearwater S.C. – Funded by Tesco Ireland.</li><li>• St. Helena's Road/Drive - Funded by Tesco Ireland</li><li>• Cappagh Road/Mary's Halting Site – Funded by Fingal County Council.</li><li>• Glasanaon Road/Johnstown Gardens – Funded by Garda Telcoms</li><li>• Willow Park Road/ Sycamore Road – Funded by Garda Telecoms</li></ul> <p>In relation to the camera at Cappagh/ Rataoth Drive Insp. Burke noted there was criminal damage caused to the pole the day after it was erected. Following consultation between Gardaí and DCC the pole was removed due to risk of collapse and the site will be reconsidered in the coming weeks.</p> <p>It was also noted that an unsuccessful attempt was made on the night of the 10<sup>th</sup> March to cause damage to the camera pole at Barry Avenue. Fortunately the barrier worked and no damage was caused to the pole.</p> <p>Cllr. Connaghan requested extra Garda resources during the reinstallation of the pole and camera. Insp. Burke agreed to provide security during the period of installation.</p> <p>Fergus Synnott requested support in relation to a private business in the Dublin Industrial Estate who wish to fund the</p>

		installation of CCTV camera. Insp. Tony Gallagher from Mountjoy Station to assist Fergus with the enquiry.
3.	Update on CCTV SubGroup.	<p>Insp. John Burke and Ms. Mary Taylor provided a written report on CCTV in the Public Domain across the North West Area. The report was circulated in member's packs. Cllr. McGrattan requested that all members review the report and to forward any comments or recommendations to either Mary Taylor on <a href="mailto:mary.taylor@dublincity.ie">mary.taylor@dublincity.ie</a> or Insp. Burke on <a href="mailto:john.z.burke@garda.ie">john.z.burke@garda.ie</a></p> <p>A final version of the report will be issued at a future meeting of the JPC.</p> <p>Cllr. Mc Grattan thanked the Sub Group on their work and contribution.</p>
4.	Update on Kildonan Lands Project and Abigail Centre.	<p>Reports Noted.</p> <p>Deputy Ellis requested an update on the Masterplan progress. Mr. Aidan Maher advised that a presentation by Brady Shipman Martin is planned for the North West Area Committee meeting in May. This will be followed up with a public consultation for approx 1 month. All submissions will be received and a response report will be presented back to the Area Committee for approval.</p> <p>Cllr. Keegan asked for information on the current classes provided at the centre and numbers attending. Cllr. Keegan also asked if a curfew was in place at the centre. Mr. Eddie Matthews gave an overview of the number and type of classes available at the centre: these include Men's Shed, Gardening, Cookery and literacy classes. Mr. Matthews noted that a curfew of midnight is in place and there is policy for those clients who abuse the curfew.</p>
5.	Discussion on the findings of the Mental Health Sub Group (presented to the NWA JPC in September 2016) with Ms Carmel Kitching and Mr. Olan Devine, HSE Dublin North City.	<p>Ms. Carmel Kitching, Mental Health Manager, North City and Mr. Olan Devine, Administration Manager, Camhs was in attendance at the meeting and answered a range of questions from members. Ms. Kitching explained that mental health service in the HSE was a secondary service and that the first point of call should be to the GP. She informed the committee that a new strategy to be named Connecting for Life will be rolled out by the suicide prevention office. Mr. Aidan Maher requested a linkage with the strategy and the JPC Sub Group for Mental Health. Ms Kitching agreed a working group will seek input from third parties during consultation.</p> <p>Mr. Devine gave an overview of the CAMHS service and noted the current changes and expansion on the North Side.</p>

6.	Presentation on the Integrated Offender Management Programme – Strive.	<p>Superintendent Finbarr Murphy gave a powerpoint presentation on a local initiative in the Ballymun area called Strive.</p> <p>The presentation followed a number of questions from the members. Cllr. Montague thanked Superintendent Murphy and the team responsible for delivering Strive.</p> <p>A copy of the presentation to be forwarded with the minutes.</p>
7.	Fora updates.	<p>Reports Noted.</p> <p>Niall Counihan expressed his concern in changes introduced by the Irish Youth Justice Service in referrals of youths to the YLS project. Mr. Counihan asked if the Senior Gardaí could address this issue with the Irish Youth Justice Service.</p> <p>Cllr. Sammon requested an update on the safety fora meetings held in Drumcondra. Mary Taylor informed the Cllr. that consultation with local residential groups would take place before a decision was made on changing the meetings.</p>
8.	Garda Reports.	<p>Reports Noted.</p> <p>Cllr Sammon aired concern over recent anti social behaviour in both Poppintree and Griffith Parks and the rise in burglaries around O'Neachtain Road, Drumcondra.</p> <p>Superintendent Murphy noted that operation Irene had recommenced and would run until Halloween targeting in particular the public parks.</p> <p>Chief Superintendent O'Brien noted operation crossover was currently in place in the area with extra patrols in operation.</p>
9.	Strategic Questions.	9 Questions received, replies in packs for all members.
10.	AOB	<p>DCC Paperless Policy. Noted</p> <p>Cllr Costello requested statistics on the number of seizures of Quad and Scramblers in the North West Area. An Garda Siochana to provide figures for the June JPC meeting.</p>
<p>The meeting concluded at 16.25</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on <u>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017</u> at 3.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Ballymun Civic Centre, Main Street, Ballymun, Dublin 11.</p>		

**Attendance:**

Councillors: Seamas McGrattan , Teresa Keegan, David Costello, Emma Murphy, Anthony Connaghan, Aine Clancy, Andrew Montague, Cathleen Carney Boud, Norma Sammon, Andrew Keegan.

TDs: Deputy Dessie Ellis.

Officials: Dave Dinnigan (Executive Manager), Aidan Maher (Senior Executive Officer), Mary Taylor (Senior Executive Officer), Lisa Keenan (Staff Officer), Lorna Hickey (A. Staff Officer), Leona Fynes (Project Estate Officer), Fergus Synnott ( Administrative Officer), Larry Dooley (Community and Social Development Officer).

Gardaí: Chief Superintendent Lorraine Wheatley, Chief Superintendent Finbarr O'Brien, Superintendent Finbarr Murphy, Superintendent William Carolan, Inspector John Burke, Inspector Anthony Gallagher, Inspector Majella Armstrong, Sergeant Damien Mangan.

Community Reps: 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

Others: Mr. Eddie Matthews Abigail Centre, Ms Carmel Kitching HSE, Mr. Olan Devine HSE.

Apologies: Cllr. Cieran Perry, Cllr. Paul Mc Auliffe, Cllr. Noeleen Reilly, Deputy Roisin Shortall, Lord Mayor Brendan Carr, John Bennett, Frank Murphy.

**Councillor Seamas Mc Grattan**  
**Chairperson**

### **Item: no. 3**

#### **Update on the Abigail Centre – Eddie Matthews, On Site Specialist Manager**

The following is a 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 March 2017.

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 include representatives from DCC, WFTRA, Gardaí and Probation Services.

#### **Issues**

Both managers continued to address any individual issues, complaints or queries arising from members of the community in as timely fashion as possible.

Within the services themselves the number of clients remains on any given day between 30 and 35. This fluctuates depending on move on's, unsuccessful transfers and the well documented and unprecedented demand for homeless services in Dublin, particularly for women.

Since the last meeting the recording of incidents has been low however one incident in particular was distressing to the local community. The atmosphere in both services is still positive and the number of successful move on's to long term accommodation for client's remains ahead of the targets set out in the service level agreements despite the lack of housing options generally.

While most issues that arose were managed in-house within the confines of both services the following are brief outlines of issues brought to management's attention, in order of occurrence.

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

- A client had a verbal exchange outside a local shop and was then witnessed in an apparent chaotic state walking back to the centre. Management interacted quickly with the shop owner. The client who just had just suffered a significant bereavement was transferred to another service.
- A woman was witnessed apparently using an illegal substance on the street. Staff investigated and found an empty box (benzodiazepine). The client admitted taking these tablets and was referred back to Dochas as she had breached the terms of her temporary release and the good neighbour policy.
- An ex client was witnessed by management begging outside a local shop. Management ensured the woman left the Finglas area.
- A client was reported as stealing goods from a local shop. It was verified that there were two women involved and one had been a client of the centre. The woman will not be readmitted.
- I, together with a DCC official, met with a local neighbour regarding cans and rubbish been thrown in her garden. We agreed to follow up such incidents as soon as they were brought to our attention.
- The local DCC office arranged for a contractor to cut back trees which were overhanging into neighbours gardens and blocking light.

- A local neighbour reported that a couple had engaged in an alleged lewd act close to the centre late one afternoon. Staff from the centre went out, and when the woman was identified they brought her back to the centre. While staff did not witness any unlawful activity the local Gardaí were immediately notified of the complaint. I am aware that individuals have made complaints to the Gardaí regarding the same incident.

The woman in question was transferred from the centre later that evening. At the time of writing this report I understand the Gardaí are investigating this complaint and may ultimately prepare a file for the DPP. We will naturally fully engage with this process.

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

- The garden project has been completed, landscaped and fully populated with plants.
- International Women's Day was jointly celebrated by staff and clients 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 the coming weeks 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.
- A very talented client had pieces of art displayed as part of an area wide arts exhibition organised by Dublin City Council's Area Office. The work was very well received including offers to purchase some of the pieces.
- A dedicated room has been refurbished for use by FAST in providing reach work with clients on a one to one basis with regard to their individual issues.
- The National Travellers Network now has the use of a dedicated meeting/outreach base in the centre.
- While the CDETB closes for the summer months it has been decided to continue to organise the yoga and garden projects during this time.
- The Dublin North West Area Partnership has requested the use of the training kitchen in the centre during Finglas Positive Wellness week at the end of the summer.
- I'd like to acknowledge the significant input and assistance from management and staff from the local DCC area office with the Men's Shed and Travellers projects and with general maintenance and support issues.
- Three clients are engaged with the Voyagers Programme (6 months /Fetac 4) at the Fingal Centre while two other are enrolled with the BRIO programme in the SAOL Project.

## **Update on Kildonan Lands Project – Aidan Maher, Asst. Area Manager**

Brady Shipman Martin (BSM) presented their draft report providing an overview of three potential options for the Kildonan site to the group chaired by Rita Burtenshaw, the Independent Facilitator, on the 4<sup>th</sup> May in the Finglas Office. The Group, which included representatives from WFTRA, unanimously favored option (c) for the following reasons:

- It maximises the use of the land for the provision of much needed homes.
- There are no large public buildings with unspecified uses.

The group also made a number of recommendations to the planners.

BSM subsequently presented their updated report to the May meeting of the North West Area Committee (NWAC). Councillors praised the work of the group which succeeded in bringing the process to this stage. Following NWAC approval we were able to commence a public consultation of the options during June.

Public consultation commenced on the 6<sup>th</sup> June. The draft masterplan was/is available to view at the following locations:

6 <sup>th</sup> June – 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Finglas Library, Finglas Village Centre, Jamestown Road. <i>Opening times:</i> Monday and Wednesday 1.00pm - 8.00pm Tuesday, Thursday to Saturday 10.00am - 5.00pm
19 <sup>th</sup> June – 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	WFTRA Community Centre, 52a Mellows Road, West Finglas <i>Opening times:</i> Monday to Friday 9.30am - 2.30pm
26 <sup>th</sup> June – 30 <sup>th</sup> June	North West Area Office, Finglas Civic Centre, Mellows Road <i>Opening Times:</i> Monday to Friday 9.00am – 4.00pm

Submissions can be made online at: [www.consultation.dublincity.ie](http://www.consultation.dublincity.ie) or at the above locations.

Brady Shipman Martin were in attendance at the WFTRA Community Centre on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> June from 6.15pm - 7.45pm to respond to questions from the public.

Information leaflets were distributed from the 8<sup>th</sup> June to households in adjoining estates. Advertisements were also placed in the Northside People and The Local News.



Display in Finglas Library



## **Item No. 6**

### **A. Ballymun**

#### **Safer Ballymun**

The last meeting of this forum took place on Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup> in the Council Chamber, Ballymun Civic Centre. It was well attended on the night by DCC staff, local residents, public representatives and the Gardaí.

The Gardaí gave the crime statistics for the period since the last meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>. This was followed by a presentation on a new Domestic Violence Unit which is running a pilot programme in Ballymun to deal with this issue. There was a long discussion on the crime and anti-social behaviour in Ballymun which a lot of residents feel has reached a new high. Residents reported living in fear of gangs and drug dealing in particular seems to be rife.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

### **B. Cabra**

Concerns have been raised regarding the serious decline in community policing resources / service for the Cabra Policing Forum area.

Community policing service to the Cabra East area which is served by Mountjoy Garda station has severely depleted.

Service to the Annamoe area is practically non-existent due to unavailability of community at Bridewell Garda station.

In relation to the Cabra West area, the community policing unit has been reduced to four Gardai.

The community policing sergeant is now operating on a part time basis.

Also the recently appointed detective sergeant for Cabra station has been allocated to a new role in Blanchardstown Garda station.

#### **Faussagh Avenue.**

As part of the ongoing efforts to improve the appearance and safety on Faussagh Avenue, a new batch of flowers have been recently planted. Many thanks offered to DCC for the supply of these flowers.

Encouraging to note that there was no damage to plants or planters which were installed last year.

#### **ID Required Project.**

Stickers have been produced and ready for distribution. It is important that as many people as possible display these stickers to highlight the constant awareness and vigilance of the community regarding home security. If anyone has friends or neighbours who could benefit from these stickers please contact forum co-ordinator.

## **Luas Line**

SSJV is working towards the big milestone of energising the lines and wires during May and the first tram tests around mid-June. The project has now matured to the final phase with the over head contact wire installed this coming weekend on the St. Stephens Green to Abbey St section. This is the final section of overhead contact wire to be installed and will result in a continuous line from Stephens Green to Broombridge. There is a complex testing and commissioning programme which started on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. This testing programme will continue over the entire summer. **It is important to note that the wires are now live.**

Meetings are ongoing with Gardaí, DCC, local individuals, clubs, and organisations.

## **C. Drumcondra**

### **Drumcondra/Glasnevin Community Forum**

The last meeting of this forum took place on Wednesday March 29<sup>th</sup> in the Maples Hotel, Drumcondra. There was a large group of residents in attendance as well as DCC staff, local representative and members of the Gardaí from Santry and Mountjoy Garda Stations.

The Gardaí gave their reports for the period from the last meeting and various issues were discussed such as criminal damage to cars in the area, burglaries, graffiti, personal assaults and traffic issues especially illegal parking. Residents were advised by the Gardaí to maximise their personal safety at all times. Samantha Fahy from DCU gave a presentation on the plans DCU have in place to ensure all their students use a sustainable form of transport to and from the college.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **D. Finglas**

The latest round of Finglas Safety Forum meetings took place as following:  
Finglas West - Monday 24th April 2017 in St Fergal's Boys National School.  
Finglas East - Monday 15th May 2017 in St Canice's Boys National School  
Finglas South - Monday 22nd May 2017 in St Helena's Family Resource Centre.

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

### **Traffic issues:**

Residents in attendance at the Finglas East meeting raised concerns about dangerous traffic congestion along Glasanaon road and the fallout in Fairways estate. A question was posed if a section of the park could be used for a car park to relieve the traffic at this area? Even if the traffic is removed from Glasanaon road with railings etc., the residents fear the traffic issue won't be solved but moved further into Fairways estate. While it is acknowledged there is a move, city wide, away from the Dublin City Council prioritising and facilitating the use of cars it was felt this could help solve this problem.

Residents also raised illegal parking and traffic congestion issues around the Village, especially by Iceland. Residents feel the loss of the parking warden in the village is a massive factor with the increase of illegal parking.

#### **Quad bikes and scramblers:**

Wide concern for the use of scramblers and quad bikes was raised at the Finglas South and Finglas West meeting. The main concerns centred around enforcement and seizures of bikes, legislation, exposure of the issue, parental responsibility, outlet for young people in Finglas who enjoy riding quad bikes to do so safely, and physical environment.

Following the public forums a SARA problem-solving meeting was held in The Den on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May. The impact of the bikes on the community was highlighted and various complexities to this issue.

A steering group will be created to look at ideas raised on the night. The Finglas Safety Forum coordinator is also hoping to attend the various summer projects in the area and speak to the young people about the quad bikes.

As there is currently little engagement from young people to help solve the issue, the Finglas Safety Forum, The Den and FYRC will work with young people with possible proposal to design a new leaflet.

The proposal for new CCTV cameras in Finglas South was met with positivity at the meetings. Residents also noted the work done to reduce the burglaries in Finglas East over the winter period, but concern was raised over current burglaries and other anti social behaviour in Finglas South including the response times across the area.

The Finglas Safety Forum continues to work with the community looking at actionable solutions and has met with many residents, resident groups and community groups since the last JPC. Following a meeting with different groups, the Finglas Safety Forum coordinator attended the Older Persons Expo and the Home School Liaison Wellness day to raise the profile of the Forum, answer any questions and give out relevant information about issues of concern including bogus traders, cyber safety and community impact of quad bikes.

The Finglas safety forum coordinator has also responded to issues of anti-social behaviour in Violet Hill, Mellowes Park and Kildonan; working with the residents, youth service and Gardaí.

The next round of Finglas Safety Forum meetings take place:

Finglas West - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 in St Fergal's Boys National School.

Finglas East - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September in St Canice's Boys National School

Finglas South - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October in St Helena's Family Resource Centre.

