



**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE NORTH WEST AREA JPC
TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BALLYMUN CIVIC OFFICES, BALLYMUN.
ON MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 3.00 PM**

AGENDA

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Draft Minutes

Item		Action
1.	Minutes of meeting held 13 th March 2017 and matters arising.	Agreed.
2.	Update on the CCTV Project – Insp John Burke.	Inspector John Burke gave a verbal update on the new proposal of CCTV cameras for Finglas and Cabra. A power point presentation was circulated to all members detailing the proposed sites and benefits to the Gardaí, Public and the Business Community. A formal approval was given by the members of the NWA JPC to continue the project.
3.	Update on Kildonan Lands Project and Abigail Centre.	Reports Noted. A representative from the Abigail Centre was unavailable to attend the meeting. It was noted that, Eileen Gleeson, Director of the Homeless Services in DCC had agreed that any issues raised at the meeting outside of policing can be forwarded for response. Cllr. Perry requested that all clients should be vetted before attending the centre. He noted residents from the area are still experiencing anti social behaviour. Deputy Ellis expressed his concern over the current housing crisis and the need to support the vulnerable women who attend the centre. Cllr. Mc Auliffe requested that Brendan Kenny, Assistant Chief Executive be invited to attend the next meeting of the NWA JPC. This was agreed and supported by a number of members. Mr. Aidan Maher noted the consultation process for the Kildonan Lands project would finish on the 30 th June and there was a good return of replies and suggestions received.
4.	Presentation on Restorative Justice, presented by Tim Coughlan, Chairperson of Facing Forward.	A verbal presentation was given by Tim Coughlan, Chairperson of Facing Forward. Tim was thanked for his presentation and Superintendent Finbarr Murphy offered his support in restorative practices.
5.	Presentation on Victims of Domestic Abuse, presented by Superintendent Finbarr Murphy.	A verbal presentation was given by Superintendent Finbarr Murphy. Superintendent Murphy was thanked for his presentation and received a number of positive comments with regard to the work the Domestic Abuse Unit was providing in the

		Ballymun area.
6.	Fora updates.	<p>Reports Noted.</p> <p>Councillors Reilly and Montague raised concerns over the recent criminal activity in the Shangan area in Ballymun. Supt. Murphy noted an increase in patrols in the area along with a number of drug related arrests that are due before the courts. Sgt. Bernard Young was praised for his work with youth's to tackle joy riding in the area.</p> <p>Niall Counihan welcomed the proposal of new CCTV to the Faussagh Area and the improvements made by DCC to the public domain. He noted his concern at the depletion in community Garda personnel in the Cabra area.</p> <p>Superintendent Liam Carolan accepted the concern over reduced resources and noted a business case for increased resources has being sent to Garda Headquarters. The measures in place in both Cabra and Finglas are interim measures. Chief Superintendent Wheatley noted 10 new Gardaí to the K district but with all new recruits they will need supervision and guidance.</p> <p>There was general concern over the 12 month turn around for recruitment of personnel.</p> <p>The ongoing issues with quads and scramblers was raised. Sgt. Mangan noted 11 seizures of unauthorised bikes in Finglas during May and June.</p> <p>Cllr. Carney Boud requested statistics for seizures should be noted on Garda Reports going forward.</p> <p>The attempt to tackle the problem is ongoing and efforts are being made through a specially formed sub group established with the help and guidance of Jackie Phelan, Finglas Safety Coordinator.</p>
7.	Garda Reports.	<p>Reports Noted.</p> <p>Amendment noted for the Mountjoy Report. Theft from shop should read P1. 17 and P.2 38.</p> <p>Amendment noted for the Cabra Report. Public Order incidents should read +120% (increase).</p> <p>Cllr. Reilly noted the concerning increase in theft from shops in the Ballymun Report. She requested extra support for business owners. Supt. Murphy agreed to meet with business owners if required.</p> <p>Cllr. Perry noted the increase in theft in the Cabra area. Supt. Carolan explained the increase was due to increased activity in the Phoenix Park. Extra patrols have being arranged in the area.</p> <p>Cllr. Reilly noted the response to her question with regard to the hand over of CCTV in Ballymun to the Gardaí. Supt. Murphy agreed to request the handover again with the Assistant Commissioner. Cllr. Mc Auliffe asked if a site visit to the CCTV operation centre could be arranged again. Mary Taylor agreed to arrange.</p>

8.	Strategic Questions.	24 Questions received, 6 questions returned as non strategic. Replies circulated in packs for all members. Cllr. McGrattan explained the need to keep questions to a strategic nature and requested a limit of 2 questions per member. Agreed.
9.	AOB	
<p>The meeting concluded at 16.25pm</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on <u>Monday 25th September 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, Emma Murphy, Andrew Montague, Cathleen Carney Boud, Norma Sammon, Cieran Perry, Paul Mc Auliffe, Noeleen Reilly.

TDs: Deputy Dessie Ellis.

Officials: Aidan Maher (Senior Executive Officer), Mary Taylor (Senior Executive Officer), Lisa Keenan (Staff Officer), Lorna Hickey (A. Staff Officer), Fergus Synnott (Administrative Officer), Declan Ronan (Area Housing Manager).

Gardaí: Chief Superintendent Lorraine Wheatley, Superintendent Finbarr Murphy, Superintendent William Carolan, Inspector John Burke, Inspector Aidan Flanagan, Sgt. Damien Mangan.

Community Reps: Mr. Martin Hoey, Ms. Triona O'Sullivan, Ms. Teresa Lydon.

Safety Fora Reps: Mr. Niall Counihan, Ms. Jackie Phelan.

Apologies: Deputy Roisin Shortall, Lord Mayor Brendan Carr, Frank Murphy, David Costello, Anthony Connaghan, Áine Clancy, Andrew Keegan, Dave Dinnigan, Eddie Matthews, Mr. Tony Byrne, Hugh Greaves.

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 June 2017.

The Steering Group 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 the Novas, Tus Nua, 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 a timeframe as possible.

Within the services themselves the number of clients currently stands at 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 occurrence of incidents has been low and no serious incident has been recorded. Examples of issues reported are detailed below. The atmosphere in both services is still positive and every effort continues to be made to facilitate and support the clients to move to permanent long term housing in line with their individual social care plan. While most issues that arose were managed in-house within the confines of both services the following are brief outlines of issues brought to the 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. I would like to thank the local DCC office for their support and for assisting in working with groups such as Pavee Point and the Mens Shed in utilising the campus.

I would also like to acknowledge the role of the probation staff and their supervisors in the coordination of ongoing works on the campus.

Reported Incidents:

- There was a report of a man and woman fighting at the bottom of Kildonan Road. Two members of staff went out on two occasions but found nothing to report.
- A call was received from the local shop with regard to a woman who had stolen goods. Staff called to the shop and examined the CCTV and confirmed the lady was not from either service.
- Staff witnessed a client unsteady on her feet and returning across the park. They went out and escorted her back to the premises.
- A client returning to the premises was verbally abused by a group of youths and had objects thrown at her. She was very distressed on returning to the premises.
- The following complaints were made:
 - (1) Begging at the local shops.
 - (2) A mobile phone being stolen.
 - (3) Clients being loud on returning to the project.

In relation to (1) staff went to the local shop manager who reported he had no particular issue with begging. The issue and information re the mobile phone (2) was vague and additional information was sought and (3) clients were requested to respect their neighbourhood, and to be quieter on returning to the premises.

- One particular client who has no drug or alcohol issues has come to the attention of local people on three occasions as she tends to state loudly that she will self harm. This tends to frighten people and staff members escort her back to the premises quickly. Staff are trying everything in their power to minimise these community issues as they feel that the Abigail Centre offers the best and probably only chance for this woman to be rehabilitated successfully. The woman is linked to the psychiatric service and has an extensive key working schedule.
- On two occasions clients did not pay their taxi fares. In keeping with the services policy both taxi drivers were contacted and a reimbursement offered. The fares were then charged against the clients.

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

- The North West Area Partnership will be utilising the training kitchen in the centre during the Finglas Positive Wellness Fortnight.
- Pavee point utilised the training kitchen in the centre over the summer months to provide one to one cookery classes for the travelling community.
- Pavee Point in cooperation with the Irish Heart Foundation held a community day in August on the campus. This was extremely well attended and exhibitions of crafts and sports were displayed. There was also a barbecue and gardening/allotments work groups.
- Work on the fitting out of a staff training room is almost complete
- The Men's Shed is holding an event on the campus as part of the Finglas Positive Wellness Fortnight.
- A major private company carried out extensive painting and garden refurbishment in Tus Nua as part of their corporate social responsibility policy.
- Services on the campus are participating in the 6th Annual Finglas Positive Wellness Fortnight to support the principle of identifying and supporting positive mental health in the general population. The event on the 22nd September is open to all and will have two particular themes - catering for school going children and older people.

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

Following public consultation the Lands Framework Study has been completed by Brady Shipman Brady. It was discussed at the September meeting of the North West Area Committee.



Next Steps

The Kildonan site was transferred to Dublin City Council from the OPW for the provision of a day and residential service to meet the needs of vulnerable women with histories of homelessness.

Now that the Site Framework Study has been completed the next step is to establish how the existing service can continue and that the City Council has satisfied the terms of the agreement for the transfer of the lands from the OPW.

The Housing Department has informed our office that they will consider including the lands in the Social Housing Programme when the requirements for the continuation of the service have been determined by the Dublin Region Homeless Executive.

The latest Meeting of the group chaired by Rita Burtenshaw, the Independent Facilitator, was scheduled for the 21st September.

Brendan Kenny, Assistant Chief Executive, will attend a meeting with the WFTRA Committee and public representatives in the Finglas Area Office at 4 pm on the 27th September.

Item 4.

Motion in the name of Councillor David Costello:

That this Committee calls of Dublin City Council to create a passive policing and security plan for the area to the rear of Ashington Mews beside the new Ratoath Road flyover.

Item No. 6

A. Ballymun

A meeting of this forum took place on Tuesday 12th September at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Ballymun Civic Centre. It was well attended by local residents, DCC staff and public representatives.

Councillor Noeleen Reilly provided an update on the recent City Neighbourhood Awards held in Ballymun Civic Centre and thanked everybody involved for their efforts. The Gardaí gave the crime statistics for the period since the last meeting. Issues that were discussed following this included the recent shootings, anti-social behaviour in particular drug dealing in the Courts, and illegal dumping. Residents also expressed concern about Halloween approaching and what plans are being put in place for this. Safety Week will take place from Monday 23rd of October to Friday 27th October and various events are being planned during this week.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 24th October and this meeting will be the launch of Safer Ballymun Safety Week.

B. Cabra

The forum bi-monthly meeting took place 11th July, the following issues arose:

- Suspected drug dealing at identified location.
- Reckless/dangerous driving at identified location.
- Minor issues with scrambler and quad bike.
- Potential parking problems at Broombridge and Cabra LUAS stations.

The members welcomed and noted appreciation to Dublin City Council on the floral enhancement along Faussagh Ave.

The annual forum community festival coffee morning took place on 15th August. It was very well attended by approximately 70 residents, representatives from various organisations including the Cabra Resource Centre, DNWAP, Cabra CDP, Task Community Care, elected representatives and community Gardaí and Garda management from all three stations serving the forum area.

Following the presentations on behalf of Cabra Community Policing Forum, Cabra Resource Centre and An Garda Síochána, all residents remained for a friendly informal cup of tea with their local Gardaí and representatives from the various organisations. Many residents expressed appreciation for the fact that despite their busy workload Garda from all stations remained and engaged in a very genuine manner.

Cabra Community Policing forum have secured funding from Finglas Cabra DATF for the purpose of sponsoring the Young Person of The year in the 2017 Northside People Awards. The forum intends to use this media opportunity to highlight the positive activities and contributions of the vast majority of the young people of Cabra.

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

C. Drumcondra

A meeting of this forum took place on Wednesday 28th June at 7pm in the Maples Hotel, Drumcondra. Gardaí from Santry and Mountjoy Garda Stations were in attendance as well as a large number of local residents and some public representatives. Issues such as crime in the area, abandoned cars, illegal parking, the lack of bus routes in the area, and motorists ignoring traffic signs were discussed on the night. There was a lengthy discussion on the upcoming new traffic layout trial on Walsh/Ferguson Road. Residents spoke both for and against the trial which is due to take place over the coming months.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday September 27th.

D. Finglas

The next round of Finglas Safety Meetings will take place as follows:

Finglas West:

Monday 18th September, St Fergal's Boys' National School, 7pm – 8.30pm

Finglas East:

Monday 25th September, St Canice's Boys' National School, 7pm – 8.30pm

Finglas South:

Monday 16th October, St Helena's Family Resource Centre, 7pm – 8.30pm

An Garda Síochána Policing Plan 2018 Submission

As part of the An Garda Síochána Policing Plan Stakeholder Consultation for 2018, the Finglas Cabra Local Drug & Alcohol Task Force, Finglas Safety Forum and Cabra Community Policing Forum formulated a combined submission.

Through regular community consultation and input received, and facilitated through, the Cabra Community Policing Forum and Finglas Safety Forum, residents identify and prioritize local issues in relation to crime, antisocial behaviour and estate management.

The recommendations outlined below stem from this community engagement which includes, but is not limited to, the summary as follows:

Confronting Crime:

An improved approach to incidences of intimidation, especially serious threat to life and family intimidation.

Introduce improved referral based case management programmes including:

- Adult Reoffending Programme
- “At risk of offending” programme to identify adults at risk of offending.
- Release program; Community-led Integration Scheme for offenders on (and before) release from prison.

Community Engagement and Public Safety:

- Reintroduce Full Community Policing Units
- Introduce “Small-Area Policing” approach
- Rearrange Community Policing work shifts that enable Community Gardaí engage with residents and community groups

- Focus on youth relationship with An Garda Siochana, avoid drug talks and focus on building trust.
- Centralised community policing email address as point of contact for key stakeholders in Finglas and Cabra.

Organisational Development and Capacity Improvement:

- Strategic overview of promotions and movement within the force at local level ensuring a fluid approach to Garda movement especially in community policing.
- Introduce a Station based system that ensures all calls made to district stations is logged on the Pulse system not only 999 calls.

Summer Events

Finglas has seen a lot of activity throughout the summer from the Meakstown Family Fun Day, Finglas Family Fun Day, Finglas Festival of Football, Finglas Festival to the 6 different summer projects run by volunteers throughout Finglas. The Finglas Safety Fourm coordinator was delighted to attend the events throughout the summer.

Parks

As the summer began the Finglas Safety Forum received a number of complains with noise, intimidation and other issues in Johnstown Park. Once Operation Irene began and a number of complains were forwarded directly to Community Garda unit the issue was resolved quickly.

The recruitment for a new Finglas Safety Forum Coordinator has begun, however the emails, phone and queries will continue to be monitored and dealt with.

