



MINUTES OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA JPC MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 16 APRIL 2018

1 Minutes of meeting held on 15th January, 2018

Order: Agreed

2 Parking and Traffic issues in and around access to the shops at Clare Hall - Tom Brabazon

Order: Item deferred to next meeting 16th July 2018

3 Safety Forum Updates:

Order: Elaine Mulvenny and Deirdre Murphy updated the Committee on the local safety forums. Vanessa Carey had sent her apologies; Clongriffin/Belmayne report was circulated after the Agenda.

Order: Elaine advised The Edenmore Safer Forum was held on the 17th of January and the 21st of March and attended well by the local community on both occasions. At the January meeting Garda Eoin Beatty informed residents the Garda Clinic in Edenmore has been opened 36 times since it started. It was agreed at this meeting that Garda Beatty would notify the community group a few hours in advance of the clinic being open in order for them to advertise it on social media (this is now in practice). Cllr Gilliland commended the Garda Clinic in Edenmore and how it was a great addition to the community. There are two Community Garda assigned to Edenmore. Residents have expressed safety concerns regarding the drug problems, and anti-social behaviour issues of some tenants, the Area Housing Manager and Project Estate Officers will look into this anti-social behaviour

The Donaghmede Safety Forum was held on the 10th of January and 14th of March and is continued to be well supported by the local community. Most incidents of anti-social behaviour are concentrated around Howth Junction Dart Station, with the lift being a particular problem. However, the North Central Area has an excellent relationship with Iarnród Éireann and continues to work in conjunction with them and the Garda to resolve and alleviate the problems. The new lift system that is now in operation at the station is an example of this success. The volume of traffic and pedestrian safety issues regarding the Hole-in-the Wall roundabout in Donaghmede remain a source of major concern. The Grange Abbey residents have expressed their concerns around this issue due to the new development on the former Columban Missionary site.

Deirdre advised Joy-riding and burning out of cars continues to be a major issue in Darndale and a cause of concern for the residents. Since Christmas the Public Order Unit is deployed in Darndale every Thursday – Sunday. This issue has been raised at the JPC Local Strategic meetings where Superintendent Donnelly suggested if using pre-cast

concrete barriers like those used during road and motorway works could form part of a solution to this ongoing criminal behaviour. A meeting is to be arranged in the coming weeks with the transportation department and the local Parks Management to ascertain if these can be used. If such barriers are available it is proposed to trial this arrangement for a period at one of the worst access sites in the vicinity of resident's homes. Deirdre has been in contact with Roads Construction regarding the request for 4 new chicanes to go on the road from the Bell Building up as far as the dressing rooms in Tulip.

Cllr Moran advised that residents are living in fear of joyriding, Cllr Gilliland spoke about the culprits wearing balaclavas to avoid detection. Ardmheara Mícheál Mac Donncha queried flexibility in terms of resources to prevent the anti-social behaviour. Superintendent Donnelly advised when patrol cars respond they are being smashed and stoned mostly by onlookers and the audience. That is why the Public Order Unit is in place for the last 5 months Thursday – Sunday. In this time 62 cars were seized under Section 41, 42 stolen cars recovered and 3 seized. Cllr O'Moore spoke about the request at the last JPC for extra resources. Chief Superintendent Curran advised there are 40 new Garda in the last 4 months recruited and there will be another 40 in June, altogether over the next 9 months there will be 80 new recruits. Cllr Mahon asked how many garda have been lost and how getting extra garda doesn't seem to be resolving the issue. Chief Superintendent Curran confirmed 10 or 15 have been lost and also it takes time to train the new recruits. Cllr O'Toole spoke about the design of the new houses in Moatview and if there is a link between the cameras in Darndale and Coolock. Aidan spoke about how the CCTV in Darndale is being enhanced and a link will be re-established back to Coolock Garda Station in the next week or so. Aidan will liaise with Superintendent Donnelly regarding this. Cllr O Toole also asked about scrambler bikes – where are they coming from, Superintendent Donnelly advised they are bought as Christmas presents or stolen. Dave Dinnigan advised it is difficult for the guards, they solve the issues in one area and the perpetrators move on to another, don't want the road network in Darndale looking like a hostile environment. **Dave will speak with Deirdre regarding setting up a' campaign regarding scrambler bikes' coming up to Christmas.** . Aidan also spoke about the formal process to interview tenants regarding anti-social behaviour and any reports received are dealt with formally.

4 **Presentation on Case Management - Garda Valerie Brennan**

Order: Garda Valerie Brennan gave a presentation on Case Management. In DMR North there are over 150 garda trained in case management. In Coolock there are 13 targets/Profiles with 683 charges to date in total.

Garda Brennan answered a number of questions from the JPC Committee regarding: 1) criteria for selecting offenders for case management, 2) what happens if the Guard is transferred or leaves, 3) how the court system deals with case management and 4) are new Garda recruits in Templemore being trained on case management.

5 **Garda report's -**

Order: The Garda discussed the statistics for DMR North. Superintendent O'Connor advised there is a big problem with people leaving their cars opens with laptops etc in them. Operation Thor, Hybrid , Creeper and 'Hi Viz' have contributed to operations, with designated checkpoints being carried out by both uniform and plain clothes units , which have helped in the detection of crime and high visibility policing throughout the Raheny/Clontarf Sub-Districts. There is a deficit of Sergeants and Inspectors, more of them are needed. Superintendent Donnelly is down an Inspector due to Colm Healy's promotion and transfer. Councillor O'Toole requested that on behalf of the JPC Committee to pass on our good wishes to Colm.

Superintendent Donnelly spoke about The TAG (Teenager and Guard) Programme aimed at promoting positive engagement between young people and the Guards held over last 3 months. Approximately 20 Transition Year Students participated in six sessions over a period of three months. This is the first time TAG has been done in the Coolock District. Chief Superintendent Curran advised that teenage engagement is very powerful. The Councillors had a number of questions for the Gardai 1) Will Inspector Healy be replaced 2) How has the Grow House case progressed? 3) Are there plans to re-locate

the HSE clinic in Darndale 4) Anti-social behaviour at the Stardust Memorial. Chief Superintendent Curran advised Inspector Healy will be replaced through the recruitment process, The Grow House case has progressed and there are 2 people in custody. The HSE make the decision in relation to the location of the Clinic in Darndale. Superintendent Donnelly advised no residents have made contact regarding anti-social behaviour at the Stardust Memorial, he will enquire re same. Cllr O'Muire asked is there a reduction in the theft of tools from vans in the area. Superintendent Donnelly advised that there has been a significant decrease in the Coolock district. Regarding car theft most of those taken are older cars without immobilisers, new cars stolen are broken up and shipped abroad for parts. Cllr Moran asked are the stolen cars still coming out from the inner city, Superintendent Donnelly advised they are not.

6 CCTV Raheny - Elaine Mulvenny

Order: Elaine advised DCC are trying to identify the culprits in Raheny responsible for the anti-social behaviour. DCC are going to see how the CCTV enhancements in Darndale work out and will implement something similar in Raheny. The clinic in Edenmore is a success.

7 North Central JPC Sub Committee Draft Plan 2018 - For discussion (Plan to follow)

At the meeting Deirdre circulated the Draft work Plan 2018 to the committee and advised she will e.mail them within 2 weeks to see if they are in agreement, or if they want to make changes.

8 Any Other Business and Further Items

Next meeting 16th July 2018 at 11.30.

Dave Dinnigan
Area Manager

Councillor Larry O'Toole
Chathaoirleach
16th April 2018

Councillor Larry O'Toole
Chairperson
Monday 16 April 2018

Attendance:

Members:

Ardmheara Mícheál Mac Donncha
John Lyons
Edel Moran
Sean Paul Mahon

Members:

Deirdre Heney
Damien O'Farrell
Alison Gilliland
Tom Brabazon

Members:

Ciaran O'Moore
Naoise O'Muire
Larry O'Toole

Chief Superintendent Mark Curran
Superintendent Gerry Donnelly

Superintendent Joe O'Connor
Keave O'Donnell, Community Law and Mediation
Deirdre Tobin, Clontarf Residents Association

Apologies:

Vanessa Carey

Officers :

Dave Dinnigan, Area Manager
Elaine Mulvenny, Assistant Area Manager
Deirdre Murphy, Administrative Officer
Samantha Rooney, Assistant Staff Officer

Non-Members:

Garda Valarie Brennan