



**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE NORTH WEST AREA JPC  
TO BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM - BALLYMUN CIVIC OFFICES  
ON MONDAY 5 DECEMBER 2022 AT 3.00 PM**

**AGENDA**

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**NORTH WEST AREA JOINT POLICING SUB COMMITTEE**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 3.00 p.m.**

**Draft MINUTES**

**Announcements:**

<b>Item</b>		<b>Action</b>
1.	Minutes of meeting held on 27 <sup>th</sup> June and matters arising.	Agreed. Follow up's completed.
2.	Presentation on Operation Fogra by Inspector John Moroney	Inspector Moroney gave a PowerPoint presentation on Operation Fogra – an operational response to drug related intimidation. This was followed by Q & A session. Hugh Greaves requested material on the upcoming DRIVE information sessions referred to in the presentation be circulated to the Public Reps. The members welcomed the presentation
3.	Local Fora Updates	Agreed.
4.	Garda Update.	Statistic reports noted
5.	Strategic Questions.	Replies received. Agreed.
6.	Halloween 2022	Mick Carroll & Jackie O'Reilly have met with AGS and have agreed a strategy for Halloween 2022. DCC are to engage with contractors to ensure the removal of all stockpile material reported. Numbers for reporting this material to be advertised on various platforms AGS advised Operation TOMBOLA will be in operation from 1 <sup>st</sup> October and will address issues such as fireworks and antisocial behaviour in the run up to Halloween.

		The Finglas Fright Night and Ballymun Otherworld events will return this year after a two year absence with large attendance expected at both events. Meetings to be arranged with AGS locally and other stakeholders to discuss & agree the level of support required.
7.	A.O.B	Deputy McAuliffe has requested that an update on CCTV cameras in the area be provided at the next JPC meeting.
The meeting concluded at 16.30pm Date of next meeting 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2022		

**Attendance:**

**Councillors:**

Keith Connolly, Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy, Noeleen Reilly, Anthony Connaghan, Mary Callaghan, Briege Mac Oscar.

**TDs:**

Deputy Paul McAuliffe, Deputy Dessie Ellis.

**Officials:**

Derek Kelly (Director of Services), Mick Carroll (Area Manager-Finglas), Jackie O'Reilly (Area Manager-Ballymun), Leona Harrison (Senior Staff Officer)

**Gardaí:**

Chief Superintendent Finbarr Murphy, Chief Superintendent Mark Curran, Superintendent Darren McCarthy, Insp. John Moroney, Insp. Alan Kelly, Insp. Patrick Gallagher, Sgt. Paul McMahon

**Community Reps:**

John Redmond, Tony Byrne

**Safety Fora Reps:**

**Drugs Task Force:**

Hugh Greaves.

**Others:**

**Apologies:**

Donna Cullen

**Councillor Keith Connolly**  
**Chairperson**

### Item No 3

#### Ballymun

The Safer Ballymun is a partnership between the Community, Dublin City Council, the Drugs Task Force and An Garda Síochána. The focus is to engage in collaborative discussions to explore solutions to local safety concerns.

In 2022 Safer Ballymun advertised on two occasions the position of an Independent Safety Coordinator to deliver the agreed Ballymun Safety Strategy, the role has not been filled to date and we intend to advertise again early in the new year.

Following the last JPC meeting in Sept, a number of short term actions were agreed and implemented to address anti-social behaviour and drug dealing in specific locations – including St. Josephs Hill, in conjunction with DCC, AGS, Easy Street, St. Josephs School and local residents and a specific operation by AGS in Poppintree.

The Safer Ballymun public forum took place on 4<sup>th</sup> October and was well attended. A presentation was delivered by Sergeant Peter Foley on Local Community Policing. The residents welcomed the presentation and specified that they would like to meet the local community policing team at a future meeting, Dublin City Council and An Garda Síochána discussed their combined plan for Halloween. Residents welcomed this and were delighted to hear of the return of the Halloween Festival.

#### **The main safety matters of concern raised in recent months are:**

Anti-social behaviour and open drug dealing at Poppintree Shops  
Large gatherings of youths around Poppintree Parade shops / Community Centre  
Continued escalation of local feud Whiteacre / Shangan area  
Increased levels of anti-social behaviour at Hampton Woods  
Lack of visible Garda presence on foot patrol in the community  
Reports in the rise in break-ins and damage to vehicles in Ballymun

The next Safer Ballymun Community Forum will take place late January.

#### Finglas

The most recent round of Finglas Safety Forum meetings of this year took place on the following dates:

Finglas South – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022, Erin's Isle.

Finglas East –Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022, St Canice's Boys National School.

Finglas West - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022, St Fergal's Boys National School.

The main policing issues reported directly to the Finglas Safety Forum Co-ordinator at the Finglas Safety Forum meetings and individually are as follows:

- Concern around the misuse of scramblers and quad bikes in the Finglas area, particularly on Plunkett Crescent, Plunkett Avenue and Cardiffsbridge Road.
- Numerous reports from residents regarding concern of the level of drug paraphernalia being found on the North Road under the footbridge.

- Concern of individuals openly dealing drugs in Dunsink Drive leading onto Berryfield, Mellows Park, Northway Park, Barry Avenue, on the grounds of Finglas Parochial National School as well as behind the cars that park up outside Finglas Motors on the North Road and outside Lidl and Aldi on St Margaret's Road.
- Concerns reported of anti-social behaviour occurring e.g., individuals breaking entrances and into cars on Willows Park Road, Clancy Road and on St George Road, off McKee Avenue.
- Reports of drug debt intimidation from family members.

The Finglas Safety Forum Coordinator continues to engage with relevant agencies in relation to the above matters, namely Finglas Community Policing Team, Feed Our Homeless and Finglas Addiction Support Outreach Team.

The next round of Finglas Safety Forum meetings in the respective areas of Finglas will be organised in the New Year.

## **Item No. 6**

### **North West Area Halloween Report**

As in previous years the Public Domain Team, Housing, Waste Management and Parks Services worked alongside Gardaí from Ballymun and Finglas as part of “Operation Tombola” to remove stockpiled material and reduce the negative impacts of bonfires in the area. This collaborative effort commenced on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and concluded on the afternoon of 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Cooperation between Dublin City Council and local Gardaí was key to the success of the operation this year, with minimal damage to public amenities reported.

Waste Management Services have indicated that the total figure of stockpiled material collected was 441 tonnes citywide, which is an improvement on the 2021 figure of 515 tonnes.

Approximately 4000 information leaflets outlining the dangers of bonfires and listing Dublin City Council contact details to report locations of materials were distributed to householders in the vicinity of locations where bonfires have traditionally been set.

Businesses in the industrial estates were visited by the Public Domain team, and advised on the need to secure bonfire materials in the weeks prior to Halloween. Regular inspections of vacant City Council properties and green areas were conducted by Public Domain and Housing staff throughout the NWA to check for the presence of stockpiling.

In total, there were 25 bonfires, 11 in Ballymun and 14 in Finglas, the majority of which were minor, with minimal damage evident. The successful Amnesty Day, held in September, also significantly reduced the number of mattresses illegally disposed in the run up to Halloween.

The clearing and cleaning of all bonfire sites has now been completed by Parks Services.





### **Finglas Fright Night:**

The Finglas Halloween Festival “Finglas Fright Night,” took place on site at the Finglas Civic Centre from 6.00pm to 9.00pm. There was a wide variety of entertainment for the community to enjoy. On the night there were carnival rides, inflatable obstacle courses, magic from our local magician Colm Jolly, food, coffee and treat stalls, along with various old fashioned carnival games with prizes, face painters and balloon modellers. On the main stage the night kicked off with several performances from the children and young adults from the new band “The MC Warriors”. This is a very talented group from the Meeting Place Club with differing abilities and were a big hit on the night. There were brilliant performances from Finglas locals Darian Kavanagh Keating, MC Samra and the up and coming Finglas rapper and TikToker Cian Carey – Dubal C.

As the headline act, Ciaran Houlihan who is currently on his European Tour and considered to be one of the best Elvis Tribute acts in the world delivered a star performance while the crowd danced and sang along.



The Finglas Community & Social Development Section (CSDS) organised and managed the event with assistance on the night from other staff from the Area Office and the Finglas Sports & Fitness Centre and support from the Civil Defence and Order of Malta.

An Garda Síochána attended the event and with the assistance of the security company monitored the crowds throughout the festival site.



The CSDS invited the local community groups to help with ticket sales for all the attractions. Ticket sales go towards the groups fund raising efforts. Twenty local groups took part this year, which totals over 100 volunteers from the local community. The combined amount raised this year was just over €5,500 for the Finglas Community Groups.

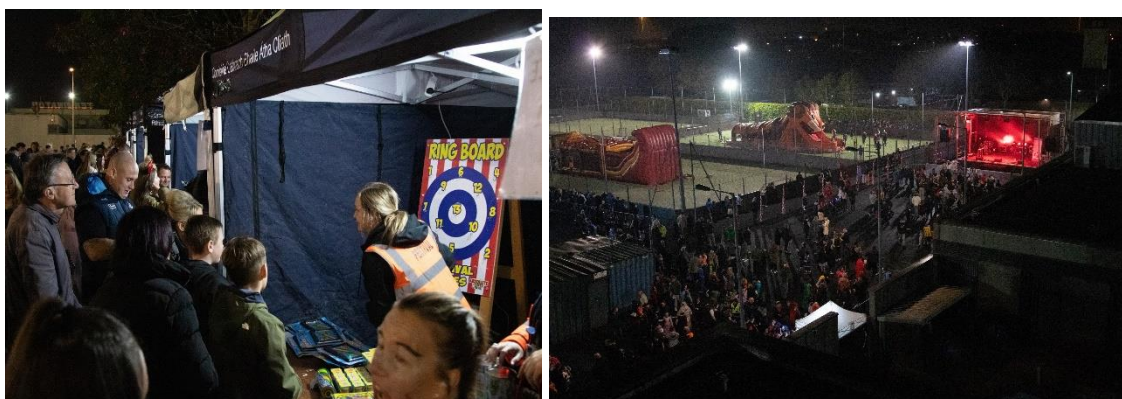


Groups that took part this year:

- Finglas Counselling Support
- Finglas Men's Sheds
- Erin's Isle GAA Club
- Meeting Place Club
- Finglas Historical Society
- Finglas West Summer Project
- Rivermount Summer Project
- WFTRA
- Finglas West Summer Project
- St. Kevin's & St. Josephs Summer Project
- > Finglas Suicide Network
- > Sister Sheds
- > Finglas Tidy Towns
- > Finglas South Combined Residents
- > Ocras Éire
- > Finglas West Scouts
- > Fuse Youth Club
- > FAST
- > Dunsink Residents Group
- > The Den Youth Club



It should be noted that the success of the Halloween Festival depends on the input of so many dedicated volunteers.



A special note of thanks to The Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and the NWA Local Representatives for attending the Finglas Fright Night Event, which concluded with a fantastic Fireworks display from Mellows Park.



### **Otherworld” Revamped Halloween Festival**

The Otherworld Halloween Festival took place across Ballymun with an amazing haunting week of spooky events, which included the Poppintree Park Witches Walk and Party, Puca Pooch, family dog walking event, spooky school, haunted tunnel, many family events and workshops in the Axis and Boiler-house.

The Otherworld main event was a fantastic return to form, with family friendly spooky activities and entertainment. Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy officially opened the main event and presented Nathan Smith from Youthreach with an award for designing the new Otherworld Logo. On Halloween evening, there were a number of top class local artists on

the main stage, including Dame Stuffy, Dextra and Sprig Break along with many others. Jamie Harrington was our local host and compare.



Entire Families entered the Fancy Dress Completion and hundreds of people attended the celebrations in fancy dress to add to the festivities and atmosphere.



The Pulse Tent offered a stage for a wide variety of local artists to perform in a more intimate space and engage a smaller audience. The Little Monsters Tent was a huge hit with the younger generation who sang and danced the night away in a safe environment. The craft tent proved hugely popular with 1000's of masks and crafts being handmade and displayed on the night.



Circus Gerbola delivered an amazing display from suspended heights, which captivated the audience. Their finale was show stopping and was followed by the much anticipated firework display.

**Groups that took part this year:** Poppintree Youth Project, Easy Street, Youth Reach, Students from Trinity Comprehensive, The Sillogue Ladies Club, Ballymun Book Exchange.

A special word of thanks goes to all the additional community volunteers who helped throughout the day and the night.



The Ballymun Community & Social Development team organised and managed the event in collaboration with the Otherworld Festival Committee and Axis.

An Garda Síochána attended the event and with the assistance of the security company monitored the crowds throughout the festival site. The Civil Defence also attended.

It is estimated that in excess of 14,000 people attended both events over the three-hour period and the estimated total cost of running the events is circa. €180,000

**Mick Carroll and Jackie O'Reilly**  
Area Managers



**Item No. 9**

**North West Area JPC Sub Committee  
Agreed Schedule of Meetings 2023**

<b>Quarter</b>	<b>Date</b>
Q.1	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 @ 3pm
Q.2	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 @ 3pm
Q.3	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 @ 3pm
Q.4	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 @ 3pm

**The above dates have being checked with the Chief Executive's Office and are noted in the City Council diary.**