



**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE NORTH WEST AREA JPC
TO BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM - BALLYMUN CIVIC OFFICES
ON MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2023 AT 3.00 PM**

AGENDA

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NORTH WEST AREA JOINT POLICING SUB COMMITTEE

Monday 25th September at 3.00 p.m.

Draft MINUTES

Announcements: Apologies from Deputy Paul McAuliffe, Superintendent Darren McCarthy, John Redmond, Derek Healy.

New members introduction: Bruce Phillips – Executive Manager DCC, Chief Superintendent Peter Duff, Chief Superintendent Michael McNulty were welcomed by the members

Item		Action
1.	Minutes of meeting held on 26 th June 2023 and matters arising.	Agreed. Follow up's completed.
2.	Presentation on Garda JLO by Sergeant Fiona Savidge	Sergeant Savidge gave the members a very informative presentation on the Garda Youth Diversion Programme. The presentation gave an overview of the programme and the processes involved in the programme. The presentation was welcomed by the members
3.	Local Fora Updates	Agreed. Members raised concerns over several areas where there are on-going issues with high levels of anti-social behaviour, drug dealing and drug taking and recently there has been a lot of fireworks across the NW area. In particular those with the fireworks have been throwing them at swans in Poppintree Park as well as targeting local residents in several areas in both Finglas and Ballymun Members raised the query over the calls made to AGS and how many were answered and the timeframe for answering these calls. AGS advised that all calls are answered and are triaged and dealt with on a highest priority basis. The new 999 phone system will make it easier to gather analytical information on calls and this info is gathered and used to plan AGS operations. AGS also advised that work carried out by the Drugs & Street Crime Units are ongoing and there are constant arrests and seizures being made in the NWA.
4.	Garda Update.	Statistic reports noted.

5.	Strategic Questions.	<p>Replies received and agreed</p> <p>Concern was raised over proposed development in the Barry area of Finglas as this already has a high level of drug dealing and anti-social behaviour</p>
6.	<p>Motion in the name of Cllr Noeleen Reilly</p> <p>That the JPC calls for immediate action to deal with Criminal Activity at the Poppintree Shops. There is daily drug dealing, violent occurrences, and incidents with scramblers. Local Businesses and residents are being badly affected. People no longer want to use the shops and as a result business activity has decreased and hours for staff has been cut. The gangs are there from early in the morning until late at night without any sort of interaction from the Gardaí</p>	<p>This Motion was supported by the members and concerns were raised that drug dealing in this area continues to escalate</p> <p>AGS advised Cllr Reilly that Superintendent Darren McCarthy has previously led an operation in this area to target the ongoing issues.</p> <p>Inspector Lacey to discuss the matter in more detail with Cllr Reilly after the meeting with a view implementing a plan to tackle the serious concerns raised</p>
6.	Halloween 2023	<p>Pat Teehen gave details on this years planned event and as in previous years requested the support of AGS to help manage the preparation and lead up to the event and the event itself. Meetings will be set up in the coming weeks to devise a plan and to alleviate any potential issues leading up to the event such as stockpiling for bonfires.</p> <p>The committee members thanked AGS for their continuous support</p>
7.	A.O.B.	<p>Huge Greaves requested an update on the proposed funding for the Ballymum area from An Taoiseachs office. A meeting to discuss this has been arranged and Jackie will update members after the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Connolly expressed concern over the rise in individuals begging in Finglas Village and requested intervention/ support from DCC/AGS for any individual that may need it</p>
<p>The meeting concluded at 16.35pm Date of next meeting Monday 11th December 2023 @ 3pm</p>		

Attendance:

Councillors: Keith Connolly, Noeleen Reilly, Caroline Conroy, Anthony Connaghan, Mary Callaghan, Briege Mac Oscar.

TDs: Deputy Dessie Ellis

Officials: Bruce Phillips (Executive Manager), Pat Teehan (Area Manager – Finglas) Jackie O'Reilly (Area Manager-Ballymun), Margaret McGrane (Ballymun Area Housing Manager), Leona Harrison (Senior Staff Officer), Olive Warnock (Staff Officer)

Gardaí: Chief Superintendent Peter Duff, Chief Superintendent Michael McNulty, Superintendent Peter Burke, Inspector Luke Lacey, Inspector Alan Kelly, Sergeant Fiona Savidge, Sergeant Paul Mc Mahon

Community Reps: Tony Byrne, Theresa Lydon

Safety Fora Reps: Michelle McNally

Drugs Task Force: Hugh Greaves.

Others:

Apologies: Deputy Paul McAuliffe, Superintendent Darren McCarthy, Derek Healy, John Redmond

Keith Connolly

Chairperson

**Safer Ballymun
JPC Report
December 2023**

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. The Safer Ballymun steering committee will again advertise the position of an Independent Safety Coordinator to deliver the agreed Ballymun Safety Strategy, in the coming weeks.

The last public meeting of the Safer Ballymun Forum took place on 17th October, in the Ballymun Civic Centre. The meeting was attended by about 25 residents many of which also work in the Community or with local Organisations or Agencies.

At the meeting Sgt Peter Foley gave a brief update on a number of a relevant statistics and searches carried out in recent weeks. He also spoke of the importance of dialling 999/112 to request Garda assistance as it is logged in the pulse system. He mentioned that there was 4 new Garda in the station bringing the total of Community Garda to 18

Sgt Foley stated that the issue with scramblers is still ongoing and that in recent weeks they have recovered a number of stolen vehicles in the area including motorbikes and electric scooters/bikes.

The main safety matters of concern raised at the meeting:

- Residents from the Ballymun Plaza Apartments raised concern in relation to the recent fire in the underground car park followed by a discussion
- Issue re lighting around Burren Court
- Open drug dealing at Poppintree shops and other locations
- Issue with vaping being looked at by members of BRYP

The City Council and An Garda Síochána outlined their plans for Halloween and asked residents to report stockpiling. Residents were provided with details of the Otherworld Halloween Festival.

The next Safer Ballymun Community Forum is due to take in February 2024.



finglas safety FORUM

The main policing issues raised directly to the Finglas Safety Forum Co-ordinator recently have been:

Ongoing reports of drug dealing occurring at Mellowes Park.

The ongoing issue of scramblers in the area e.g., Northway Park in particular.

Reports of anti-social behaviour occurring at Dunnes Stores on Cardiffsbridge Road e.g. drug dealing behind Dunnes Stores and objects being thrown at residents' windows on Wellmount Crescent.

Reports of anti-social behaviour occurring at Ferndale Avenue, e.g. stones being thrown at houses as well as cars and properties being vandalised.

Reports of anti-social behaviour occurring at Johnstown Park e.g. groups of young people setting fires in the playground area.

The Finglas Safety Forum Coordinator will consult with Gardaí on running a Christmas campaign on the misuse of quad bikes and scramblers similar to previous years.

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



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The following is compiled by way of general information, for the period under review, as per regulation 17.6, in accordance with the headings specified in that regulation, (1) Commission of Crime and (2) Crime Prevention matters.

Garda Station / (Sub)District	H District	Period	1 st September – 30 th November
Chief / Superintendent	Chief Peter Duff	Date of JPC Meeting	11 th December 2023

Reports Of	2022	2023	Comments
Assault Causing Harm	18	20	
Assault Minor	15	17	
Aggravated Burglary	1	1	
Burglary	13	14	
Criminal Damage	49	46	
Discharge of Firearm	0	0	
Robbery from Person	0	3	
Robbery from Establishments	3	3	
Theft from the Person	0	5	
Theft from MPV	31	20	
Traffic / UT of Vehicle	6	11	
Theft from Shop	35	24	
Theft (Other)	12	9	
Fraud	22	15	
Public Order Incidents	16	25	
Domestic Violence - Incidents	80	89	

Reports Of	2022	2023	Comments
Domestic Violence - Breach of Orders	23	20	
Dog Offences	0	1	
Offences against Animals	0	0	

Garda Patrol Activity	2022	2023	Comments
Possession of Firearm	0	0	
Possession of Drugs for Sale or Supply	23	20	
Possession of Drugs for Personal Use	19	21	
Possession of Offensive Weapon	6	13	
Searches under Drugs Act	358	77	
Vehicle Seizures Sec 41	38	64	

Crime Prevention Matters and Other Information	1.
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Garda Station / (Sub)District	Finglas	3 Month Period	1 st September -30 th November
Chief / Superintendent	Michael McNulty	Date of JPC Meeting	11 th December 2023

	2022	2023	Percentage Change	Detection Rate 2022*	Detection Rate 2023*
Assault Causing Harm	24	22	-8%	27%	19%
Assault Minor	40	25	-37%	10%	12%
Aggravated Burglary	1	0	-100%	16%	0%
Burglary	24	28	+16%	23%	14%
Criminal Damage	144	96	-33%	17%	15%
Discharge of Firearm	0	1	+100%	16%	0%
Robbery from Person	4	8	+100%	11%	14%
Robbery from Establishments	1	5	+25%	70%	33%
Theft from the Person	4	5	+25%	14%	5%
Theft from MPV	43	28	-34%	14%	10%
Theft from Shop	107	40	-62%	49%	44%
Theft (Other)	95	66	-30%	10%	5%
UT of Vehicle	21	18	-14%	12%	10%
Fraud / Deception	17	21	+23%	8%	1%
Public Order Incidents	52	49	-5%	56%	52%

* Detection Rates given are a yearly figure

Garda Patrol Activity	2022	2023	Percentage Change	Detection Rate 2022*	Detection Rate 2023*
ASBO Issued	0	0	NA	NA	NA
Possession of Firearm	1	2	+100%	28%	25%
Possession of Drugs for Sale or Supply	39	27	-30%	78%	75%
Possession of Drugs for Personal Use	46	24	-47%	89%	74%
Possession of Offensive Weapon	8	16	+100%	84%	25%
Searches under Drugs Act	191	86	-54%	NA	NA
Vehicle Seizures Sec 41	104	102	-1%	NA	NA

*Detection Rates given are a yearly figure

Domestic Violence	2022	2023	Percentage Change	Detection Rate 2022*	Detection Rate 2023*
Domestic Violence Incidents – No Offence Disclosed	153	127	-16%	Not applicable	Not applicable
Breach of Domestic Violence Orders~	30	28	-6%	77%	89%

~ Domestic Violence Orders Include Barring Orders, Safety Orders and Protection Orders

- denotes previous period as zero: Percentage cannot be calculated.

**Crime Prevention
Matters and Other
Information**

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**The Chairman and Members of
North West Area Committee.**

Meeting: 21st November 2023

Item No:

North West Area Halloween Report

The North West Area Public Domain Team collaborated with numerous Dublin City Council Departments (Parks, Waste Management, Waste Enforcement, DFB, and Housing) to remove as much stockpiled materials as possible from the area. They also worked alongside Gardaí from Ballymun and Finglas as part of “Operation Tombola” to remove stockpiled material and reduce the negative impact bonfires would have on the area. This collaborative effort commenced on Saturday 21st and concluded on the afternoon of 31st October.

Approximately 4,300 information leaflets describing the dangers of bonfires and detailing Dublin City Council contact information were handed to residents near areas where bonfires are commonly conducted.

The Public Domain Team visited businesses on the industrial estates and advised them to secure bonfire materials in the weeks leading up to Halloween. Public Domain and Housing Staff carried out regular inspections of voids and green spaces throughout the NWA to check for the presence of stockpiling.

In total there were 23 burning/bonfires locations - 10 in Ballymun and 13 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. Over 63 tonnes of stockpiled material was removed from the Finglas and Ballymun areas.

Waste Management Services have indicated that the total figure of stockpiled material collected was 493 tonnes citywide, which is slightly up from the 2022 figure of 441 tonnes. The below table highlights the reduction of purpose built bonfires containing pallets and tyres for Halloween night. Overall the domestic waste fires were minor in comparison.

Location	Bonfire (Pallets& Tyres)	Domestic waste
Ballymun	5	5
Finglas	9	4

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



Finglas



Ballymun



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.

Ballymun Otherworld Festival

The Halloween Otherworld Festival kicked off with several spooky events on the run up to Main Halloween Event on 31st October.

Terror in Trinity

The Community Team were delighted to support the very successful haunted school walk in Trinity Comprehensive were you got to meet many unusual people & creatures who haunt the school by night.



Jackula & Spooky Cinema

The Jackula Magic Show & Spooky cinema screenings of the Adams Family were both very well attended in the Axis Theatre. A large portion of tickets were given to community groups, organisations and local schools to distribute directly to local families.



Glas Ghostly Garden & Haunted Pumpkin Patch

With the support of Dublin City Council, Glas Community Garden turned spooky and was packed with story tellers and ghostly entertainment. Prizes were awarded for best costume, pumpkin carving and decorating.

Vampire Tours in the Rediscovery Centre

The Vampire Tours were a great success and a lot of fun was had with 130 children attending the tours. The resident vampires in the Rediscovery Centre invited mad scientists to join them to explore their haunted Bat Cave and spooky Mad Scientist Lab. As part of the Otherworld Halloween Festival, they travelled through the vampire's lair to learn all about bats. The vampires then brought the children to the Mad Scientist Lab to undertake some Halloween-themed experiments.

Dublin City Council Witches Walk

The Poppintree DCC Walking Group embraced the Halloween Theme and dressed up for the weekly walk in Poppintree Park on 26th October. Afterwards a Halloween Event was held in the Silloge Neighbourhood Centre with music, dancing, refreshments and fancy dress competition. This was organised by the Dublin City Council Ballymun Community Team in collaboration with the staff of the Silloge Neighbourhood Centre as part of the Ballymun Otherworld Festival.



Sensory Friendly Halloween

The Ballymun Community Team were delighted to add the first sensory friendly option as part of the Otherworld Festival. Embrace Autism teamed up with Dublin City Council & Axis to offer a sensory friendly Halloween experience for children & families with additional needs & sensory sensitives. We held 2 afternoon sessions on Halloween before the big event kicked off, facilitating over 30 children.



The Otherworld Main Event

The Otherworld main event took place on site on the Ballymun Plaza from 6.00pm to 9.00pm. This was a fantastic evening with variety of entertainment for all the community to enjoy. It is estimated that over 6,000 people attended the events organised and supported by our Community Development Team in Ballymun despite the rain on the evening



On the night there were circus performances, carnival rides, family friendly spooky arts and crafts activities, kiddies block disco tent, face painters and main stage entertainment. Jamie Harrington and Zeinab were our local hosts for the evening.

We had a number of top class local artists on the main stage, including Dame Stuff the Queen of Ballymun, Zeztra, Mason X, Ciara Lennon, The Recovery Dance Group, Keith Groves Dance Act and Spring Break along with many others.



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



The Lil' Monsters BLOCK Party Tent was a huge hit with the younger kids, they had fun with the interactive play and building buzz with our big blue blocks and danced the night away in a safe environment. The craft tent was very popular with plenty of masks and crafts being handmade with the help of our local group members. This year we had the young people from Poppintree Youth Project join us to host PoppoCast, a live mini - podcast of the event was streamed straight from Axis.

Ballymun Groups that took part this year:
Poppintree Youth Project, Easy Street Team, Ballymun Regional Youth Resource team, Students from Trinity Comprehensive and The Silloge Ladies Club.



Circus Gerbola delivered an amazing display and wowed the audience with their performance from suspended heights. Their finale was show stopping and was followed by the much anticipated firework display



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 Event Management Company, Safe Events who controlled and monitored the crowds throughout the festival site. Civil Defence and Dublin Fire Brigade also attended.

Finglas Fright Night Halloween

The Finglas Halloween Festival “Finglas Fright Night,” took place on site at the Finglas Civic Centre on Tuesday 31st October from 5.00pm to 9.00pm. Approximately 7 thousand people attended the event this year.

This was the first year we had the Sensory Hour from 5.00pm to 6.00pm for children with sensory needs. It was a great success with over 100 attending. All the children were able to enjoy the event in a calm and controlled environment. The Sensory Hour will continue to feature in future Halloween Events.

There was a wide variety of entertainment for the community to enjoy on the night including carnival rides, inflatable obstacle courses, magic from magician Carl Campbell, food, coffee and treat stalls and various old fashioned carnival game 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 band “The MC Warriors”, a very talented group from the Meeting Place Club. They were a big hit on the night.

There were also performances from our Finglas locals, Dougie Douglas, Darian Kavanagh, Cathlin C and Cian Carey – Dubal C. All proved to be highly popular on the night. The very popular Irish Ed Sheeran was our headline act and put on a star performance while the crowd danced and sang along, especially all the teenagers.



The Finglas Community and Social Development team organises and manages this event with assistance from the Finglas Area Office and the Finglas Sports and Fitness Centre staff. The safety on the night which includes health and safety and security was contracted to Safe Events. The Civil Defence covered our first aid station and fire cover. An Garda Síochána supported the event and with the assistance of PULSE security which monitored the crowds throughout the festival site ensuring the night ran smoothly.



We had 22 local groups take part this year, totalling over 100 volunteers from the local community. The combined amount raised this year was just over €5,500 for the Finglas Community Groups.

We would like to give a special thank you to the Deputy Lord Mayor Briega Mac Oscar and our North West Area local representatives for attending our Finglas Fright Night Event. We finished off a very successful Finglas Fright Night with a Fantastic Fireworks Display from Mellows Park.



Groups that took part this year:

- Finglas Counselling Support
- Finglas Mens Sheds
- Feed Our Homeless
- 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
- The Fingal Centre
- > Finglas Suicide Network
- > Sister Sheds & Sister Shed morning
- > Finglas Tidy Towns
- > Finglas South Combined Residents
- > Ocras Éire
- > The Den ladies Club
- > The Finglas marching band
- > FAST
- > FYRC
- > The Den Youth Club

The success of the Halloween Festival would not happen without the input of so many dedicated volunteers in Finglas Community.



It is estimated that in excess of 13,000 people attended the supporting events and both festivals. The estimated total cost of the planning, organising and successful running of both festivals is circa. €170,000.

Jackie O'Reilly and Pat Teehan
Area Managers

**North West Area JPC Sub Committee
Agreed Schedule of Meetings 2024**

Quarter	Date
Q.1	Monday 11 th March 2023 @ 3pm(earlier date proposed to accommodate Bank Holiday)
Q.2	Monday 26 th June 2023 @ 3pm
Q.3	Monday 25 th September 2023 @ 3pm
Q.4	Monday 11 th December 2023 @ 3pm