



**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE NORTH WEST AREA JPC  
TO BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM - BALLYMUN CIVIC OFFICES  
ON MONDAY 11 MARCH 2024 AT 3.00 PM**

**AGENDA**

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## NORTH WEST AREA JOINT POLICING SUB COMMITTEE

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00 p.m.

### Draft MINUTES

**Announcements:** Apologies from Chief Superintendent Michael McNulty, Chief Superintendent Peter Duff, John Redmond, Anthony Byrne, Michelle McNally,

**New member introduction:** Inspector Áine Grogan was welcomed by the members

Item		Action
1.	Minutes of meeting held on 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 and matters arising.	Agreed. Follow up's completed.
2.	Local Fora Updates	Agreed.
3.	Garda Updates	Statistic reports noted Members raised concern around the issues of anti-immigrant protests and the high level of anti-social activity they attract. They expressed the need to have a system in place to ensure safety for all at public meetings where often some far right activists take the opportunity to cause serious disruption. Concern was also expressed over use of scrambler bikes at high profile funerals in the area and the risk this this put the general public at.
4.	Strategic Questions  Brief discussion on scrambler bikes	Replies received and agreed  Superintendent McCarthy advised the members that they plan to roll out a similar scramble bike operation as was carried out in Limerick earlier this year
5.	Policing, Security & Community Safety Bill	Bruce Phillips provided the members with a brief update of the Bill from Senator Lisa Chambers who advised the Bill would hopefully be passed all stages by end of his year
6.	Halloween 2023	Members all agreed that the Finglas and Ballymun Halloween nights 2023 were incredibly successful and enjoyed by all who attended them.
7.	Ballymun – A Brighter Future;  A Briefing on the Proposed Multi-agency Consortium for Ballymun	Bruce Phillips gave an overview of a recent meeting with Dept of An Taoiseach and Dept of Justice to discuss a proposed consortium for Ballymun whose purpose will be to work on the implementation of the changes in the area already identified and which members of DCC and the Deputies attended.

		This proposed multi-agency consortium will be modelled on existing groups such as Drogheda and Cherry Orchard and is welcomed by the members and it is hoped that it will come into operation soon.
8.	NWA JPC Sub Committee Proposed Schedule of Meetings 2024	Dates to be sent to members calendars after the meeting
9.	A.O.B.	AGS advised there will be an additional number of temporary Gardaí made available to both Finglas & Ballymun stations over the Christmas period from Templemore. They will then return to the stations In February again.  DCC advised that due to a noticeable increase in rough sleepers in suburbs throughout the city they will be taking a proactive approach to dealing with this
The meeting concluded at 16.30pm Date of next meeting Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 @ 3pm		

**Attendance:**

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

**TDs:** Deputy Dessie Ellis, Deputy Roisin Shortall, Deputy Paul McAuliffe

**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), Fiona Farrell (Staff Officer)

**Gardaí:** Superintendent Darren McCarthy, Superintendent Peter Burke, Inspector Áine Grogan, Sergeant Paul Mc Mahon

**Community Reps:**

**Safety Fora Reps:**

**Drugs Task Force:** Hugh Greaves.

**Others:**

**Apologies:**

Chief Superintendent Michael McNulty, Chief Superintendent Peter Duff, John Redmond, Anthony Byrne, Michelle McNally

Keith Connolly

Chairperson

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**Safer Ballymun  
JPC Report  
March 2024**

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 last public meeting of the Safer Ballymun Forum took place on 17<sup>th</sup> October last. There has been a number of meeting with Dublin City Council and An Garda Síochána to address the safety concerns raised at the meeting and additional concerns received by Dublin City Council directly in relation to on-going anti-social behaviour and the dangerous use of scramblers and quads in the area in particular on the Main Street, the Plaza, Shangan and Silloge and Poppintree.

The Gardaí have confirmed that a number of recent planned operations between late December and early March have seen the successful seizure of 34 scramblers along with drugs, weapons and money from local properties. They have also recovered a number of stolen vehicles in the area.

The main safety matters of concern continue to be:

- Open drug dealing at various locations including the Plaza, the Courts, Poppintree Shops, Shangan and the Silloge Area
- The increased use on Nitrous Oxide
- Volume of scramblers across the area
- Issue with vaping being looked at by members of BRYR

The City Council and An Garda Síochána continue to meet on a regular basis to address the matters of concern.



**finglas safety**  
FORUM

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

- Reports received of anti-social behaviour occurring at St Canice's Square e.g. drug dealing.
- Reports of groups of individuals congregating at Cappagh Drive engaging in drug use received.
- Reports received of anti-social behaviour occurring at Dunnes Stores on Cardiffsbridge Road e.g. drug dealing.
- Reports received of anti-social behaviour occurring at Northway Park and Mellowes Park. e.g. drug use and drug dealing.

The Finglas Safety Forum Coordinator is in the process of arranging dates with the relevant stakeholders. Thus, subsequently, dates will be circulated to the elected representatives, community representatives and local community in due course.