

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

**Meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**Item No: 3**

**Cabra Area Office Report**

Community Policing Forums

Cabra staff participated in recent forum meetings for Navan Road and Pelletstown and the Cabra Community Policing Forum along with the Gardai. The Pelletstown event had a particularly strong attendance with many questions raised concerning crime in the area.

LUAS

With the opening of the Luas line to Broombridge approaching, we have invited Luas management to attend a forthcoming NWAC meeting to outline their proposals for the management of the stations at Broombridge and Cabra and the access to these stations. Ciarán Browne, Project Manager LUAS Cross City, will attend the May NWAC meeting.

Mount Bernard Park extension proposal

DCC have had initial discussions with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) in relation to the possibility of taking over the management of lands behind the new rail line, as an extension or as an addition to Mount Bernard Park. However, there are a number of serious issues involved, including the treatment of lands that suffered contamination by the former Coke Oven plant that operated there. DCC are currently exploring the options with TII but are not in a position to make any firm proposal until the issues have been fully assessed and costed.

Parking Issues

A number of complaints have been received regarding illegal parking in the environs of Dowth Avenue and the corner with Cabra Road. Parking Enforcement have been working with residents on this and there is an application on the TAG list regarding parking restrictions on Dowth Avenue. While the landings outside the shop units at Downey's pub are private and open to parking with the owners' permission, it is illegal to park along the pavement or to breach the Traffic Bye Laws and residents and visitors should note that Parking Enforcement are active in the area.

Carnlough Road Bottle Bank

We have continued to monitor the area and Councillor Perry has also submitted photographs and information regarding the condition of the area. This information is being made available to Waste Management. I also spoke with a nearby resident who is of the view that the bank is generally well kept but could be emptied more regularly. I understand that an impending planning application for a residential/retail development immediately adjacent is likely to be supported by local residents and that construction is expected to begin as soon as planning permission is received. This may present an opportunity for the relocation of the bottle bank although there is no specific mention of this in the application. In the meantime, it would seem appropriate to suspend plans for environmental improvement works if building works are expected to commence shortly.

### Royal Canal Action Day

This will take place on April 22nd at various locations along the canal. The event coincides with An Taisce's National Spring Clean and is being organised by the Royal Canal Volunteer Group as an extended edition of the normal monthly clean up. Volunteers are invited to join at their nearest starting point from Sheriff Street to Ashtown.

### Tree Planting

The tree planting Programme is now complete for 2017 but the Cabra Office has received a number of applications for planting, and is working with Parks Section and residents to assess locations that could be considered for the 2018 Programme

## **COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

### Team Dublin Clean-up.

This is a City Wide Initiative and many residents groups in the area will be organising clean-ups on Good Friday supported by DCC local offices. Phibsborough Tidy Towns will be organising their clean-up on Easter Saturday and plan to provide refreshments and music afterwards in the Library Garden or St Peters Court. An Taisce Spring Clean will continue throughout the month of April. St. Peters Avenue and Altona Terrace started planting and tidying on Saturday 1st April and Connaught Street had a clean up on the 25th March. The Faussagh Avenue group continue to clean and green the main thoroughfare and their work is very visible to everyone living and travelling through Cabra.

### Comhairle na nÓg.

The group visited the Kippure Centre in Wicklow on a team-building exercise on the 11th and 12th April. This year they have chosen to focus on homelessness and its effects on young people. They are liaising with experts in this field of work to assess how the Comhairle can make a contribution to improve the situation during their term, highlight the situation, and make suggestions to the decision makers on this issue.

### Rathborne Parent & Toddler Group

Hosted an Easter Party on Thursday 13th April from 10.30am-12 noon.

### The Royal Canal Parent & Toddler Group

Meets on Friday morning from 10.30am-12 noon and is very well organised and attended.

### The Clareville Centre held their AGM on 29th March.

Sympathy was extended to the families and friends of those residents who have passed away since Christmas, including the wife and brother of the Chairperson Mick Brophy. The Centre continues to provide an excellent service to all those who live there and those who attend the Centre for dinner and activities during the week.

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