

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

**Meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**Item No: 3**

## **Cabra Area Office Report**

### Faussagh Avenue Upgrade

The proposal to landscape the grounds on front of the church car park has, unfortunately, been rejected by the Parish Council due to concerns regarding potential anti-social behaviour. We did our best to reassure them regarding the scheme but must respect their decision. However, we will proceed with plans to plant a number of trees along the avenue initially and to upgrade the planters at the shops. We are also exploring other possibilities for enhancement.

Meanwhile, we are maintaining communications with Clúid to establish what their plans for landscaping will now be and hope to have confirmation of those shortly.

### Mount Bernard Park

#### *Park extension proposal update*

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) has now indicated that they are not in a position to transfer the lands adjacent to the LUAS line to DCC. The main reason given is that:

TII do not have a remit for land development (other than for roads and public transport works), so they're not allowed to allocate funding to those types of works. It has always been NRA (and now TII) policy for lands acquired under capital schemes and which are surplus to requirements, that they are disposed of in an 'undeveloped' state. In the event that TII require additional lands (in the medium to long term) to support Luas maintenance functions using these lands might be an option.

While this remains TII's position it is unlikely that a transfer of the lands will proceed. The satisfactory condition of the lands would be a significant factor to be considered in any acquisition by DCC. We had previously indicated to TII that DCC would be interested in taking these lands, subject to TII paying for the necessary remediation. We would also need an agreement on liability for any contamination related issues that might arise in the future.

I will keep the NWAC informed of any further developments.

#### *Playground extension*

The final soil testing report has now been approved by the Parks Department. Consequently, the playground contractors have been instructed to prepare their method statement and all health & safety documents - the start date may be in advance of this meeting.

### Ormond Print works

I inspected this premises with Sgt. McGilloway from Cabra Station who is very familiar with activity there. The premises has been broken into and used for drinking sessions and also for storing and watering horses. These issues have been reported to Irish Water and the Control of Horses Unit, respectively.

In addition, whoever is accessing these premises used an angle grinder to remove both new and older fences connecting the premises to the canal and the new Ratoath Bridge. Again, this would seem to be to facilitate access for horses and motor bikes onto the canal bank as well as on the premises.

Derelict Section have been notified and will review the case file and inspect as the premises is acting as a focal point for a wide range of anti social behaviour that is having a serious impact on the surrounding area.

### Ratoath Road Flyover

- i) In association with the Ormond Print issue above, the fencing connecting the bridge to the canal at the Ashington side has been the subject of vandalism with bolts securing the fencing being removed and replaced by locks and cable ties. This appears to be to allow access to the canal for horses and motor bikes. The issue has been referred to our Roads Department who will contact Irish Rail to try and address this situation.
- ii) Irish Rail has informed our Roads Department that they have engaged a contractor to conduct remedial works to prevent further flooding on Ballyboggan Road following heavy rain. This work is scheduled to be carried out on the June Bank holiday weekend.

### Ratoath Road - Dominican Schools

Sgt. McGilloway and I attended a meeting at the convent to review the traffic issues there regarding dropping off and collection of children. All agreed that they are not easily resolvable and the convent will review their own internal traffic arrangements. Traffic Section will conduct a speed test at the bridge where it meets the road due to its proximity to Marian School and associated support units.

### Royal Canal Action Day

The Action Day on April 22<sup>nd</sup> was a great success with many residential and voluntary groups participating. Groups in Rathborne, Royal Canal Park, Shandon and the Royal Canal Volunteer Group all had very successful clean ups assisted by DCC Waste management and local area offices.

### Tree Planting

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

### Carnlough Road Bottle Bank

Cabra Office received a further complaint regarding the bottle bank from Councillor Perry. This has been passed to Waste Management.

## COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

### Team Dublin Clean-up

#### *Phibsborough Tidy Towns*

Held a clean-up on Easter Saturday as part of Team Dublin Clean-up and afterwards had a social gathering with music and refreshments in the Library Garden. They continue to meet once a fortnight on Saturday mornings.

The exhibition called "This must be the place" takes place in the Chocolate Factory in Kings Inn St from 2-9<sup>th</sup> May. It exhibits the work of Students and Architects from UCD working on a project called Re-imaging Phibsborough and puts forward ideas for developing the area under a number of headings.

#### *Drumcliffe Residents and St Eithne Rd Residents*

These groups also took part in the clean-ups at Easter and both greens and surrounding areas are looking well and greatly improved in appearance. Drumcliffe are particularly interested in getting young people involved and are planning to apply for funding for activities for Recreation Week which will be starting on 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

### European Neighbours Day

The European Neighbours Day will be held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May. To mark the occasion DCC staff in conjunction with local businesses, services and groups are putting together a community event. It takes place outside the Cabra Road Shops from 12 – 2pm. This year the theme is Cabra Out & About. There will be music, refreshments, and community stands giving information on what's happening in the area and how to get involved in local activities and clubs. There is also an event being organised in the Royal Canal Community Centre in conjunction with the Housing Services Co-ordinator in the afternoon to bring people together and to get to know each other.

### Royal Canal Park Community Association

The Association held their AGM on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Jordana Corrigan stood down as secretary and was thanked for her dedication over the past number of years. The committee was elected and some new residents came forward to volunteer and join the group.

### Charleville Road and Rathdown Road.

A new residents group is in the process of setting up. We look forward to supporting them in the ventures.

### Plant Sales

On the week of 9<sup>th</sup> of May the environmental groups will be provided with plants, shrubs, baskets and gardening supplies to support them to hold annual plant sales and also to plant up communal areas and greens in their neighbourhoods. This also supports them in their endeavours to compete in the City Neighbourhood Competition and Tidy Towns while at the same time enhancing the environment for all to enjoy.

### Altona Terrace

Their annual plant sale and coffee morning takes place this year on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May from 10-12 noon hosted in aid of animal rescue. It is held on the North Circular Road in one of the resident's house and garden and all the neighbours and local environmental groups are invited. It is a wonderful community affair.

### Bealtaine Festival

Festival promoting creativity while ageing takes place during the month of May. To find out what events are taking place citywide go to [www.bealtaine.ie](http://www.bealtaine.ie). Events in the north west area include two in Glasnevin Cemetery:

- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 11-1pm – a literary tour.

- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2-5pm - a discussion on Genealogy.

For booking and more information call 01 8826550.

Groups Supported by DCC Cabra Community Staff:

**Children/Young People**

Cabra Community Developing Project	c/o CDP, St. Finbarr's GAA Club
Buttons Community Playgroup	Ventry Park Recreational Centre
D.7 Connect	St Vincent's Centre
Dunard Community Playgroup	c/o St. Gabriel's National School
Homestead Court Residents Association	c/o 10 Homestead Court
Navan Road Scout Group	c/o Navan Road Scout Group
Royal Canal Park Community Association	c/o 130 Meridian Court
Royal Canal Park Kids Club	Meridian Court
Royal Canal Park Parent & Toddler Group	c/o The Management Suite
St Finbarr's Playschool	Kilkieran Road
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Annamoe Summer Project	Summer Project Committee (Annamoe)
Riverston Abbey Summer Project	Summer Project Committee (Riverston Abbey)
Sharing the Journey	Summer Project Committee (Marian Centre)

**Educational**

Ventry Park Voluntary Organisation	c/o 44 Ventry Park
Cabra East Ladies Club	6 Dingle Road
Cabra History & Folklore Project	C/o CDP, St Finbarr's GAA
Clareville Centre Ltd	c/o Clareville Centre Ltd
Dublin Circus Project Ltd.	280 Bannow Road
Dunard Youth Group	c/o 2 Dunard Walk
Bi ag Caint	c/o St Finbarr's GAA
Ceoltori Cabrach	c/o St Finbarr's GAA

**Environmental**

St Finbarr's Playschool	Kilkieran Road
The Ring Environmental Group	108 St. Eithne Road
Altona Terrace Residents Group	c/o 127 North Circular Road
Cabra Community College	c/o Cabra Community College CDET B
Cabra Road Residents Association	c/o 97 Cabra Road
Drumcliffe Road Residents Association	39 Drumcliffe Road
Ellesmere & Adjoining Avenues Residents Association	3 Everton Avenue
Le Cheile - St Michaels House	94a Dublin Industrial Estate
Leinster Ulster & Munster Residents Association	5 Ulster Street
Rathborne Community Association (RCA)	c/o 7 Laburnum Court
Rowan Hamilton Garden Committee	29 Rowen Hamilton Court

Royal Canal Clean Up  
St Peter's Environmental Group  
McKee Court Environmental Group  
Kinvara Park Environmental Group  
Shandon Residents Association

4 Coke Oven Cottages  
1 - 5 St. Peter's Avenue  
McKee Court  
c/o 33 Kinvara Park  
c/o Cabra Area Office

### **Festival/Event**

Cass Residents Association  
Navan Road Community Council  
Shandon Residents Association  
Cabra Summer Festival Committee  
Cabra Halloween Festival Committee

37 Skreen Road  
c/o 13 Ashington Court  
c/o 79 Shandon Park  
c/o Cabra CDP/St Finbarr's  
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### **Informal Adult Education**

Volunteers Group/Christ the King Day Centre  
Cabra East Ladies Group  
Clareville Centre Ltd  
Golden Girls Convent View Cottages  
Green Bubble Club  
Phibsboro Active Retirement Association

c/o Christ the King Day Centre  
c/o The Annex Christ The King School  
c/o Clareville Centre  
55 Carnlough Road  
c/o Green Bubble Club  
c/o St. Peter's Parish Office

### **Older Persons**

Cabra Bowlers/John Paul Park  
Cabra Community Growth  
Cabra East Ladies Club  
Christ The King Old Folks Club  
Clareville Centre Ltd  
Clareville Court Activity Group  
Clareville Court Garden Group  
Convent View Senior Citizen Group  
Dunard Court Community Centre Group  
Golden Girls Convent View  
Golden Girls Ladies Club  
McKee Court Tenants Association  
Sancta Maria Day Centre  
Sancta Maria Ladies Club  
Silver Surfers  
St Finbarr's Senior Bingo Group  
Angels Ladies Club  
Criost an Ri Bowls Club  
The Golden Girls  
John Paul Senior Bowlers  
Pearl Drops Ladies Club  
The Golden Girls  
Tuesday Club

c/o Cabra CDP  
c/o Cabra CDP, St Finbarr's GAA Club  
c/o The Annex Christ the King School  
Christ The King Day Centre  
c/o Clareville Centre Ltd  
1 Clareville Court  
69 Clareville Court  
89 Ratoath Estate  
69 Dunard Court  
55 Carnlough Road  
Christ the King Community Centre  
27 McKee Court  
Kilkieran Road  
Sancta Day Centre  
553 Carnlough Road  
c/o Saint Finbarr's Court Community Room  
Sancta Day Centre  
Christ The King Day Centre  
Convent View Centre  
Cabra Parkside  
Christ The King Day Centre  
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## **Recreation**

A4Sounds	c/o A4 Arts Studio & Community Education Centre Ltd.
Annamoe Youth & Environmental Group	179 Annamoe Drive
Art Group Christ the King Day Centre	c/o Christ the King Day Centre
Cabra Boxing Club	280 Bannow Road
Cabra Senior Walkers	c/o Cabra CDP, St Finbarr's GAA
Covent view Pool Club	34 Convent View Crescent
Royal Canal Clean Up	4 Coke Oven Cottages
Shandon Pitch & Putt Club	47 rere Shandon Park
St Finbarr's Art Group (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)	c/o St Finbarr's Court
The Nifty Fiftys	42 Glenarriff Road

## **Social Inclusion**

Cabra Senior Newsletter	c/o CDP, St. Finbarr's GAA Club
Cabra Seniors Men's Group	c/o Cabra CDP, St Finbarr's GAA Club
Deaf Village	Deaf Village
Cabra Men's Shed	c/o Cabra CDP, St Finbarr's GAA Club
Phibsboro Men's Shed	St Peters Court

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