

Discretionary Fund – Report on the spending of 2017 allocation

This fund enabled us to roll out projects of significant value to the North Central Area.

We have included 2016 Discretionary funding major scale projects here for illustrative purposes.

We intend to focus on additional key Village and Neighbourhood Projects comparative in scale, if discretionary funding 2017 /2018 is made available to the areas.

We have included as many visuals as possible which are illustrative of work undertaken to date. In the case of Raheny Village, the work is currently in progress.

We completed **Coolock Village Enhancement** visuals attached. We continue to add the finer touches with additional seating and signage. Further, we plan (through the Public Domain Officer and Environmental Liaison Officer) to engage with businesses in the shopping strip Mall following recent fire damage, with the aim of combining whatever resources can be used to the best effect for the Village.

Raheny Village: Works continue with high quality upgrade path works in Main Street, including paving slabs, granite kerbing and a high quality cobble lock finish, for completion in approximately 16 weeks.

It is planned to add heritage feature elements following completion of path works.

Next year, 2018, is the 30th Anniversary of the Raheny Business Association. Work has begun on initiatives and events. A discretionary fund allocation will allow for Dublin City Council /RBA to roll out a new digital initiative partnership and allow for supportive funding towards additional calendar events for the 30th anniversary.

Significant upgrade of railings was carried out at the Bettyglen /Raheny location. The recent bespoke all year round outdoor Art display at the Scouts den location was supported by the NCA and separately discretionary funding allowed for a full repair/renewal of the lighting installation at the bridge in Raheny. Under our commitment to Age Friendly and physical environmental improvements, renewal of a stretch of path from Howth Road to Blackbanks was carried out by Roads Maintenance on our behalf. Dishing of paths at key locations was carried out also. Path work was seen as necessary following a walkability exercise undertaken under the aegis of the NCA Age Friendly Plan. Positive feedback on the work done to date was swiftly forthcoming from resident representatives.

Park at Maypark Donnycarney

We have met with parks and have formally requested that a “re-imagining of the Park” be commissioned by Parks. This is with the intention of optimising existing features which include play infrastructure currently sited in the park. Immediate work to be undertaken to paint existing railings and repair work is to be undertaken at play site etc. Quotes are currently being sought so this work can commence at soonest possible date. Additional tree planting will be considered also.

Local Environmental Improvement Plan for Donaghmede

We have undertaken extensive painting railing upgrade works on the Kilbarrack Road boundary of the Donaghmede /St. Donagh’s area. This has greatly improved the look and feel of this linear boundary along the Tonlegee Road. Improved directional signage has been installed now for some time at the main junctions. A new access path to Donaghmede Park at Carndonagh Park will be undertaken by Roads Maintenance before the end of the year. This will lend continuity to the existing path network within the park and should enhance the experience of the park. Child cyclists use the most recent path installed with NCA funding about 5 years ago and this path will lead into same.

In conjunction with DERA the following additional works are underway: Construction of a Memorial garden in Donaghmede Park with accompanying seating. Seating is already in place and this work continues to progress.

A landscape design feature is to be created at Howth Junction Donaghmede DART station with Historical Panels capturing Donaghmede's unique history. Liaison has taken place with the Dublin City Council appointed Historian Cormac Moore and the Chairperson of DERA regarding the history content of relevant panels. The landscape design Architect in this regard is about to be appointed.

A large scale investment has been made regarding the roads traffic flow improvements at the location of Donaghmede/ Grange Road Roundabout with the aim of easing the traffic volume at this major junction.

Edenmore

Following a number of initiatives in co-operation with residents, there is a costed proposal for the "Greening of Edenmore". This will be done in co-operation with residents and replace the existing asphalt verges along Edenmore Crescent. This is being done on a pilot basis but local residents have been consulted along this stretch and have expressed enthusiasm for this. There will be dishings etc provided at entrances and residents can opt to get further work done to their entrances should they decide and will apply to do so in tandem with works that are being undertaken. The idea is to upgrade the environmental fabric where possible in Edenmore. The path network will also be significantly improved this year and along with a number of development proposals in the offing by independent landowners. Edenmore will most likely benefit significantly from private investment over the next 2- 3 years, if not before.

The above, coupled with renewed signage, planter provision and the very significant resource of increasing numbers of residents, is steering the way towards upgrading the area on a continual basis in partnership with Dublin City Council.

Age Friendly Initiatives

NCH partnership with NCA

Concert provision – Age Friendly Dementia concert series - This joint initiative continues to very successful.

Supportive funding towards Raheny Age Friendly Café and Artane Resource Centre Age Friendly models – Contributory funding towards the Tuesday Club in Marino.

Vantastic in partnership with NCA

Meeting transport needs in the NCA for the older population and linking with Age Friendly activities.

Local Projects

1. Cromcastle - Significant insulation upgrade for Cromcastle flats – insulation in partnership with Housing Department. Also provision of CCTV installation - retrofitting Block 6 illustrated – (Picture)
2. Killester - heavy duty graffiti removal at bridge – flower planters replaced – extensive weed removal – power washing
3. Artane Beaumont Family recreation Centre – assistance with the preparation of a business plan to ensure the sustainability of the centre.
4. Artane Resource Centre – "making safe" works to improve access and provision of "disabled" parking spots at the entry point to the centre. Discretionary monies have been allocated here under the Age Friendly category. (Picture)

5. Clontarf Tourism – contributory funding towards Bramstoker themed events to be run locally in Clontarf - in conjunction with Denis McIntyre local historian –sample calendar of events available
6. Beaumont Road – Signage & Planter –(Picture)
7. Donnycarney West -special project improvement of shops and shop fronts in area.
8. Donnycarney -provision of multi use toilet facility – ref responding to extensive use of the facility by the older population in respect of excellent meal service delivered from this facility – quotes to be sought – cost estimate €40k
9. Marino Community Garden - creation of garden within the curtilage of the Park –(Picture)
10. Signage at Coolock Village –(Picture)
11. Harmonstown -Mc Auley- Mask- Artane
12. Woodlawn – previous Pride of Place winners – 25th Anniversary of estate – contribution to additional planter provision etc – (Picture)
13. Belmayne – central reservation at Main Street - clean up of the Mayne River additionally in co-operation with Public Lighting Department, a renewal of the lighting infrastructure on an access route /walkway into Belmayne from the Malahide Road. This will enable a safe route for pedestrians on this well used walkway and provide a sustainable piece of infrastructure in the area. Festival support has been given to Belmayne resulting in a very successful Fun Day 21st May 2017, in Fr. Collins Park. Summer Project transport costs have also been supported by discretionary fund allocation.
14. Edenmore – Signage and environmental enhancements to date – (Picture)
15. Greendale – seating provision and newly refurbished senior citizens accommodation –(Picture)
16. Clontarf- Signage – special requests for clean up the high amenity area
17. Special Art project Clontarf Road - (Picture)
18. Woodlawn – (Picture)
19. Grange Abbey – planter provision
20. Grange Woodbine – contribution to upgrade of building with Pride Of Place entry – (Picture)
21. Newbury /Swifts Grove - huge range of planters
22. Priorswood Road – special boundary clean up in partnership with the Industrial Estate.
23. Philipsburg Avenue – special graffiti project
24. Assistance to TARGET in Donaghmede regarding business plan preparation for future planning. This in conjunction with NPL Ltd and NCA co-funding same.
25. Drumcondra - Hanging Baskets /Flower poles /planter in conjunction with North West Area –work on upgrade restoration at existing graveyard. Supportive funding toward Historical walks & links with Child Vision
26. Additional seating and signage for Griffith Avenue.
27. Planters in Fairview- Cadogan Road/ Annesley Bridge.

28. Paint supplied to local groups – Moatview, Edenmore
29. Clare Hall railings boundary via Greenwood and Clare Hall – ref limiting anti-social behaviour
30. Railings at Darndale Park ref -Darndale Park improvements
31. New All weather pitch at rear of Trinity Sports Complex – Associated works
32. Halloween discretionary fund for removal of bonfire material

Note * the discretionary fund has on a continual basis, made it possible for heavy duty graffiti to be removed without delay.

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