

Item No. 6

A. Ballymun

A meeting of this forum took place on Tuesday 12th September at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Ballymun Civic Centre. It was well attended by local residents, DCC staff and public representatives.

Councillor Noeleen Reilly provided an update on the recent City Neighbourhood Awards held in Ballymun Civic Centre and thanked everybody involved for their efforts. The Gardaí gave the crime statistics for the period since the last meeting. Issues that were discussed following this included the recent shootings, anti-social behaviour in particular drug dealing in the Courts, and illegal dumping. Residents also expressed concern about Halloween approaching and what plans are being put in place for this. Safety Week will take place from Monday 23rd of October to Friday 27th October and various events are being planned during this week.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 24th October and this meeting will be the launch of Safer Ballymun Safety Week.

B. Cabra

The forum bi-monthly meeting took place 11th July, the following issues arose:

- Suspected drug dealing at identified location.
- Reckless/dangerous driving at identified location.
- Minor issues with scrambler and quad bike.
- Potential parking problems at Broombridge and Cabra LUAS stations.

The members welcomed and noted appreciation to Dublin City Council on the floral enhancement along Faussagh Ave.

The annual forum community festival coffee morning took place on 15th August. It was very well attended by approximately 70 residents, representatives from various organisations including the Cabra Resource Centre, DNWAP, Cabra CDP, Task Community Care, elected representatives and community Gardaí and Garda management from all three stations serving the forum area.

Following the presentations on behalf of Cabra Community Policing Forum, Cabra Resource Centre and An Garda Síochána, all residents remained for a friendly informal cup of tea with their local Gardaí and representatives from the various organisations. Many residents expressed appreciation for the fact that despite their busy workload Garda from all stations remained and engaged in a very genuine manner.

Cabra Community Policing forum have secured funding from Finglas Cabra DATF for the purpose of sponsoring the Young Person of The year in the 2017 Northside People Awards. The forum intends to use this media opportunity to highlight the positive activities and contributions of the vast majority of the young people of Cabra.

Meetings are ongoing with Gardaí, DCC and local individuals, clubs and organisations.

C. Drumcondra

A meeting of this forum took place on Wednesday 28th June at 7pm in the Maples Hotel, Drumcondra. Gardaí from Santry and Mountjoy Garda Stations were in attendance as well as a large number of local residents and some public representatives. Issues such as crime in the area, abandoned cars, illegal parking, the lack of bus routes in the area, and motorists ignoring traffic signs were discussed on the night. There was a lengthy discussion on the upcoming new traffic layout trial on Walsh/Ferguson Road. Residents spoke both for and against the trial which is due to take place over the coming months.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday September 27th.

D. Finglas

The next round of Finglas Safety Meetings will take place as follows:

Finglas West:

Monday 18th September, St Fergal's Boys' National School, 7pm – 8.30pm

Finglas East:

Monday 25th September, St Canice's Boys' National School, 7pm – 8.30pm

Finglas South:

Monday 16th October, St Helena's Family Resource Centre, 7pm – 8.30pm

An Garda Síochána Policing Plan 2018 Submission

As part of the An Garda Síochána Policing Plan Stakeholder Consultation for 2018, the Finglas Cabra Local Drug & Alcohol Task Force, Finglas Safety Forum and Cabra Community Policing Forum formulated a combined submission.

Through regular community consultation and input received, and facilitated through, the Cabra Community Policing Forum and Finglas Safety Forum, residents identify and prioritize local issues in relation to crime, antisocial behaviour and estate management.

The recommendations outlined below stem from this community engagement which includes, but is not limited to, the summary as follows:

Confronting Crime:

An improved approach to incidences of intimidation, especially serious threat to life and family intimidation.

Introduce improved referral based case management programmes including:

- Adult Reoffending Programme
- “At risk of offending” programme to identify adults at risk of offending.
- Release program; Community-led Integration Scheme for offenders on (and before) release from prison.

Community Engagement and Public Safety:

- Reintroduce Full Community Policing Units
- Introduce “Small-Area Policing” approach
- Rearrange Community Policing work shifts that enable Community Gardaí engage with residents and community groups

- Focus on youth relationship with An Garda Siochana, avoid drug talks and focus on building trust.
- Centralised community policing email address as point of contact for key stakeholders in Finglas and Cabra.

Organisational Development and Capacity Improvement:

- Strategic overview of promotions and movement within the force at local level ensuring a fluid approach to Garda movement especially in community policing.
- Introduce a Station based system that ensures all calls made to district stations is logged on the Pulse system not only 999 calls.

Summer Events

Finglas has seen a lot of activity throughout the summer from the Meakstown Family Fun Day, Finglas Family Fun Day, Finglas Festival of Football, Finglas Festival to the 6 different summer projects run by volunteers throughout Finglas. The Finglas Safety Fourm coordinator was delighted to attend the events throughout the summer.

Parks

As the summer began the Finglas Safety Forum received a number of complains with noise, intimidation and other issues in Johnstown Park. Once Operation Irene began and a number of complains were forwarded directly to Community Garda unit the issue was resolved quickly.

The recruitment for a new Finglas Safety Forum Coordinator has begun, however the emails, phone and queries will continue to be monitored and dealt with.