

**The Chairperson and Members
North Central Joint Policing Committee**

DARNDALE/BELCAMP/MOATVIEW FORUM

Darndale/Belcamp/Moatview Forum meets every two months in the Darndale/Belcamp Village Centre. There are good attendances at the Forum from local community, public representatives, local agencies, HSE, Coolock Gardai and Dublin City Council North Central staff. There have been 5 safety forum meetings to date, 30/01/17, 27/03/17, 29/05/17, 26/07/17 and 27/09/17. There has also been a sub-committee meeting of Darndale Park Renewal Group on 30/06/17.

The following items are typical of the Agenda items considered by the forum at the above 3 meetings.

Development Local Housing Sites

- Buttercup – new build, Belcamp Avenue - Site H Rapid Build Homes, Belcamp Sites B and C and Spine site.

Waste Management/Environment

- Graffiti, clean ups, illegal dumping

Garda Matters

- Recent crimes and Garda actions including key statistics, crime report.

DCC Community Section Update

- Community & Social Development team update, including events and projects.

Darndale Park Renewal Project

- Physical improvements, usage, issues re horses, dumping and quad bikes.

Dublin North East Drugs Task Force

- Update

Local Highlights and Achievement

- Report on local community achievements.

Recent Actions and Topics

Housing Sites:

- Work continues on the construction of 35 new 3 bed houses in buttercup Park, the first 6 completed houses have been allocated and tenants moved in, in early June 2017, 4 more signed tenancies on 26/9/17 and the remainder will be handed over and allocated on a phased basis.

- **Belcamp (site H)** - consists of 26 X 2 bedroom units and 12 X 3 bedroom units. The project commenced in December 2016, nominations have been completed for the 19 units at Belcamp and Keys should be available in mid October. It is anticipated that the 19 units at Moatview will be Available mid to end of November, '17, allocations are currently processing applications.

- **Belcamp Sites B and C** - Site B consists of 4 X 3 bedrooms houses and 8 X 1 bedroom older person units and Site C consists of 16 X 1 bedroom older person units. Design teams are being appointed.

- **Spine Site** - A draft proposal is being prepared for social housing on this problematic site.

Waste Management and Environment

- The number of incidents of graffiti in the area has decreased in the last 6 months. There have been a few incidents of threatening graffiti over the last couple of weeks which has been promptly removed. With the introduction of the gateway staff in Darndale Park there has been no incidents of graffiti. The blue bag system continues to work very well.

Illegal Dumping: Illegal dumping has become an issue in Darndale in the last few months. The anti social behaviour in July has put a lot of pressure on the waste management crews. Rapid response has been called into the area on numerous occasions over the past number of weeks to clear large bulky items that have been dumped and to clear areas where regular burning occurs. A lot of the burnt out dumped bags consist of recycle goods ie. cans and bottles.

Darndale Park

There have been positive developments in Darndale Park with increased usage, unfortunately there are still issues with horses and quad and scrambler bikes. The introduction of the Gateway staff has helped reduce the incidents of dumping. The first 'Park Run@ took place in the park last Saturday 30/09/17.

Dublin North East Drugs Task Force Update

Deirdre Arnold, Prevention Education Worker has given very informative and useful verbal updates on the work she carries out and also on the new drugs which are becoming available and the effect they are having on users.

Marcus Keane from the Ana Liffey Project gave a presentation regarding supervised injection facilities (SIFS).

Anti-Social Behaviour Primrose Grove, Darndale

There was a serious spate of joy-riding and burning out cars in Primrose Grove and Snowdrop in early July. Cllr. O'Toole raised this issue at the last JPC meeting on 17/7/17, where Chief Superintendent Finbar Murphy gave an undertaking to put a plan in place to meet this challenge. On foot of this, suitably trained personnel were re-deployed for 3 nights to deal with and address the issues. At the Darndale/Belcamp Safety Forum on 26/07/17 Cllr. O'Toole invited residents from Primrose Grove and Snowdrop to attend the meeting to speak in relation to the anti social activity in their area and address any questions/queries they had to Inspector Colm Healy and DCC. Inspector Healy advised that the Public Order Unit is not a permanent solution, the answer is not to have police in riot gear patrolling the area, the future plan needs to be that the Community, DCC and the Guards work together.

The next safer forum meeting is scheduled for 27th November, 2017 and the sub-committee of the Darndale Park Renewal Group are also scheduled to meet on 27th November, 2017.

October, 2017.

**Deirdre Murphy,
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