



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

Meeting: 21st November 2017

Item No: 3

Cabra Area Office Report

Broome Lodge

Broome Lodge will be officially opened by Ministers Donohoe and Murphy on Monday 27th November. Invitations have been issued by Clúid.



Ashington Mews

As no response has been received from residents to the proposals outlined in the October report, planting will commence as planned.

Ashington Park

As advised by Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent at last month's area committee meeting there are currently no proposals to install a playground at this location. A playground was installed in 2009 and was subjected to such a high level of vandalism that within 18 months it was damaged beyond repair and had to be removed on safety grounds. The recent audit of playground facilities identified the Ashington Estate as being within the catchment of two playgrounds - Crescent Park and John Paul Park.

The playground audit also identified a significant deficit of play facilities in the north east of the city. These areas have been prioritised in the 3 year capital programme.

Following a resident's request we will be assessing demand for seating in the park. This is often divisive among communities as it can bring anti social behaviour. We will consult with the resident's association in relation to support for this proposal.

Ashtown Grove

A contractor has marked out the landings on either side of the shops on Wednesday 8th November in response to residents' requests to create more disciplined parking. As per the October report, this will not become a formal paid car park as DCC may require the area for other uses in the future.

Blackhorse Avenue Works

Padraig McNulty, Senior Resident Engineer on site; anticipates that work will be completed by the end of January 2018 on Blackhorse Avenue, apart from the final road surfacing works.

The final road surface cannot be laid in low temperatures (as it would break up after a short time). It is proposed that this will be laid in late spring or earlier if temperatures are suitable. The regular six week PR letter to residents was sent on Friday 10th.

Cabra Office refurbishment

Fitzgerald Kavanagh & Partners have been appointed as architects for the office refurbishment and remodelling. The inaugural client meeting was held on the 14th November.

Cabra Road

Residents have been in regular contact with the Area Office, Public Domain and other departments in relation to a range of issues. We are working with residents to address these issues, particularly in the context of waste management, traffic issues and the apparent abandonment of cars.

Mount Bernard Park

Following some concerns expressed regarding the new children's natural play area, Parks Section have received the final safety assessment, which includes a list of remedial works. These are due to be carried out this month.

Phibsborough LEIP

Rose Kenny, Central Area Manager, Dave Dinnigan and Fergus Synnott met with residents' representatives and Councillors McAdam and Perry in the Cabra Office as part of the Implementation Working Group process. We discussed the scope of the plan, residents' priorities, and the role of the Area Offices in supporting the achievement of the plan objectives.

Community & Social Development

Halloween

The Athletics Halloween Camp ran in Cabra Parkside from 31st October to 3rd November. Ventry Park Recreation staff and volunteers took twenty four young people to the Cavan Centre which was among the highlights of Halloween activities.

The "Halloween Graveyard" in Naomh Fionnbarra was a great success and was housed indoors for comfort. It was presented by the Cabra Senior Men's Shed who worked on the

props for months running up to the event. They support all the community events in Cabra and are a great asset to the community. All the other activities went ahead as planned including Halloween Parties in the Christ the King and Sancta Maria Day Centres. CASS Residents Association (off the Navan Road) hosted a family event on Halloween Night and Oliver Plunkett's GAA Club had a disco.

Environmental Projects

The garden in Sancta Maria is undergoing major upgrading including landscaping and planting supported by DCC. The work is expected to be completed before Christmas.

Phibsboro Tidy Towns continue their monthly clean-ups and other activities. They hope to send a group to attend a seminar in Athlone on researching energy efficiency. They are also active on the proposed development of Phibsborough Shopping Centre.

Christ the King Centre Garden continues to be maintained by the volunteers and is flourishing. The National School's Environmental Group is made up of parents who are planting up the containers and are looking after the grounds. Both groups are being supported by DCC.

Dates for Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies

Cabra Christmas lighting will take place at the roundabout on Faussagh Road/Faussagh Avenue on Thursday 7th December at 5.15 pm. The ceremony will be performed by Ardmheara Micheal Mac Donncha. This will be followed by refreshments and a community gathering in Naomh Fionbarrá GAA Club. The event is organised by DCC Cabra, CDP and Naomh Fionbarrá.

The Royal Canal Park Christmas Tree Lighting opposite the Spar Shop will take place at 7pm on Thursday 7th December. The event attracts a large crowd annually who join in the carol singing. Refreshments are provided by the Royal Canal Park Community Association.

The Rathborne Christmas Tree Lighting will take place at 5 pm on Saturday 9th December on the corner beside the River Centre where refreshments will be available following carol singing and the lights being switched on.

Phibsborough Tidy Towns are organising their annual Charity Carol Singing around the neighbourhood with All Saints Choir. A preliminary date of Monday 11th December has been suggested, followed by refreshments in All Saints Church Hall.

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