



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

Meeting: 20th March 2018

Item No: 3

Cabra Area Office Report

Ashington Rail Station

A planning application has been submitted for Ashington Rail Station which will include a footbridge over the canal and additional lighting in Ashington Park. Should it be successful, construction will still be dependent on approved funding.

Blackhorse Avenue

In a response to an enquiry by Deputy Jack Chambers regarding the proposed road re-alignment of Blackhorse Avenue between its junctions with Baggot Road and the entrance to the Darling Estate just west of the "Hole in the Wall" public house, please be advised that no provision has been made in Dublin City Council's 2018-2020 Capital Works Program to undertake any works at this location.

It is estimated that the cost of these works will be in the region of €2.5 million. There are also issues with land ownership and land acquisition which has to be resolved in order to facilitate any proposed road works in this area.

Cabra Road

Further to residents request to have trees planted, the NTA has advised that consultation on busconnect.ie is due to commence shortly (approximately 2 months). With this in mind, they have requested that a decision on this matter be deferred until the conclusion of this process.

Community Policing Fora

The Navan Road/Pelletstown Forum was held in the River Centre on Thursday 15th March. The Cabra Community Policing Forum is scheduled for Tuesday 27th March at 7.15 pm.

Royal Canal

Irish Rail will continue to spray the Japanese Knotweed in May and September as this is proving to be a successful method of treatment on their land adjoining the canal.

The Volunteer Clean Up Group has been in negotiations with Irish Rail for the leasing of land to locate a container to store equipment. Irish Rail has agreed in principle but there have been issues with securing the lease arrangements.

Work has commenced on the 5th Lock at Glasnevin Junction and will continue until the bank holiday in October.

Community & Social Development

Dunard Youth & Community Centre

Work has commenced on upgrading the grounds at the entrance to the centre and is ongoing. A new pre-school group is hoping to use the centre and has applied for funding. If their application is successful it will provide a much needed service for parents and children in the area.

St. Finbarr's Court Senior Citizens Complex.

The community groups are still using the Community Room for their activities. Dublin City Council has plans to start work on re-developing the complex as soon as possible and is in talks with Clúid to relocate the groups to Broome Lodge Community Room, for the duration of the works. Issues which need to be addressed include: insurance, licensing agreement and access to the complex. These are being worked on at present. The groups are being invited to view the room on 26th March to confirm its suitability and to establish which groups wish to use it. Following this, the insurance can be put in place and the terms of the licensing agreement can be finalised.

International Women's Day Event.

This event took place on Thursday 8th of March in Cabra Parkside from 11am to 1pm. The programme included: Sumba, a talk on the Suffragettes, followed by musical entertainment and mindfulness. The hall was beautifully decorated and historical posters and facts were displayed. Three staff were dressed in period costume and carried placards calling for votes for women. Refreshments were provided. There was a raffle with many prizes donated by local traders and everyone received a decorative candle as a memento of the day.

DCC are developing an Arts & Culture Strategy for Phibsborough and Phizzfest. DCC facilitated a community consultation on 6th March upstairs in McGeoughs, on Doyle's Corner. The aim was to give residents the opportunity to have an input into developing the strategy. It was well attended with many ideas put forward for use of community space. A talk was given on the history and re-development of Dalymount and the opportunities for the community arising from this. The evening ended with a performance by Honor Heffernan and Trevor Knight of a short set from "The Whistling Girl". A report will be compiled and further consultations will take place with the wider community.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Cabra Library organised Clár na gCéist /Table Quiz on Monday 12th March at 6.15 p.m. Bí ag Caint are working with Gael Scoil Barra on an initiative to support the Irish language. It is called SPOTA GAEILGE and the pupils are given a page with a large green spot which they place in a location at home where they speak Irish with their families and friends.

Naomh Fionnbarra C.L.G. are running an Easter Camp from 26th- 28th March for boys and girls interested in football and hurling.

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