

**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 4 safety forums to date – 29th Jan. '18, 26th March, '18, 28th May, '18, and 24th September, '18.

The following items are typical of the Agenda items considered by the forum at the above 4 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

Recent Actions and Topics:

Garda Keith Hughes and Garda Margaret Hession gave a very informative presentation on the functions, objectives and principals of the Juvenile Division Programme.

Housing Sites:

- **Buttercup Park** - all houses have now been allocated.
- **Belcamp (site H)** - all 38 houses are now allocated. Sean O'Reilly Project Estate Officer is available to speak to with any of the tenants regarding anti-social issues.
- **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** - Feasibility study/investigative works currently taking place. Previous plans for this site need to be re-designed as original plans had issues with services, this will happen early in 2019.

Waste Management and Environment

- Threatening graffiti has been removed from the area over recent months and a clean up of graffiti was requested before the recent fundraiser matches in Darndale Park.

Illegal Dumping: Illegal dumping is an issue in Darndale. The joyriding and burning out of cars has put a lot of pressure on the waste management crews, there have been a number of abandoned burnt out cars. There is an ongoing problem with burning of domestic waste in the Darndale/Belcamp area. A lot of the burnt out dumped bags consist of recycle goods such as cans

and bottles. The Public Domain crew arrange for regular clean ups. Belcamp, Moatview and Darndale also have 3 community employments schemes in operation in the area which sweep ,clean and litter pick on a daily basis. Waste Management remove all the debris collected by these groups.

Darndale Park

There have been positive developments in Darndale Park with increased usage. The Football Academy is proving very successful with 80 – 100 kids now enrolled in it. The ‘Park Run’ in the Park continues to be a huge success with participants coming from all over Dublin.

On 8th September four football matches were played in the park by locals from Darndale against 16 soap stars. This proved to be a very successful, enjoyable family day with 2000 people in attendance and 1000 E being raised for charity.

The use of the park for matches, training, park run etc. has attributed to a decrease in anti-social activity around the park when these activities are being held.

The introduction of the Gateway staff has helped reduce the incidents of dumping.

While all of the above is very positive unfortunately there are still some issues with horses and quad and scrambler bikes.

Dublin North East Drugs Task Force Update

Deirdre Arnold, Prevention Education Worker has given very informative and useful verbal updates on the work carried out by the Dublin North East Drugs Task Force and also on the new drugs which are becoming available and the effect they are having on users.

Anti-Social Behaviour Darndale

Joy-riding and burning out of cars continued to be a major issue in Darndale and a cause of concern for the residents. Since Christmas the Public Order Unit was deployed in Darndale every Thursday – Sunday. At the Safety Forums Inspector Colm Healy has repeatedly emphasised the importance of local people providing names, in order for the Garda to identify and apprehend these offenders. He has 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.

DCC contacted Traffic Management Section to inspect possibility of installing traffic calming who advised that there is adequate traffic calming in place.

Joy-riding and burning out of cars seems to have eased off in Darndale, the Public Order Unit are no longer deployed there from Thursday – Sunday.

The next safer forum meeting is scheduled for 26th November, 2018.

October, 2017.

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