

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

Meeting: 19th May 2020

Item No: 4

Ballymun Area Office Report

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1. Ballymun Covid-19 Community Response Forum

The Covid-19 response team includes Liam Barry, Martina Kelly, Ciaran Mahony and Declan Ronan with all four on a rota to respond to Covid-19 requests. Requests are mainly for collection and delivery of groceries, collection of pensions and transport to medical appointments. The Ballymun Area office has been engaging mostly with Setanta GAA who have a team of volunteers in place to handle requests. We have also linked in with the Aisling Project to lend support with deliveries and meals on wheels services such as Burren Court Meals. In April we had 30 requests through the CRM, however, a number of repeat requests are now contacting the volunteers directly without going through the Covid-19 response number.

2. Ballymun LAP Update

Shopping Centre – Site 1

Due to Covid-19 restriction there has been no progress on the site. The site will reopen on 18th May. The Economic Development Officer will be involved in weekly shopping centre meetings with the contractor going forward.

Lidl - Site 3



The site can be accessed from 18th May but it will take a number of days for the contractor to make the site Covid-19 compliant before construction can resume properly. The lockdown will have resulted in a seven week delay and the contractor will assess what impact social distancing will have on completion of construction. They are still hopeful of completing the project before the academic year resumes but there is uncertainty around when then that will be.

Decathlon – Site 27



Covid-19 restrictions has delayed the opening of the store.

Vacant Units

The HSE have tendered for a design team to open a day hospital in units 3 & 4 but cannot go to planning yet until the units can be accessed after Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

3. Community Development Update

Covid 19 Community Support

The Community Team are continuously sharing relevant community updates on the Ballymun Community and events Facebook page. Of particular interest are mental health and recreational topics and online classes as well as general DCC information and local community information. Some of this is also been shared with community members by WhatsApp as well as the DCC Ballymun Finglas Facebook Page. The Community Team are also linking in with community groups and individuals on an ongoing basis by phone and e-mail and handling any general queries that become known at the present time.

General Work Update

- The Community Team are looking at the possibility of organising plant deliveries for local community groups, pending the Covid 19 situation and are linking with Ballymun Tidy Towns and Public Domain DCC in this regard.
- The Community Team are linking with Public Domain Section and Finglas Community Section on a regular basis.
- Community Team members are linking with BRYR, Axis Ballymun, Better Ballymun Group, Trinity Comprehensive and Rediscovery Centre around plans for future initiatives.
- Initial contacts have been made with regard to the Otherworld Festival.
- There have been several queries from Community groups around Community Grants. The process has been delayed due to Covid 19 as the final citywide list of Community Grants for 2020 must go before the full City Council. Further updates are expected shortly.
- The Summer Projects have also been deferred and it is hoped the funding will be used to support projects later in the year.
- Community Team members are regular liaising with the Network for supporting young people and children chaired by the Ballymun Drugs Task Force, and participated in a Zoom meeting on Friday the 8th May.

4. Economic Development Update

BRL

Liam Barry, Economic Development Officer, is now the secretary of Ballymun Regeneration CLG following the retirement of Tom Gorman. Liam will now be tasked with assisting the completion of the wind-up of BRL.

Stimulating Economic Activity

Ballymun **4** business



B4b has continued to host business network meetings for its members on Zoom, which has worked quite well. Eoin Murray Chartered Accountants delivered a session on the Covid-19 payment entitlements for employers and employees and Aoife O'Brien delivered a presentation on working from home, resilience and adapting to the Covid-19 restrictions. The Local Enterprise Office Dublin City is lined up to deliver a presentation on the Covid-19 supports available for small business and AIB will deliver a session on how the banks can support businesses during the pandemic.



The StartUp Ballymun event #Dream #Create #Inspire will be a virtual event. We have five businesses lined up to share their stories on how they are using innovative techniques to respond to the Covid-19 crisis. The event is being designed at the moment and will be shared online over the coming weeks, on a date to be confirmed.



CoderDojo Ballymun is postponed for the foreseeable future and no date has been set for its return yet.

BEST Programme



The Economic Development Officer is collaborating with Setanta GAA to support their Hair Together Programme. The project kicked off in February but had to cease due to Covid-19 restrictions. The organisers are looking to at ways to deliver workshops on Zoom so that the programme can resume.

4. Housing Report

Ballymun Rent Assessment Update

	April 2020
Assessments	300
Permissions To Reside	0

Refunds	1
Opening of Accounts	13 (including 0 sole/successions)
Closing of Accounts	5 (including 0 sole/successions)
Front Counter Calls	0
Window Replacements	0

Estate Management statistics

April 2020	
No of Anti- Social complaints per 1997 act Drug related	15
No of Anti-Social complaints per 1997 act (Not Drug Related)	25
No of other Complaints	
Total Complaints	40
No of Anti-Social Interviews per 1997 act	0
No of Other Interviews	0
Total Interviews	0
No Requests for mediation	0
No of Complaints referred to central unit for Action	0
No of Section 20 Evictions	0
No of excluding Orders applied for by Tenant	0
No of Excluding orders applied for by DCC	0
No of surrender of Tenancies due to Anti-Social Behaviour	0
No of Tenancy Warnings sent to Central Unit	0
No of Court Orders Granted	0
No of Appeals / Judicial Reviews Challenges	0
No of Warrants executed (Evictions)	0

Ballymun Lettings

Allocation Category	Housing List 2020	Transfer List 2020
Band 1 Priority		
Welfare		
Travellers		
Medical		
Homeless	13	
HAP		
Band 2	1	
Band 3	1	
Surrendering Larger	2	
Estate Management	2	
Maintenance		
Refurbishment		
Total	19	0

Ballymun Voids

Address	Type	Date of Vacancy	Status
Dolmen Way	1 Bed	21/10/2018	Temp Let
Forestwood Ave	2 Bed	07/07/2019	Under Repair
Marewood Crescent	1 Bed	05/08/2019	Under Offer
Belclare Way	3 Bed	01/09/2019	Under Repair
Coultry Green	3 Bed	30/09/2019	Under Repair
Doon Court	4 Bed	29/09/2019	Under Repair

Shangan Gardens	3 Bed	15/09/2019	Under Repair
Gateway Avenue	1 Bed	10/11/2019	Under Repair
Coultry Green	3 Bed	24/11/2019	Under Repair
Shangan Crescent	2 Bed	23/11/2019	Under Repair
Doon Court	3 Bed	20/01/2020	Under Repair
Shangan Gardens	3 Bed	15/09/2019	Under Repair
Silloge Park	2 Bed	09/02/2020	Under Repair
Belclare Green	3 Bed	10/01/2020	Under Repair
Woodhazel Way	2 Bed	01/03/2020	Under Repair
Older Persons			
Address	Type	Date of Vacancy	Status
Sandyhill Gardens	OPU	30/09/2018	Under Offer
Burren Court	OPU	04/11/2019	Under Repair
Burren Court	OPU	18/11/2019	Under Repair

Martina Kelly
Administrative Officer