



**MINUTES OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA JPC MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2020**

**1 Minutes of meeting held on 20th January 2020**

**Order:** Agreed

**2 Management of Halloween, Fireworks and Covid-19**

**Order:** Cllr Tom Brabazon spoke about how NPHECT recommendations will affect the management of plans for Halloween.

Elaine Mulvenny spoke regarding the Public Domain plans for Halloween. There is a Halloween Action Plan in place for Halloween which will be co-ordinating the removal of Bonfire material for the North Central Area. The Public Domain Team will be on call Halloween weekend. The Litter Wardens have contacted local shops regarding shopping trolley removal, they also contacted owners in the Industrial Estates and Tyre Business requesting them to keep anything that can be used for bonfire material to be kept out of reach.

Elaine also spoke regarding the Community Plans for Halloween. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 public health restrictions, Dublin City Council is unable to organise the annual professional Halloween Fireworks Displays this year in the North Central Area, which have provided a safe, fun alternative for young people at Halloween each year. However, in an effort to continue to convey the message to young people to avoid danger and keep safe at Halloween, DCC are linking in with 37 primary schools in the Clontarf/Donaghmede Local Electoral Area and inviting them to organise a Halloween Poster Competition in schools in the lead up to Halloween. DCC are asking that students design an A4 poster with the theme 'Keep Safe at Halloween'. There are two age categories: 4-8 years and 9-13 years.

A prize of One4all Gift Cards to the value of €500 will be awarded to the winning school in each age category. In addition, each participating school will receive One4all Gift Cards to the value of €100 (2 x €50) as a prize for their winning student in each age category. If a school wishes to participate they need to complete the Participation Form, which was circulated, and returned by email to sheila.duffy@dublincity.ie by 12 noon on Monday 12th October 2020. Cllr Alison Gilliland requested the details of this competition be circulated to all Cllrs.

Derek Farrell spoke regarding Community plans for Halloween. With the absence of Spooktacular and the fireworks, DCC are proposing to have a Laser show between 6pm and 9pm on Halloween night. The location will not be made public to avoid people congregating. In previous years, Fiona Moore would visit schools

to education young children on the dangers of Halloween; there is a proposal to have this presentation given by Zoom.

Chief Superintendent Mark Curran discussed Halloween and the use of Fireworks. The Gardaí will assist DCC in the removal off Bonfire Materials in the run up to Halloween. The use of fireworks is priority for the Gardaí, it is an offence to use fireworks and the Garda have been planning for Halloween and Fireworks for some weeks. If under age are caught with fireworks, they can be dealt with under the Juvenile Diversion Programme. There have been a lot of calls to local Garda Stations reporting Fireworks and these calls will be investigated by the Gardaí. It is suspected most of the Firework supplies are coming in from the North of Ireland and they are very easily accessible throughout the city. There have been a number of firework seizures.

Cllr Tom Brabazon referred to the bonfire which happens every year at Howth View Park and queried could there be more Garda presence to deter this. Cllr Gilliland also spoke about the anti-social behaviour at the under path around the Oscar Traynor Lands and requested more Garda presence. Deputy Cian O' Callaghan and a number of Cllrs's spoke regarding how fireworks are being used as weapons to attack people and they are causing a lot of distress to members of the public and the most vulnerable.

### 3 **Anti-social behaviour Fr. Collins Park.**

**Order:** Cllr Tom Brabazon and Deputy Aodhan O'Riordain both referred to the increase in Anti- social behaviour in Fr. Collins Park. There are many distressed residents who have had fireworks thrown at them, have been robbed and witnessed a lot of fighting between gangs of youths. Acting Superintendent Noeleen Mckenna advised there have been a number of arrests, extra Garda patrols have been deployed to Fr. Collins Park and the Gardaí are engaging with local residents. There are also a number of plain-clothes Gardaí presence in the park. Coilin O' Reilly advised that is hoped that Safety Forums would resume in the coming weeks. The Clongriffin/Belmayne forum will be conducted by Zoom with a limit of about 30 People.

### 4 **Garda Report's - Chief Superintendent Mark Curran, Acting Superintendent Noeleen McKenna, Super Intendent Martin Mooney, Inspector Brian Kavanagh.**

**Order:** An Garda Síochána discussed the statistics for DMR North and how certain reports have been impacted by Covid-19.

Cllr Alison Gilliland spoke regarding incidents of assault and Drug Addiction and how the Gardaí follow up on these incidents and are they recorded by Gender nature. Acting Superintendent Noeleen McKenna advised the Gender is recorded on the Pulse System. The Drugs Unit is set up a number of years and Garda Inspector Dermot Kennedy has been appointed to the Drug Related Intimidation Reporting Programme and a request will be put forward for Dermot to give a presentation on this at the next JPC in January 2021. Linda Hayden asked regarding recording stolen animals, Chief Superintendent Noeleen O'Reilly advised all stolen animals reported are recorded on the Pulse System. Cllr Larry O'Toole asked do the Gardaí have power to approach Retail Units about closing times. Chief Superintendent will advise Cllr O'Toole separately regarding this to discuss.

Chief Superintendent Martin Mooney spoke regarding Raheny/Clontarf. He advised Garda Sarah McCormack has been appointed as a Domestic Violence Liaison Officer for all Domestic Violence Incidents. Cllrs spoke about how some

residents had not received callbacks from the Gardaí in relation to reporting incidents; Chief Superintendent Martin Mooney advised he would ensure all reports of incidents are followed up. Cllr Catherine Stocker asked regarding the ASBO increase from last year, Chief Superintendent Martin Mooney advised the youths involved in these incidents were brought into the Juvenile Diversion Programme.

Inspector Brian Kavanagh discussed the Santry area that falls within the North Central Area and how the impact of Covid19 has affected the increase and decrease in certain reports.

**5 Update from Garda Garda Áine McQuillan on Animal Welfare in the North Central Area.**

**Order:** Garda Aine McQuillan, Bridewell Garda Station spoke regarding Animal Welfare in the North Central Area. An Garda Síochána under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 and the Control of Horses Act 1996 deal with reports of animal neglect or cruelty. There are a number of different associations set up to deal with neglect and cruelty like the DSPCA and My Lovely Horse Rescue. There were over 800 ads reported for the sale of dogs. A certain website has ceased advertising dogs for sale. Coilin O'Reilly advised anyone selling over 5 pups must be registered and have a license. Garda Aine McQuillan advised how serious horse laws are being breached in the area, with horses grazing on public lands. Cllr's asked is it possible to get dogs fostered while waiting on the outcome of a pending court hearing. Cllr Deirdre Heney spoke about the Garda Animal Health and Welfare unit, which was raised at the Citywide JPC. Chief Superintendent asked Cllr Deirdre Heney to contact him separately regarding same.

**6 Any Other Business and Further Items:**

- There was a request from the Committee to thank retired Gerry Donnelly on all his hard work and commitment to the JPC over the years.
- Cllr Deirdre Heney requested the information on the Animal Welfare Report that was circulated in the last JPC meeting be reviewed. Coilin O'Reilly will review this document and come back to Cllr Heney.
- Con Clarke, Raheny Business requested more Garda presence in St. Anne's Park to deal with increased anti-social behaviour and also for the implementation of CCTV at Raheny Village and the Tree of Life on the causeway.
- Deputy Cian O'Callaghan called on the Gardaí to liaise with Management Companies regarding the rise in anti-social behaviour in underground car parks.
- Request for the Jack Nolan report as an item on the next JPC Agenda.
- Request for Garda Inspector Dermot McKenna to give a presentation on Drug Related Intimidation Reporting Programme at the next JPC meeting.
- It was agreed going forward to continue JPC Meetings by Zoom.

Next meeting Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021, 11.30am.

**Coilin O'Reilly**

**Director of Services – North City**

**Councillor Tom Brabazon**

**Cathaoirleach**

**5th October 2020**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Daryl Barron  
Declan Flanagan  
Mícheál Mac Donncha  
Larry O'Toole  
Jane-Horgan-Jones

**Members:**

Dearbail Butler  
Alison Gilliland  
Naoise Ó'Muirí  
Catherine Stocker  
Damian O'Farrell

**Members:**

Tom Brabazon  
John Lyons  
Donna Cooney  
Deirdre Heney

**Officers**

Coilin O'Reilly  
Elaine Mulvenny  
Samantha Rooney  
Catherine Cahill

Derek Farrell  
Deirdre Murphy  
Madeleine Ebbs

Connell McGlynn  
Vanessa Carey  
Leona Fynes

Deputy Aodhan O'Riordain  
Deputy Cian O'Callaghan

Chief Superintendent Mark Curran  
Acting Superintendent Noeleen McKenna  
Superintendent Martin Mooney  
Garda Aine McQuillan

Linda Hayden, Darndale Village Centre  
Con Clarke, Raheny Business  
Inspector Brian Kavanagh

**Apologies:**

Vanessa Carey, DCC , Deputy Roisin Shortall and Rose Wall, Community Law and Mediation