



Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

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

Meeting: 19th January 2021

Item No: 5

Ballymun Area Office Report

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1. **Ballymun Covid-19 Community Response Forum**

The Covid-19 Community Response Forum is continuing and the Ballymun Response Team includes Liam Barry, Martina Kelly, and Ciaran Mahony with all three on a rota responding to Covid-19 requests. The call line ran on an answering machine service for the period from December 24th to January 1st with calls checked by Customer Service once a day. One member of staff from each Area Office covered all of the northside each of these days, with calls being directed from Customer Services to the relevant staff member.

Ballymun LAP Update

Shopping Centre – Site 1

The demolition is still 6 – 8 weeks away from completion. ESB are required to carry-out disconnections which most likely won't take place until the latest Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. The foundations and top-soiling cannot be done until this is completed.

Lidl - Site 3

The Lidl 'North Quarter' have advertised office space and commercial units. There is 1,176 sqm. of office space available over 2 floors.

More information can be found here: <https://www.daft.ie/commercial-property-for-rent>

The commercial units at the development are now being advertised by Smith & Butler Estate Agents. **Daft ad:** <https://www.daft.ie/53113341>. The Agent has said there has been some interest shown in the units but no further update is available at this time.

Site 22 & 23

O'Cualann are on site

Site 21

O'Cualann are on site and works commenced September 2020

Site 12 & 14

The Design Team have being appointed

Balbutcher Lane/Hampton Wood Junction

All construction works at the junction are now complete apart from some minor landscaping, coloured surfacing for the cycle ways and snagging works. The laying of the coloured surfacing on the cycle tracks has been delayed due to the recent weather conditions. The proposed opening of the junction on the 7th January had to be postponed due to icy conditions on the day.

The latest government restrictions on construction works has meant that the opening of the junction will not now happen until after the 31st of January but it is hoped to get the coloured surfacing for the cycle tracks completed before that date. There will be some specific safety features introduced to provide additional protection to cyclists such as a flashing amber left turn arrow signal for left turning cars. Additional funding has been received from the NTA for this project bringing their total contribution to the scheme to €1.5 million. Irish Water have also reimbursed DCC for the cost of the water main upgrade.

There has been a high incidence of illegal parking on the new section of roadway that will link the junction to Hampton Wood Drive, both on the cycleway and along the main carriageway immediately north of the new junction. This area is currently a Cul de Sac but will become a through route once the junction opens up. DCC will do a leaflet drop and engage with the residents groups in advance of opening up the junction but this will become an enforcement issue if it continues after the road has opened.

New cycle lanes will be introduced to the west side of the Balbutcher Lane junction in the coming weeks. Initial proposals are to link as far as Poppintree Park Lane West with further

surveys planned to investigate the feasibility of extending the cycle lane as far as the Jamestown Rd roundabout.

Silloque Infrastructure Scheme

The ground for the site compound area has been prepared and fenced off but the project has been put on hold due to the government restrictions on construction works. Construction works had not yet commenced. A request has been made to the Department to classify this project as 'Essential Works', an update will be provided if this application is approved.

Vacant DCC units

The disposal of the Shangan units to the HSE for a day hospital is still at the pre-planning stage. A further update will be provided at the February 2021 meeting.

2. Community and Social Development Update

General Community Development

The Community and Social Development Team are currently preparing plans in regard to staff training programmes, priority activities and programmes for the year ahead.

The Community and Social Development Grants from 2020 will be paid in the near future. While we are in level 5 restrictions, the Team Members are committed to keeping in contact with local community group members, with a specific focus on those who are most vulnerable at present. The Team Members offer support, advice and guide community members towards the specific support lines currently in operation.

In December, Community Team Members supported a number of local community organisations to apply for LCDC funding for Covid 19 related community initiatives and a number of applications have been successful.

Community Initiatives

Ballymun Men's Sheds: The Community Team are continuing to support the men and are having regular zoom meetings with regards to progress on the new premises and moving onto the next stage.

Sports and Wellbeing

The Community Team are attending regular planning meetings in relation to a programme of health and wellbeing events that we hope will take place in Ballymun throughout 2021.

At present, we are supporting local community sports representatives to set up a more formal committee structure that will assist with drawing down funding and moving forward into the events planning phase. We will collaborate on the first of these initiatives, which is an online Health and Fitness Day which will take place on January 31st. This will act as a taster for a larger event to take place later in the year in adherence to public safety guidelines.

Christmas 2020

The Community Team organised festive and creative initiatives at Christmas 2020. A Christmas, window-decorating scheme was organised by the Community Team and was rolled out to local community organisations in the area to help spread hope and light up for Christmas. Axis Ballymun, BRYR and Ballymun Tidy Towns took part in this initiative, which was deemed a simple yet very successful initiative.

We were inundated with applications for our Christmas 2020 Schools Poster Competition and we were very happy with the high standard of entries. The pictures were so colourful, and contained positive messages for the year that was in it. The following schools took part; Scoil an tSeachtar Laoch, Virgin Mary Boys NS, Holy Spirit Girls NS, Our Lady of Victories Infant School and Our Lady of Victories Boys NS. There were close to 200 entries and it

was difficult to choose between them. All prizes were delivered to the winners and the winning posters were exhibited on our Community Facebook page and in the window of the Ballymun Civic Offices

The Community Team contributed towards the hamper campaign for vulnerable families at Christmas 2020, which was organised under the auspices of the Ballymun Network for Children and Young people At Risk. This was a very successful and worthwhile initiative.

3. Economic Development Update

BRL Update

The Economic Development Officer is still progressing the settlement between BRL and Bennetts. An update will be provided at February 2021 meeting.

Stimulating Economic Activity



B4b hosted its Christmas 2020 meeting on 15th December on Zoom and welcomed Des Ryan from Action Coach as guest speaker while resident magician Colm Dawson provided the entertainment. Over 20 businesses attended.

B4b also launched a 'shop local by local services' in December which will run through January and February. Outdoor banners were installed along Main Street and the campaign accompanied by this promotional video: <https://fb.watch/2SNyCdMtw5/> and an extensive social media campaign promoting local businesses and services.



Please follow on Facebook and Twitter to lend your support #buysupportlocal
Twitter: @ballymun4biznez Facebook: Ballymun 4 business. Despite the restrictions imposed by Covid-19 B4b has grown its membership to 71 paid-up members.

Commercial kitchen available

B4b member [Sweet Potato Pizza](#), based in the Ballymun Industrial Estate has a fully fitted commercial kitchen available for rent. Any small food manufacturer looking for a kitchen should contact owner Craig directly. Details are on his website.

Economic projects

Shop front enhancement scheme

The scheme will be launched in January 2021.

Northwest Area Business Support Scheme (working title)

This scheme is still being worked on and will launch in February 2021

Other Economic News

It has been confirmed that Dealz are opening a new store at Santry Cross, Ballymun. The Economic Development Officer is endeavouring to make contact with the Owner/Manager to discuss linking in with local employment services etc.

4. **Housing Report**

Estate Management statistics for December 2020

No of Anti- Social complaints per 1997 act Drug related	18
No of Anti-Social complaints per 1997 act (Not Drug Related)	49
No of other Complaints	0
Total Complaints	67
No of Anti-Social Interviews per 1997 act	14
No of Other Interviews	11
Total Interviews	25
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	2
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

Estate Management January – December (12 months)

No of Anti social complaints per 1997 act Drug Related	163
No of Anti-social complaints per 1997 act Not Drug Related	354
No of other Complaints	0

Total Complaints	517
No of Anti-Social Interviews per 1997 act (Drug Related)	101
No of Other Interviews	67
Total Interviews	168
No Requests for mediation	0
No of Complaints referred to central unit for Action	10
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	20
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

Rent Assessments December 2020

Assessments	1369 489 emails/ 520 updates/360 calls
Permissions To Reside	6
Refunds	4
Opening of Accounts	17 (including 3 sole/ 0 successions)
Closing of Accounts	7 (including 0 sole / 0 successions)
Front Counter Calls	See Above

Window Replacements	4
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Ballymun Voids December 2020

Address	Type	Date of Vacancy	Status
Baile Na Laocha	3 Bed House	26/11/2020	Under Repair
Balcurris Gardens	3 Bed House	03/11/2020	Under Repair
Barnwall Drive	2 Bed Apt	09/11/2020	Under Repair
Belclare Crescent	3 Bed House	30/10/2020	Under Repair
Belclare Way	3 Bed House	10/11/2020	Under Repair
Carton Close	1 Bed Apt	22/11/2020	Under Repair
Carrig Close	2 Bed Bungalow	03/11/2020	Under Repair
Coultry Terrace	1 Bed Apt	28/06/2020	Under Offer
Cranogue Terrace	2 Bed Apt	21/09/2020	Under Offer
Dolmen Way	1 Bed Apt	09/10/2020	Under Repair
Druid Court	3 Bed House	03/11/2020	Under Repair
Gateway Avenue	2 Bed Apt	21/06/2020	Under Repair
Gateway View	2 Bed Apt	23/09/2020	Under Repair
Hamptonwood	1 Bed Apt	4/10/2020	Under Repair
Marewood Drive	2 Bed Apt	24/05/2020	Under Repair
Sandyhill Terrace	1 Bed Apt	22/11/2020	Under Repair
Sandyhill Way	3 Bed House	22/11/2020	Under Repair
Shangan Crescent	2 Bed Apt	23/11/2019	Under Repair
Silloge Green	1 Bed Apt	02/11/2020	Under Repair

Silloge Green	3 Bed House	22/11/2020	Under Repair
Silloge Park	1 Bed Apt	09/02/2020	Under Offer
Whiteacre Court	3 Bed Apt	15/11/2020	Under Repair
Whiteacre Place	3 Bed House	17/06/2020	Under Offer

Older Persons Units			
Address	Type	Date of Vacancy	Status
Burren Court	1 Bed	10/05/2020	Under Repair
Sandyhill Gardens	1 Bed	21/07/2020	Under Repair
Sandyhill Gardens	1 Bed	26/07/2020	Under Repair
Sandyhill Gardens	1 Bed	07/06/2020	Under Repair

Ballymun Lettings January – December 2020

Allocation Category	Housing List 2020	Transfer List 2020	Older Persons 2020
Bands 2 & 3	22	1	1
Medical			2
Welfare	1	2	
Homeless	13		5
Travellers	3		
Transfer HAP			
De-tenanting			

Estate Management		13	1
Maintenance		1	
Surrendering Larger		4	
Unable to afford			
Succession/Sole	21		
Ras/Exit		1	
Inter Transfer		2	
Total	60	24	9

1-37 Oileáin na Crannóige, Balbutcher Lane

The first 17 houses are now occupied and the next 8 houses have been completed. 5 were handed over and occupied in December and we expect the other 3 houses to be handed over in the next week or so.

5. AOB

In relation to the Ballymun Library Service under level 5 all libraries are closed and offer online services only. I would expect Ballymun to reopen in line with our other buildings as we move back through the levels. Under level 4, it is a call and collect service and from level 3 through 1 it is a Browse and Borrow service.

Jackie O'Reilly,
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