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

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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 as required.

2. Ballymun LAP Update

Shopping Centre – Site 1

The demolition is still 6 to 8 weeks away from completion once workers can return to the site when restrictions are eased. The ESB are scheduled to carry out disconnections mid-February. The foundations and top soiling will be done when 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.

Sites 22/23 (1-37 Oileáin na Crannóige, Balbutcher Lane)

Construction work has been delayed on the units due to the current level 5 restrictions. The finishing of units that are close to completion was allowed to continue. The first 25 units have been handed over and the 25 homeowners have now moved in.

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.

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 Road roundabout.

Silloque Infrastructure Scheme

Construction works have not yet commenced and are on hold due to current level 5 restrictions.

Vacant DCC units

The disposal of the Shangan Units to the HSE for a day-hospital is still at the pre-planning stage. No further update is available at this time.

3. Community and Social Development Update

The Community and Social Development Team members are continuing to keep in contact with vulnerable community group members through phone calls, e-mails and Facebook posts. In particular, they are sharing information on health and wellbeing workshops and webinars.

All applicants should receive the 2020 Community and Social Development grants payments by the end of February.

The Local Community Development Committee have announced a second round of Covid 19 related funding. Community groups and charitable status organisations are eligible to apply for this funding. The closing date is the 26th February. All local groups have been contacted in this regard and the Community Team members will assist and advise on queries about same.

Social Inclusion

Ballymun Network for Children and Young People at Risk

The Community Team attended recent meetings with the network structures. In the context of the current lockdown, these meetings have become increasingly focused around mental health and poverty related issues for community members with the need for additional supports at this current time emerging as priority issues. The meetings serve as extremely successful collaborative forums whereby ideas and resources are pooled for the benefit of vulnerable local young people and families.

Ballymun Men's Sheds

The Community Team are continuing to support the Men Shed Group and are having regular Zoom meetings with regards to progress on the new premises and moving onto the next stage. A Community Team member recently gave a presentation at the Dublin Men's Sheds Network Meeting. There are plans to encourage the group members to become further involved in this network and collaborate more with their fellow shedders with regard to information and advice on how to build and develop a sustainable community structure. For the remainder of 2021, the Community Team will switch their focus to capacity building supports and programmes for the group. The building work is on hold at present, however, it is hoped that this will commence in the near future.

Ballymun Active Disability Interest Group

Team Members have been liaising with BADIG around the new Balbutcher Lane / Hampton Wood Junction design at the end of Balbutcher Lane. BADIG members have agreed to visit the junction again and give feedback to DCC in this regard. Community Team members will assist and oversee this process when restrictions ease. The group are also proposing to put a submission into the City Development Plan.

Community Initiatives

Sports and Wellbeing

The Community Team played a big role in the recent online Ballymun Health and Fitness Festival on the 30th of January, sponsoring a number of activities and assisting in the organising and promotion of the community initiative. This event was hugely successful with 31 facilitated health and fitness demonstrations, which covered everything from novice running, to mediation and yoga. It also included a number of motivational speakers and it really was a great inclusive community initiative, highlighting the best of what the area has to offer in terms of health and wellbeing for all ages. It attracted over 80,000 views on the day. It is intended to develop a strong committee structure alongside the group and collaborate on more community initiatives, which we plan to take place in May and later in the year subject to public safety guidelines.

Fairtrade fortnight

The Community Team are collaborating with the Rediscovery Centre on a Community Group Network Meeting that will have an educational Fairtrade element to it.

Environmental

The Community Team are undertaking a scoping exercise of all environmental related community groups in the area to get a better picture of the status of each group. This will be

used to develop the groups, combining some group structures and establishing an area wide supportive and sustainable network. They will continue to collaborate with the Public Domain Team and Ballymun Tidy Towns in this regard with the joint aim of enhancing and transforming local black spots alongside local community members

4. Economic Development Update

Ballymun 4 Business



B4b hosted its first network meeting of 2021 on Zoom on the 8th of February. Local entrepreneur Barbara Leonard of [Heartspace Meditation](#) hosted a class on mediation and relaxation for the members. To find out more about B4b contact info@b4b.ie. B4b currently has 71 members.

The 'Buy, Support Local' launched in December will run through January and February. B4b are encouraging all members of the community to shop locally where they can. You can follow the campaign on Facebook and Twitter. To lend your support please use #buysupportlocal and follow **Twitter: @ballymun4biznez Facebook: Ballymun 4 business.**



Shop front enhancement scheme



The North West Area Shop Front Enhancement Scheme was launched late January. We are now accepting applications from businesses that are located in the Ballymun/Finglas local electoral area. Businesses who wish to upgrade their shop front can apply for a grant of up to €3,000. For more information click here- [Shop front Improvement scheme Ballymun - Finglas](#)

Northwest Area business support scheme (working title)

The details of this scheme have been drafted and should be launched later this month. Businesses from the Ballymun and Finglas area will be able to meet with a mentor to help resolve challenges they are currently dealing with.

Other Economic News

Dealz are due to open in March 2021 according to their Customer Service Department. The EDO is liaising with the Ballymun Job Centre to get details on their recruitment plans.

5. Housing Report

Estate Management Statistics for January

Phone calls, onsite inspections, and ongoing interaction with the Gardaí are all considered and implemented where deemed appropriate prior to calling a resident into the office for a formal anti-social interview during the current level five restrictions. This is reflected in our interview statistics and we will continue to keep it under constant review.

January	
No of Anti- Social complaints per 1997 act Drug related	26
No of Anti-Social complaints per 1997 act (Not Drug Related)	25
No of other Complaints	0
Total Complaints	51
No of Anti-Social Interviews per 1997 act	8
No of Other Interviews	9
Total Interviews	17
No Requests for mediation	0
No of Complaints referred to central unit for Action	3
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

Rent Assessments

Assessments	1923 1088 emails/ 393 updates/442 calls
Permissions To Reside	6

Refunds	4
Opening of Accounts	2 (including sole/ 0 successions)
Closing of Accounts	6 (including 0 sole / 0 successions)
Front Counter Calls	See Above
Window Replacements	5

Ballymun Lettings

The Ballymun Housing Team allocated 18 properties in the month of December. There was a big push given to allocate all available stock before the Christmas period. January saw a quiet month for allocations as all units that were close to let, were allocated in December. It is projected that a number of units will be allocated in the coming weeks.

Ballymun Voids

Address	Type	Date of Vacancy	Status
Baile Na Laocha	3 Bed House	23/11/2020	Under Repair
Balcurris Gardens	3 Bed House	03/11/2020	Under Repair
Balcurris Gardens	3 Bed House	11/01/2021	Under Repair
Barnwall Drive	2 Bed Apt	09/11/2020	Under Repair
Barnwall Gardens	2 Bed Apt	09/11/2020	Under Repair
Belclare Crescent	3 Bed House	10/11/2020	Under Repair
Belclare Grove	3 Bed House	19/01/2021	Under Repair
Belclare Way	3 Bed House	10/11/2020	Under Repair
Carrig Close	2 Bed Bungalow	03/11/2020	Under Repair

Coultry Terrace	1 Bed Apt	06/12/2020	Under Repair
Cranogue Terrace	2 Bed Apt	21/09/2020	Under Offer
Dolmen Way	1 Bed Apt	09/10/2020	Under Offer
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
Hollytree Terrace	2 Bed Apt	09/01/2021	Under Repair
Marewood Drive	2 Bed Apt	24/05/2020	Under Repair
Poppintree Parade	2 Bed Apt	16/12/2020	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
Shangan Crescent	4 Bed Apt	25/11/2020	Under Repair
Shangan Gardens	3 Bed House	06/12/2020	Under Repair
Silloge Green	1 Bed Apt	11/12/2020	Under Repair
Silloge Green	3 Bed Apt	12/11/2020	Under Repair
Silloge Park	1 Bed Apt	01/11/2020	Under Repair
St Margaret's Road	1 Bed Apt	04/10/2020	Under Repair
The Plaza Apartment	2 Bed Apt	04/10/2020	Under Repair
Whiteacre Place	3 Bed House	17/06/2020	Under Offer
Woodhazel Terrace	1 Bed Apt	10/11/2020	Under Repair
Woodhazel Terrace	2 Bed Apt	31/01/2021	Under Repair

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
Sandyhill Gardens	1 Bed	27/12/2020	Under Repair

6. Ballymun Social Regeneration Fund 2021

The Ballymun Social Regeneration Fund Assessment Panel met via Zoom on three occasions during January to discuss the 17 applications received for funding for 2021. The following 16 successful applicants were notified of Q1 funding:

The Aisling Project, Axis, Ballymun Alcohol Community Outreach (BACO), The Ballymun Child and Family Resource Centre, The Ballymun Community Law Centre, Ballymun Regional Youth Resource (BRYR), Ballymun Revealing Yourself Through Education (BRYTE), DCU in the Community, De Paul, Dublin County Board, Global Action Plan (GAP), Innovate Communities, Poppintree Youth Project, The Rediscovery Centre, St. Margaret's Travellers Association, and TU Dublin Ballymun Music Programme.

An application from Feed Our Homeless was considered invalid, as it did not meet the criteria set out.

The total amount of Q1 funding allocated was €425,456. In light of the current level five restrictions and the impact of these not being clearly identified in the applications received additional information has been sought from the 16 successful applicants by February 28th in order to assist the Assessment Panel prior to Q2 funding being allocated.

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