

Item No. 4

A. Ballymun

The Safer Ballymun Plan 2021 - 2024 was approved and adopted at the March NWA Joint Policing Sub Committee meeting. It is proposed that we will commence implementing actions were possible in the current circumstances. It is our aim to re-establish the Safer Ballymun Steering Group and to increase membership to include young people and representatives from local agencies we will endeavour to progress this matter over the coming months. Funding has been secured to appoint a part time independent Safety Co-ordinate for Ballymun, a job description is currently being drafted.

Due to the pandemic and public safety guidelines, no public forums/safer Ballymun meetings have taken place this year. Our Housing, Public Domain and Community Development teams continue to link in with residents and vulnerable citizens to ensure that we continue to offer on-going support to all and address concerns/issues as they arise. We explored the option of holding on-line public safety meetings but there was little or no desire from residents to attend such meetings. Other agencies and stakeholder such as Ballymun Network for Children, Drugs Task Force, BRYR, and Young People at Risk agreed to attend however, we already meet with these agencies on a regular basis through the on-line platform.

The main safety matters of concern raised over the past few months are:

- Reports of open drug dealing around the Courts & St. Josephs Hill
- Damage to the Town Centre CCTV system
- Large gatherings of youths within Parks / open spaces
- Large gatherings of youths around Poppintree Parade shops
- Parking issues at Hampton Woods and Poppintree Park
- Anti-social behaviour on constructions sites

In relation to the above matters Dublin City Council officials and & An Garda Síochana met a number of times since March to address concerns.

The DCC Ballymun Project Estate Team have served 8 Tenancy Warnings and dealt with 255 complaints in Ballymun this year. Figures in table below represent the number of complaints received and interviews held by the Project Estate Team from Jan to Dec 2020 and Jan to May 2021.

Estate Management January – December 2020 (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

Estate Management January – May 2021 (5 months)

No of Anti-social complaints per 1997 act Drug Related	90
No of Anti-social complaints per 1997 act Not Drug Related	85
No of other Complaints	80
Total Complaints	255
No of Anti-Social Interviews per 1997 act (Drug Related)	64
No of Other Interviews	49
Total Interviews	113

We continue to distribute all relevant information to our Safer Ballymun contacts via email. We have maintained regular contact with the Gardaí, our Housing Manager and Project Estate Team have continued to work closely with the local Gardaí to follow up on and investigate complaints as received. We are available by appointment to meet any residents or Safer Ballymun attendees as required.

The expectation is that come September/October arrangements can be made to hold the Safety Forum meeting in the Council Chamber with a small number of residents in attendance, subject to Government guidelines at that time.

Jackie O Reilly

A/Area Manager

B. Finglas

The Finglas Safety Forum Coordinator, in conjunction with Dublin City Council and local Gardaí, agreed and arranged dates to move the Safety Forum meetings online, via zoom. A Finglas West and Finglas South Safety Forum meeting took place via zoom on 19th and 24th May, respectively. The Finglas East Safety Forum meeting is due to take place on Thursday 17th June. In respect to the meetings that have already took place via zoom platform, there was a small representation from the community at the Finglas South meeting and there was zero attendance from residents at the Finglas West meeting. The Finglas Safety Forum Coordinator alluded at the beginning of the meetings, a number of apologies from local residents. It was also acknowledged that some residents did not feel comfortable attending a meeting online, others explained they did not have the devices to access or were familiar with operating zoom. The Finglas Safety Forum Coordinator will review the effectiveness of the meetings with the key stakeholders once each respective Safety Forum meeting has taken place via zoom. The hope is that come September when the next round of Safety Forum meetings are due to be scheduled that arrangements can be made to hold the meetings in the local venues with residents in attendance, subject to Government guidelines at that time.

The main policing issues raised at the Finglas West and Finglas South Safety Forum meetings via zoom were:

- Anti-social behaviour occurring at a property in the Valley Park area with reports of breaking COVID guidelines.
- Increase level of scramblers and e-scooters used in an anti-social manner, particularly in the Dunsink Tipp Head area.
- Anti-social behaviour in the Scribblestown Rise area e.g. youths gathering smashing emergency glass at the entrance of the apartment blocks, throwing stones, targeting vulnerable residents etc.

Reports of drug use activity occurring at Northway Park and reports of an increase in rough sleepers in the park. The Finglas Safety Forum Coordinator continues to update Dublin Simon Community of reports received from local residents in the area. The Finglas Safety Forum Coordinator previously coordinated a joint site visit with HSE Social Inclusion Homeless Unit, Navan and Finglas Addiction Support Team in Northway Park. The Finglas Safety Forum Coordinator continues to liaise closely with FAST Outreach Team in respect to locations identified of individuals sleeping rough and concerns from residents regarding drug dealing/using.

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Safety Coordinator