

**The Chairperson and Members
North Central Joint Policing Committee**

CLONGRIFFIN BELMAYNE FORUM

Clongriffin Belmayne Forum meets every two months in the Junction, 11 Station Square, Clongriffin. There is very good attendance at the Forum by local community, public representatives, Coolock Gardai and Dublin City Council North Central staff. Declan Cahill is the Independent Chair of the Forum. There have been 3 safety forums to date for 2022, 14th March, 16th May, and 26th September.

The following are typical of Agenda items at the Forum meetings.

Gannon Homes update:

- Belltree is now completed.
- The remaining sites Gannon's have, with planning permission (up in 2024) are for sale and are currently with the Legal Team.
- The Retail Units are let as 'shell and core' and therefore need substantial fees to fit them out, 2 retail units in Main Street will be occupied by a café/restaurant and a dog groomers. As these are 'shell and core units' they are not listed on the Valuation list for rates.
- The upgrades/maintenance works are ongoing to the Park & Ride - fire maintenance/proofing and lighting. They are awaiting fire sensors for the emergency doors to come in from UK, once these are fitted they need to be signed off by the Fire Officer.
- There is no interest from the large Supermarket chains in taking space in Clongriffin due to insubstantial footfall.
- Marsfield Avenue has been re-surfaced and speed bumps reinstalled.

Taking in Charge – Clongriffin:

To date none of Clongriffin is taken in charge. Gannon Homes applied in January 2022 to Planning and Development, Taking in Charge Section to have Clongriffin Main Street taken in charge. This is an ongoing process between Gannon Homes and the various DCC Service Departments who have snagged the area for any outstanding works which need to be carried out by Gannon Homes to bring Main Street up to a taking in charge standard.

The taking in charge of Clongriffin will be done on a sequential basis, once Main Street has been taken in charge (estimated by the end of 2022) Gannon Homes will then apply for Marsfield to be taken in charge followed by Bell Tree and Beau Park.

Garda Update:

Sergeant Chris O'Shaughnessy and Garda Brian Judge provided an update on safety/security issues. They encouraged people who have Japanese import cars to park them underground or in an area that has good lighting, as these cars are very easy to steal.

The guards strongly emphasised that the message needs to go out ‘that people must ring making a complaint’. They can either ring 999 or Coolock Station. Brian has taken over as Community Garda for Clongriffin/Belmayne since November 2021, second Community Garda Enda O’Reilly has also joined him for the area.

There is very good attendance at the Garda Clinic which is held every Saturday from 9 am - 1pm in the Junction.

Dublin City Council Update:

- The upgrade of Main Street Belmayne is progressing well, Coffey’s have experienced some delays but the work is still due to be completed by the end of 2022, connecting Priory Hall, Hole in the Wall Road and the Malahide Road. Included in these works by Coffey’s will also be the installation of pedestrian traffic lights on Belmayne Avenue in front of St. Francis of Assisi Primary school and also on Parkside Boulevard.
- The Junction and Hub Community Centres, following Covid 19 closure re-opened for business in October 2021. There is still availability for use in both units. These facilities are free of charge to non – commercial bodies. All group users must provide their own insurance. Preference will be given to non-profit local groups. Interested parties should e.mail deirdre_a.murphy@dublincity.ie re same.
- Northside Partnership commenced English teaching classes for people from Ukraine on 10.05.22, these are being held every Tuesday in the Junction from 10.00 - 12.00 am.
- Community Staff continue to engage with residents from Belmayne and Clongriffin. Public Domain are liaising with Gannons and Clongriffin Tidy Towns re provision of planters.

The next safer forum meeting is scheduled for 21st November, 2022.

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