

**To the Chairperson and Members  
Of the Central Area Committee**

**13<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

### **Housing Matters North East Inner City**

#### **Bonfire Material:**

The annual operation to detect Bonfire material was a resounding success with strong co-operation between DCC, the Gardai, CIE, Community Groups, and other stakeholders. A total of 18.279 tons of bonfire material was recovered by the various DCC crews engaged in the operations.

#### **Foley Street:**

Contractors have been assigned to replace the communal entrance door at Foley St Apartments and the stairwells are also scheduled to be painted.



#### **Gloucester Place:**

Contractors have been engaged to repair the base of the fence between Gloucester Place and Our Lady of Lourdes Church carpark. They will also be installing a new railings with increased height in order to prevent issues currently being reported to the Housing Office.

#### **The Kiln:**

Contractors have been engaged to erect new security gates at the rear of the Kiln to prevent open access and increase security of the complex's residents.



### **Pool House Apartments, Poplar Row:**

A special “showing day” was organized for potential new tenants at Pool House. Since then there have been 28 units allocated. Viewings continue. The property consists of 3x 3 bed, 19 x 2 bed, and 17 x 1 bed units. All units are fully furnished.



### **Sean O Casey/Summerhill**

Contractors have been assigned to undertake a restoration of the Sundial feature at Sean O’Casey Avenue. It will have a resin infused finish which will provide added protection ongoing.

A Landscaped area is being developed in front of the Sundial which is currently having a sleeve fitted to accommodate a Christmas tree. A tree lighting ceremony took place here on 30<sup>th</sup> Nov (see end of report). This will be the location ongoing for an annual Christmas tree in Summerhill.

The lighting of the tree was undertaken by the Area Office with assistance from “Santa and his helpers” who were on hand with gifts for children from Sean O’Casey Avenue, Matt Talbot Court, and Summer Place. The tree was lit by Michael Darragh McAuley and entertainment was provided by the Arkins Stage and Dance Academy. The Housing Section was assisted by the Central Area Community Section, An Garda Siochana, the NEIC, and the Local Community Safety Partnership in staging the event.



**Dec 2022 stats**

**ESTATE MANAGEMENT**

**Housing Manager:**

**Paul White**

No of anti-social complaints per 1997 act Drug related	12
No of anti-social complaints per 1997 act not Drug related	30
No. of other complaints	56
<b>Total Complaints</b>	<b>98</b>

No of anti-social Interviews per 1997 Act	8
No of other interviews	15
<b>Total interviews</b>	<b>23</b>

No of requests for mediation	0
No of complaints referred to the Central Unit for action	1
No of Tenancy Warnings issued	0
No of Excluding Orders issued	0
No of Section 20s	0

**Allocations:**

Housing (band 2&3)	4
Transfers (band 2&3)	4
Older Persons Housing (band 2&3)	1
Older Persons Transfers (band 2&3)	1
Medical & Welfare	2

Older Persons Medical & Welfare	0
Homeless/Housing First	2
Transfer /HAP	0
Fire/flood/Emg – Maintenance	0
Estate Management	0
Choice Based Lettings	0
RAS NTQ	0



### Santa and the Lighting of the Christmas Tree at Sean O'Casey Avenue/Summerhill.



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## **Housing Matters North West Inner City**

### **Sean Foster Place**

The BCAR (Building Control Amendment Regulation) Certificate and supporting documentation has been uploaded to The Building Control Authority System.

Further to this upload, the Building Control Authority inspected the building on Monday 28<sup>th</sup>. They raised a limited number of queries / request for confirmations.

The assigned Certifier (responsible for Building Control Compliance) provided answers yesterday evening to the items raised by Building Control

We are now awaiting confirmation that the building has been placed on the register. This allows the building and homes to be occupied. It is hoped that this placement on the register will occur quickly.

### **Dominic Street Lower**

Contractors are currently finishing out snagging to ensure homes are ready for occupation.

Statutory process to register before it can be handed over from the contractor to DCC is scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022. This can take up to 21 days and we cannot tenant the building until after the certificate from Building Control has been received.

The building will be secured over Christmas with allocations beginning early January 2023.

### **Constitution Hill**

Planning Lodgement for the Part 8 planning application is due to take place 7<sup>th</sup> December. The Part 8 application is for the complete re development of the site. This is due for decision of Part 8 at the April City Council meeting.

Stage 2 funding for the complete project has been received from the Department of Housing.

Newsletter with the project update will be circulated to residents and councillors before Christmas

### **Blackhall Queen Street Complex**

On Going Discussions between Estate Management and issues as issues arise.

### **Hardwicke Street**

Tree Pruning in the Plaza Area and Car park area between both blocks has commenced.

On-going discussions between Estate Management and Residents as issues arise.

### **Chancery House**

On-going discussions between Estate Management and Residents as issues arise.

### **Saint Michan's House**

Monthly meetings are on-going with members of the residents association to discuss all issues related to the complex.

### **Drumalee Estate/ Court**

Tree Pruning in Drumalee court is scheduled to commence Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. On-going meetings with Estate Management, Residents and Gardaí take place on a regular basis.

### **Kevin Barry House**

Tree pruning in the front garden is scheduled to commence on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022. After a major incident which occurred in the complex a flat remains steeled and remains with An Garda. On-going discussions between Estate Management and Residents as issues arise.

### **Henrietta House**

6 small plants boxes were given to the complex from the community section as part of the garden project. Tree pruning in the front garden is scheduled to commence on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022. On-going discussions between Estate Management and Residents as issues arise.

### **Wolfe Tone Close**

Ongoing meetings are taking place with residents and estate management concerning the general upkeep of the complex.

### **Sheridan Place / Court**

Work has commenced on the demolition of the former Amharclann Centre. Environmental monitors have been installed and are functioning correctly. Barnmore have carried out property condition surveys and continue to update progress on a regular basis. On-going discussions between Estate Management and Residents as issues arise.

**Estate Management Housing Statistics, October 2022**

**Housing Projects Office, Parnell Street, Dublin 1.**

**Housing Managers:**

**Marion Foran**

**Paul White**

No of anti-social complaints per 1997 act Drug related	<b>15</b>	0
No of anti-social complaints per 1997 act not Drug related	<b>2</b>	0
No. of Complaints	<b>3</b>	0
<b>Total Complaints</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>

No of anti-social Interviews per 1997 Act	<b>2</b>	0
No of other interviews	<b>3</b>	0
Total interviews	<b>5</b>	0

No of requests for mediation	0	0
No of complaints referred to the Central Unit for action	0	0
No of Section 20 Evictions	0	0

**Allocations**

Bands 2 & 3	<b>8</b>	0
Medical	0	0
Welfare	0	0
Homeless	0	0
Travellers	0	0
Succession	0	0
RAS/HAP	0	0
Fire/flood/Emg – Maintenance	0	0
Surrender Larger	0	0



**Housing Managers:**            **Marion Foran**    **Paul White**

**Senior Citizens**

Bands 2 & 3	0	0
Medical	0	0
Welfare	0	0
Homeless	0	0
Travellers	0	0

**Voids**

<b>Long Term Maintenance</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Contracts</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Capital Projects</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>0</b>

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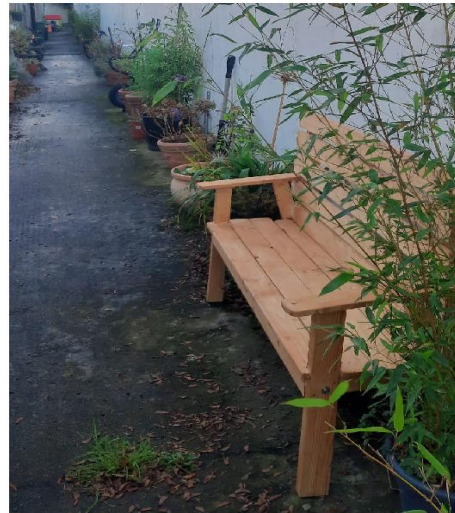
## Community Development Matters in the Central Area

### Clonliffe and District Three lanes Project

The Community Team commissioned the Eastwall Men's Shed to construct two benches for installation in the lane at the rear of Russell Avenue.

The residents continue to add greenery in the form of potted plants and to maintain the areas using equipment provided by the City Council.

These once disused lanes-ways are now safe, vibrant relaxing spaces for the residents of the area to enjoy.



### Christmas Trees

The Community and Housing Staff from the Central Area Office worked together to launch the new Christmas Tree on Summerhill Road on the 30<sup>th</sup> November. The event attracted four hundred people from the area. The Francesca Arkin's Dance Academy were there in force with a group of eighty dancers.

The Community team worked with Ballybough Pride of Place to launch the Ballybough Christmas tree on the 29<sup>th</sup> November. This event attracted around one hundred and fifty locals.

The Central Area Office promoted "lighting up" events for the trees at Sean McDermott Street, Sherriff St and Eastwall.



### Kellie Harrington Christmas Event:

The Area Office provided financial support for the Kellie Harrington Christmas Event that took place in St Agatha's Hall on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Ballybough / North Strand Planter Units:**

The planter units in the North Strand / Ballybough area have been restocked. The grass areas in front of North Strand Fire Station have been planted with a variety of spring and summer bulbs.

## **The NEIC Reindeer Run**

This event took place on the evening of the 5<sup>th</sup> December and was organised by DCC / NEIC in conjunction with An Garda Síochána, Athletics Ireland and H.O.P.E(Hands On Peer Education)

100 people took part in the event by completing distances between 1km and 5km. All entrants received a commemorative medal on completion.



## **Macro Community Resource Centre**

The MACRO Centre hosted a Christmas Market 3<sup>rd</sup> of December providing space for fourteen local micro businesses to sell their products including Christmas crafts, knitwear, art and baked goods.

The day was a great success. Approximately three hundred visitors attended and approximately one hundred children got to see Santa. This event was supported



The Macro Centre is also organising a series of Christmas Parties for older adults on the 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December that are supported by the Councillors Discretionary Fund

## **NEIC Annual Report Launch**

The Area Office assisted with the launch of the NEIC Annual report on the 5<sup>th</sup> December. One hundred and fifty people (more than expected) were joined by over two hundred and fifty people who viewed the event on line

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