

Meeting: 17th April 2023.

IOG UPDATE FOR THE APRIL 2023 MEETING OF THE JPC MEETING

The following items were discussed at recent IOG meetings.

- **Social Inclusion Office**
 - BK updated IOG with regard to setting up a sub group
 - Membership to include Task Force, NSP, GTMO, BK office
 - Imbed Drug prevention piece into schools
 - JL happy to assist

- **Communications**
 - Online Digital
 - Northside People, Young Scientist Exhibition, Playground
 - Promoting Irelands read day-25/02/23
 - Social and Digital-PR material
 - Facebook -1,000 followers –Positive
 - Engage through Info@darndaletogether.ie
 - Service Directory is with web developer-Update at next meeting
 - JN –DCC projects-very positive

- **Illegal Dump**

DK noted

 - Other than the movement of soil on site, the laboratory results do not show any significant difference from the results contained in the original assessment reports, and it has been clarified that all of the material is suitable for disposal to an authorised site in Ireland in accordance with EPA guidelines

 - The report noted some areas of invasive species in identifiable areas which should be kept segregated and extracted separately during the removal of waste from the site.

 - Intact asbestos sheeting was identified on site and it is recommended that this bulky waste be separated and removed at the start of the process of clearing the site in an appropriate manner and in accordance with Health & Safety Guidelines.

 - Soil samples showed detection of among others, arsenic, copper, zinc and mercury which are naturally occurring in soil. However the concentrations

reported were below the relevant Generic Assessment Criteria (GAC) for human health.

- In summary, tested results showed that all of this material can be disposed of in an environmentally sound manner and in accordance with EPA guidelines.

- **Work Plan**

- DBVC expressed difficulties around Community Employment-backbone of every service in Darndale
- Down 25 vacancies
- No referrals from Department of Social protection
- Criteria is stiff-one year unemployed
- Locker Library operational in Bell building
- Contact Noel Hand with regard to replacement on IOG for DEASP member Reading important part of well being

- AGS noted positive work in the area-Huge focus on the area
- Making great progress-joyriding and anti-social behaviour has decreased since increase of Gardaí in the area
- New task force operating from Coolock- Day of action monthly
- Schools programme is ongoing
- Protests dealt with professionally- Don't encourage but facilitate them

- NSP noted
- Challenge with Community Employment and TUS-Need to look at criteria for participation on the programmes-Change in policy required
- Need to look at Local area employment scheme
- Apprenticeship fair will be held in March in Coolock Civic Centre
- 60 organisations will be presenting including employers and educational institutions
- 162 participants were supported in 2022 re-education progression
- Place Based Leadership-Joint session-Drogheda and Darndale
- Theme-Impact of Drug Debt Intimidation
- Sean Redmond will attend and present
- Grooming legislation-Criminal network-Make Community aware of legislation
- DOB happy to help with Communication exercise
- Small budget received from Dept of rural community development to enable ideas coming through Place based leadership development- €20,000.00 for Darndale area
- Make visible processes of grooming to the community that's drawing young people into criminal network

- LH enquired if Community Directors could emerge from Place Based Leadership
- Lived experience from local community-Communicate to DBM through bulletin

- HSE noted
- Services up and running
- Smoking Cessation

- Social Prescribing
- Healthy Food made easy
- Nutrition worker has commenced in the area
- CE workers -3 be appointed by end of Match
- Local Development Officer –Date of Launch to be confirmed
- Empower Community scheme-embedded in Bell building
- Key collaboration with Local Development Officer

- DF-
 - New crash barrier at Spine-site-Access now for parks and waste management
 - Progress report 2022
 - Halloween plans have commenced
 - Another Way 5km-Archways taking the lead
 - Playground very welcome
 - Urban Agency will report back with their findings
 - Primrose-Landscaping-kissing gates and path will be installed
 - February CRF deferred due to protests
 - Community Section Older persons Dinner dance -300 attended
 - Citizens Commissioner project
- GC
 - Decrease in anti-social behaviour
 - Marigold –Spine-site Drug activity-extra patrols with Gardaí
 - No burn outs since January
 - Letters to residents re dumping

○ JN noted evidence of progress in the DBM area

- Encourage Local Leadership
- More going to CRF meetings -developing organically
- Positivity is evident now –

AG suggested lived experience piece from a local community member-publish in Newsletter
 VG noted this is in the pipeline –NSP following up

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