# 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 a very good attendance at the Forum by local community, public representatives, Coolock Gardai and Dublin City Council North Central staff. Declan Cahill the Independent Chair of the Forum has stepped down.

The last Forum meeting was held on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 where most of the meeting revolved around discussions relating to taking in charge in Belmayne and Clongriffin. Deputy Cian O'Callaghan proposed that taking in charge be a recurring item on the Agenda, this was seconded by Cllr. Michael MacDonncha.

## **Gannon Homes update:**

Susan McClafferty from Gannon Homeas advised that the taking in charge process is still underway for Main Street, Clongriffin. The various services divisions from DCC are in regular contact and all are eager for this to be completed.

There was a discussion regarding taking in charge and requests from residents for works to be carried out regarding footpaths/signs and replacing speed bumps on Marsfield Avenue. Susan advised all footpaths/signs etc. were constructed as per planning requirements. The speed bumps on Marsfield Avenue were temporary and not included in original planning requirements. Gannons will not be replacing them as there is currently a package in place with DCC Taking in Charge and they will not receive funding for any additional works.

- The remaining sites Gannon's have, with planning permission (up in 2024) are for sale and are currently with the Legal Team.
- Park and ride no update when it will be reopening, still awaiting parts to complete ongoing works.
- There is still no interest from the large Supermarket chains in taking space in Clongriffin due to insubstantial footfall.
- Smart Properties look after the retail units for Gannon Homes.

Susan advised people to e.mail <a href="mailto:info@gannonhomes.ie">info@gannonhomes.ie</a> if they have any queries/complaints.

### **Garda Update:**

Garda Brian Judge advised the forum that from Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April the Garda Clinic which was previously held in the Junction in Clongriffin on a Saturday morning would now be held each Wednesday in both Clongriffin and Belmayne as follows -

Wednesday 7 - 8 pm Junction, Clongriffin and Wednesday 8.15 - 9.15 pm Cluid HUB Building, Belmayne Main Street.

Garda Judge provided an update on safety/security issues. They again 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, they reflect the high number of criminal damage figures for Belmayne (8) for period 01/02/23 to 26/03/23.

The guards strongly emphasised that the message needs to go out 'that people need to ring to report suspicious activity'. They can either ring 999 or Coolock Station.

## **Dublin City Council Update:**

• An Update was provided for Belmayne Main Street and Belmayne Avenue Scheme, which included progress photographs and drawings and

## **Projection Completion Timelines:**

Substantial completion by Contractor - April 2023
Commission Traffic Infrastructure - June 2023
Commission Public Light Infrastructure - June 2023
Signing and Lining - June 2023
Target Opening Date - July 2023

- A large volume of residents had concerns regarding the ongoing construction sites on Belmayne Avenue and St. Columbans off Hole in the Wall Road regardinging noise, dirt, volume of construction traffic and times of construction work being carried out. They were advised to contact planning enforcement at <a href="mailto:planningenforcement@dublincity.ie">planningenforcement@dublincity.ie</a> or the undersigned regarding same.
- Community Staff continue to engage with residents from Belmayne and Clongriffin. Public Domain liaisie with Clongriffin Tidy Towns

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