

Meeting: 17th April 2023.

**DARNDALE TOGETHER SAFETY FORUM UPDATE FOR THE
APRIL 2023 MEETING OF THE JPC MEETING**

● **Domestic Abuse Co Ordination update**

- MR gave a comprehensive update on the DACT initiative to tackle domestic abuse (and other crimes committed in the home) in the communities they police.
- Domestic Abuse Co-ordination Team (DACT) involves gardaí identifying those most at risk from domestic violence or who are subjected to ongoing abuse and allocating a liaison garda to that person or family.
- If a number of different gardaí respond to numerous incidents involving the same person, that victim is guaranteed one specially trained garda who is tasked with co-ordinating all their cases and offering guidance and support.
- Members of DACT are trained to understand the difficulties faced by victims and to offer them support, access to other services and agencies and the guarantee of an understanding and empathetic reception when a case of domestic abuse is reported.
- This team will advise victims of the abuse of their rights and how to get a protection or barring order.
- All of the 24 gardaí involved had volunteered for the project and had a keen interest in making sure any victims of abuse get a really good service from the gardaí.
- COS noted support is provided for the injured party
- Vested interest in protecting most vulnerable-knock on effect on children
- JN noted ACE programme will help children- safety in their homes
- AG noted Aoibhneas give talks on awareness of DACT team etc

● **Citizens Commissioner project**

- This exciting pilot project is being led by Ruairí Ó Cúiv, the Public Art Officer in Dublin City Arts Office, and will result in a series of commissions in the area informed by residents.
- A key part of the process is exposing locals to various art forms to ignite the imagination and start a dialogue about what commissioned work they would like to see in Darndale.
- A variety of experiences for residents to join in over the coming months:
 - Coiscéim's *The Piece With The Drums*, Thurs 25 January 2023;

- Enda Walsh's *The New Electric Ballroom*, Thurs 23 February 2023;
- National Gallery Collection Tour, Sat 1 April 2023.
- After each of these experiences, they will meet with the participants to discuss what they did/did not respond to, which will inform subsequent engagements. The project will unfold over the coming years with "taster commissions" along the way, leading to one large-scale commission towards the end of the project.
- If interested –email hello@creativeplacesdarndale.ie
- **Local Development Officer**
 - Health needs assessment for the area will be carried out in collaboration with a research partner; this will inform work going forward.
 - Healthy food made easy is running open course this year, open to anyone in the community in both Kilmore West and Darndale.
 - Yoga that started through Change for life will continue for two more terms, open to all in the community.
 - Digital community map is currently a work in progress, aim to complete by summer 2023.
 - Community welcoming celebration in collaboration with Northside partnership happening in the summer 2023.
 - Other initiatives being explored with various community partners for 2023.
 - Trying to engage hard to reach groups – any ideas/suggestions are welcome.
- **Community enhancement:**
 - Support for another way 5k, promoting the use of Darndale Park
 - First meeting for Halloween-1st February 2023.
 - Variety Dinner dance for senior Citizens held 22/02/23 in the Artane Beaumont Recreation centre .
 - 300 people attended including Golden years club Darndale, New Life Centre Darndale, Priorswood Parish centre, Men's Sheds and many of the active age groups in the area,
- **Housing**
 - **Housing Projects –**
 - Five housing projects taking place in the area and working closely with the project managers in relation to the effective management of these projects.
 - **Current Projects:**
 - **Glin Court:** Awaiting stage 4 approval from the Department. Public open information evening was held on the 9th February in the Glin Centre. Local residents and Councillors were notified by leaflet drop/email/post. The contractor is due on site March 2023. Have approval for demolition of two of the existing three blocks and construction of 32 new older person units. Plan can be viewed in the Housing Office, Bell Building.
 - **Cromcastle Court/Coal yard site:** Awaiting stage 2 approval. Part eight planning mid--2023. Achieve Planning Approval – late 2023. Procurement/tender of contract -2024. Onsite 2025. Plans show for 114 units of 1, 2 and 3 bed units, with a further 34 older person units on the coal yard site. 100% social housing.

- **Belcamp B:** The Contractor is due on site Q1 2023, 12 units. AHB to take over project
- **Bunratty:** The contractor is currently working on rectifying issues in order for the works to meet building regulations. Awaiting a completion date from the contractor. Handover will be in a phased approach. Expected handover Q3 2023
- **Oscar Traynor:** Glenveagh have been selected to partner with DCC. Planning permission sought for 853 units. 40% social housing, 40% cost rental, 20% affordable. Contractor due on site Q4 2023 with a view to the first houses being completed by late 2024
- Currently working on improving relationships between local residents and DCC. Members from The Darndale Together Community Representative Forum, work closely with DCC to influence improvements in the safety, health, happiness and wellbeing of each member of the Darndale community. Monthly meetings take place.
- Work closely with Community Gardaí, to resolve issues raised by Jack Nolan at the Darndale Together Safety Form and all aspects of antisocial behaviour. Decrease in reports of antisocial behaviour and joy riding in Darndale.
- Regular meetings with The Dales/Sphere 17 and youth in the community to try tackle antisocial behaviour/drug use with the under 18's
- Ongoing Improvement works are taking place in the public realm, fencing, gates, security measures, barriers etc.
- Voids: 44 + 4 senior citizens
- Working on our Antisocial behaviour strategy, and continuing to enforce DCC;s Tenancy agreement
- **Waste Management and Environment**
 - Area close to 189 Buttercup Park cleaned and power washed by the Waste Management Team on 10th February & green area was cleaned by the Parks Department
 - The dark grey walls along the spine site were painted again to remove the scorch marks.
 - An email and a whats app message was sent to groups in the Darndale area who are involved in Environmental work letting them know about the 2023 Dublin City Neighbourhoods Competition. We advised everyone that the applications will be available in April 2023 in either digital or hardcopy and if anyone needs help putting an application together, they can contact the North Central Area Office.
 - Refurbished planters will be delivered to Tulip Court in the next week or two to enhance this area as local residents are keeping it looking so well. These will be placed on the central median in the cul de sac and residents are going to water, weed and maintain the boxes.
 - Continue to work with residents in all areas of Darndale who are interested in engaging in environmental work and we are happy to supply equipment and will consider supporting any enhancement ideas that they have (dependent on available funding).
- **Illegal dump**
 - DF gave update re Tier 1 and Tier 2 assessments
 - DF noted the needs to go to Part 8
 - Residents noted manhole around CCTV is dangerous-
 - JL noted prior to next CRF meeting

- Residents need clarity on steps involved
 - Copy of Report re findings on Tier 1 and Tier 2 examinations
 - Circulate flyers to each household
 - Regular meeting—updates
- DTSF representatives expressed their frustrations with updates and timelines
- Residents expressed concerns with regard to
 - broken glass near the church
 - Dumping at Primrose and Snowdrop
 - Update on pond-FMCD will follow up
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- **Sphere 17**
 - CK gave update on happenings in the DBM area. Expanded on detailed written report which was provided
 - Out N About
 - AOC updated Forum
 - Out N About is a detached youth service working with young people on the street with a specific focus on young people who are deemed 'Hard To Reach'
 - Blue jackets are becoming established-Good reception depending what is going on in the area
 - Youth are concerned with the following
 - Not enough Bins
 - Tarmac pitch
 - Astro Turf is dirty
 - Lighting needed at playground
 - D17 –Assertive case management(Red Jackets)-funded through HSE
 - Target Drug and alcohol awareness
 - 2 full time staff
- **Community Garda Update**
 - Garda COS gave a comprehensive overview of Garda policing in the DBM area
 - Operation Darndale is still in effect.
 - Van with Crew stopping and starting
 - Stolen car recovered in Moatview Court
 - Patrols in hotspot areas
 - Positive change -More engagement from the Community Attitude change
- **Local Highlights and Achievements**
 - Litter wardens have nearly completed bin survey in DBM area –Report on findings will issue 2023
 - New reinforced gate installed on spinesite enabling machinery to access site for maintenance
 - Playground officially open
 - Resident expressed the positive attitude in the DBM area
 - Assist with looking after homeless-Provide showers, meals clothing

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