

# Cabra Glasnevin JPC Q4 2022

Meeting held January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023 Richard O'Carroll Room, City Hall

## Minutes

**Attendees:** Cllr Perry, Cllr McGrattan, Cllr McCormack, Cllr Meenagh, Sen Sherlock, John McPartlan DCC, Ken Daly DCC, Claire Dempsey DCC, Niall Counihan, Paul Farrelly, Dorthy Prendergast, D. Gough, Sarah Middleton, Chief Superintendent Paul McMenamin, Superintendent Peter Burke, Superintendent Martin Mooney, Superintendent Jonathan O'Brien, Superintendent Darren McCarthy, Inspector Alan Govern, Sgt John L'Estrange, Sgt Darren Coller, Garda Shauna Naughton, Sean Bay DCC.

### **1: Minutes from October Meeting**

Cllr Perry acknowledged the attack on the Garda in Ballymun, highlighting the danger of the work and wished a full recovery

### **2: Ballymun/Santry: Crime Statistics (H)**

### **3: Blanchardstown/Cabra: Crime Statistics in presentation form (K)**

### **4: Bridewell: Crime Statistics (D)**

### **5: Mountjoy: Crime Statistics (U)**

All crime statistics were read into the record

**6: Cllr Perry:** Highlighted Garda response at Halloween was not acceptable, poor response on the night. DCC- Good work on the night. Youth Services also were not seen on the night. Decreased BonFires is good. DCC invested 100k in Dunard in 2022 Damage to trees and paths. Carnlough Rd, unauthorised plaque with Anti-Social Behaviour  
Finbarrs – Car burnt out  
Dorset Street – is now out of hand, need action plan and effort.  
Good Policing in O'Deaveny and Montpelier has crime down and residents are grateful.  
Thanks were given to Garda Ciara McGarth for the distribution of Christmas Hampers.

Killala at Halloween had huge potential but was disappointing

Concerns with the LUAS, safety and lighting.

Thanked the Gardai for their continued good work

**8: Cllr McCormack** Halloween was disappointing, thanked Gardai and DCC

Need all agencies working together.

Dunard needs to be looked at as there are vulnerable people

Thanked DCC staff, John, Ken and Claire

**9: Cllr McGrattan** Thanked Garda Ciara McGrath  
LUAS, Dominic ST to Broombridge needs to be looked at  
Drug Intimidation – needs work and youth engagement

**10: Sen Sherlock** Thanked Chair and Gardai  
Question on Domestic Abuse Coordinators allocations, criteria?  
Answered by Supt Martin Mooney – case by case basis. This does not halt other actions being taken.

**11: Supt Peter Burke** Accepts Halloween issues did exist but that a Garda presence was there  
There was a call for assistance in Dunard and the POU was called but situation had de-escalated.  
Events should be managed by an event management company, Gardai cannot be everywhere all the time but will assist event organisers.  
Drug intimidation is an issue and is monitored and the Gardai do engage with families.

**12: Supt Jonathan O'Brien** Dorset St is a huge problem. There are both active uniform and covert units in the area. When disrupted the dealers move on. Customers are not being dealt with.  
CCTV would assist- Boarding up disused buildings and adjusting physical infrastructure around the buildings would help.

**13: DCC Claire Dempsey** CCTV is in Dorset St and DCC do help the Gardai. Two blocks have been de-tenanted. Drug dealing is happening all day and the Public Domain will be demolished.

**14: Cllr Perry** Demolition of Dorset St flats needs to be speeded up or monies spent knowing it is for the short term. A coordinated approach needs to take place.

**15: Cllr Meenagh** Killala had security for Halloween but was still a hot spot, more needs to be done.

**16: Supt Peter Burke** Event Management companies are needed but not instead of Gardai

**17: DCC John McPartlan** Meetings are being held with the Gardai monthly on festivals and events.  
Management companies will be brought in. There are limited resources but we are looking to change the culture.

**18: AnSiol Paul Farrell** Budgets need to increase to cover events

**19: Cllr Perry** Funding is never an issue for Halloween, there is much more spent elsewhere

**20: Cabra Safety Forum Niall Counihan** Killala has more stakeholders than just DCC and the Gardai. Community also. In Killala 50% wanted a bonfire, locals need inclusion  
Garda response to calls from areas like Carnlough and Finbarr Rd should be changed to be more appropriate and not give false expectations of prioritisation. Anxiety may be reduced with more accurate responses on the phone.  
Agreement from **Cllr Perry, Cllr McCormack,**

**22: AnSiol Paul Farrelly** Question on a dedicated car for Cabra, Garda response Yes

**23: Broadstone Residents Dorothy Prendergast** Halloween, Trollies of fire materials rolled down the street, with public stopping to look. Called Garda and informed she was the 4<sup>th</sup> person to do so, and we will send someone when we can.

Dominic St is avoided because of open drug dealing, even from Taxi windows. The LUAS stop is dangerous. Will there be any new Gardai for Mountjoy / Fitzgibbon Street.

**22: Garda Monahan Santry** Informed meeting 1Sgt and 10 Gardai on the unit – Left meeting

**23: Chief Super Paul McMEnamin** Demands on Garda resources are high but they will keep looking for more Gardai. Responses to calls (Dorothy) was not good enough.

The view is for No Bonfires in the city and it will become alien in time

**24: Superintendent Jonathan O'Brien** They have an increased team of detectives and now have 3 Sgts and 30 Gardai. Drug related intimidation is now being reported more. Acknowledgement of the work of the JPC and the Councillors

**24: AnSiol Paul Farrell** Dominic St flats also has a drinking problem and is an intimidating area. Flats need to be boarded up and demolished block by block. J.McP (DCC) once detenanted.

**25: Chief Super Paul McMEnamin** The demand for drugs causes the supply chain, the area of addiction needs to be addressed.

**26: Supt Peter Burke** Wanted to clarify that only 1 new resource had been received from Templemore. All other Gardai in Cabra had been redeployed from Finglas and Blandhardstown.

**27: Cllr Perry** The job of the Gardai is not seen as attractive , Pay, Conditions and Safety need to be addressed but cannot be done so here.

AOB:

John McPartlan: DCC have a NO BonFire policy and will only support organised events with no fires.

Cllr Perry Thanked all for attending in person and on Zoom.