

Ballymun

Safer Ballymun JPC Report September 2023

The Safer Ballymun is a partnership between the Community, Dublin City Council, the Drugs Task Force and An Garda Síochána. The focus is to engage in collaborative discussions to explore solutions to local safety concerns. The Safer Ballymun steering committee will again advertise the position of an Independent Safety Coordinator to deliver the agreed Ballymun Safety Strategy, in the coming weeks.

The Safer Ballymun Steering Committee met on 14th March and the 1st June to discuss current safety concerns in the community. The re-election of a steering committee was discussed and nominations forms are currently available from Ballymun.areoffice@dublincity.ie

The last public meeting of the Safer Ballymun Forum took place on 13th June, in the Ballymun Child and Family Resource Centre. Unfortunately there was some verbal abuse aimed at public representatives as they left the meeting this matter was addressed by An Garda Síochána.

At the meeting Superintendent McCarthy gave a brief outline on some the operations that are currently underway in the area. Superintendent McCarthy advised that there will be a presentation in the next JPC regarding Operation Fográ. He also mentioned that the dog unit was recently in Ballymun and the operation was very successful.

Hugh Greaves from Ballymun Local Drugs Task Force provided a synopsis on the current citizens' assembly being discussed on Drugs. He mentioned that there is a new national partnership being formed from a statutory response on Drugs intimidation.

The main safety matters of concern raised at the meeting:

- Residents from the Ballymun Plaza Apartments raised concern in relation to anti-social behaviour and illegal dumping at the adjoining derelict site
- The Coultrey Park pitch has been damaged by scramblers accessing the pitch
- Speed related issues at Shangan Green, cul de sac sign requested
- Discussion on the increase use of Nitrous Oxide canisters in the area & the dangers associated with them, request made for an awareness campaign
- Alleged incidents in Coultrey Park, An Garda Síochána to follow up
- Access issue in relation to wheelchair users in Poppintree Park

A discussion concluded the meeting regarding issues in local parks, AGS advised that all incidents need to be reported in real time and they would follow up with the member of the public that raised the matters.

All of the above matters were investigated, Dublin City Council arranged follow up meetings with An Garda Síochána in relation to the issues raised at the meeting. DCC & AGS last met on 30th August a follow up meeting will take place in coming weeks.

The next Safer Ballymun Community Forum is due to take place early October.

- **Finglas**



The main policing issues directly to the Finglas Safety Forum Co-ordinator recently have been:

- Ongoing reports of drug dealing occurring at Wellmount Drive, Wellmount Park and at the back of Dunnes on Cardiffsbridge Road.
- The ongoing issue of scramblers in the area e.g., Northway Park in particular.
- Large bonfires occurring in Northway Park. Reports of fireworks being set off at Northway Park, Wellmount Crescent and Dunnes car park on Cardiffsbridge Road.
- Reports of anti-social behaviour occurring at Beneavin Nursing home e.g. youths kicking the intercom and setting bins on fires.
- Reports of anti-social behaviour e.g. youth smashing glass at the bus stop on Glasnevin Avenue.

The next round of Finglas Safety Forum meetings in the respective areas of Finglas have been scheduled for the month of September. The Finglas Safety Forum Co-ordinator has circulated dates of the next round of meetings to all relevant stakeholders and the local community. The dates are as follows:

- Finglas West Safety Forum meeting: Monday 18th September 2023, 7:00-8:30pm, St Fergal's Boys' National School.
- Finglas East Safety Forum meeting: Tuesday 19th September 2023, 7:00-8:30pm, St Canice's Boys' National School.
- Finglas South Safety Forum meeting: Monday 25th September 2023, 7:00-8:30pm, Erin's Isle GAA Grounds.