

**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.

Prior to the The last Forum meeting which was held on 25th September, the Area Office decided, in order to bring greater focus to the meetings to invite local residents to submit their individual queries in writing in advance of the meeting, to allow sufficient time to research and provide an adequate response at the meeting.

Outlined below are the main queries which were received -

- **Taking in charge Main Street and the remainder of Clongriffin** – Gannon Homes advised that the taking in charge of Main Street is ongoing, there is a current programme of testing due to finish in 6 weeks but further testing will need to be carried out, therefore they are unable to give a date when it will be completed. Once Main Street has been Taken in Charge the remainder of the area will be done on a sequential basis.
- **Park and ride:** Gannons advised no update on opening at this time.
- **Gannons sale of land/sites:** this is at legal stage so no further comment can be made.
- **Vacant retail units in Clongriffin:** these became liable for payment of Entry Year Property Levy on these units in 2022. which Gannon Homes have paid. For 2023 rates are calculated and collected as normal rates, there is 0% vacancy credit in 2023.

These units are let as 'shell and core' and therefore need substantial fees to fit them out. Smart property look after the retail units for Gannon Homes.

- **Marsfield Avenue speed ramps:** Gannon Homes updated the Forum at a previous meeting that 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. When this Avenue is Taken in Charge an application can then be made to DCC Traffic Advisory Group for speed ramps.

There was a discussion around speeding and illegal parking (parking in bus lanes, on cycle tracks, footpaths, double parking, parking near roundabouts) all of which are an enforcement issue for An Garda Síochána. Garda Brian Judge spoke on these issues.

- **Update Belmayne Main Street** – Report attached from Eric Lavelle, Project Engineer which was circulated at the meeting.
- **Local Area Plan:** this expired in December, 2022, it is not on the long list of LAPS to be prepared under 2022 Development Plan, outstanding lands at Belmayne and Belcamp are supported by the 2022 Development Plan.
- **Taking in Charge Parkside** – there have been some engagement with the Developer Cairn homes, there is an issue with the designated private on street parking.

Garda Update:

Garda Brian Judge advised the forum that the Garda Clinics held on Wednesday 7 - 8 pm Junction, Clongriffin and Wednesday 8.15 - 9.15 pm Cluid HUB Building, Belmayne Main Street are doing very well.

Garda Judge provided an update on safety/security issues. He 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.

Garda Judge emphasised 'that people need to ring to report suspicious activity'. They can either ring 999 or Coolock Station.

He advised the Forum that going forward Community Garda Enda O'Reilly would no longer be working with him in Clongriffin/Belmayne, Brian would once more be the only Community Garda for Clongriffin/Belmayne. Members of the Forum commended Brian and Enda on the great work that they have done in the Community.

- Community Staff from DCC continue to engage with residents from Belmayne and Clongriffin. Public Domain liaison with Clongriffin Tidy Towns

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