

**To the Chairperson and Members  
Of the Central Area Committee**

**November 2023**

**Housing Matters North North Inner City**

**Choice Based Lettings:**

A new competition consisting of 8 properties has just been launched and consists of:

|           |                        |        |
|-----------|------------------------|--------|
| Apartment | 27 Kenmare House       | 2 Bed. |
| Apartment | 47 Avondale house      | 1 Bed. |
| Apartment | 47 O'Brien hall        | 1 Bed. |
| Apartment | 16b Liberty House      | 1 Bed. |
| Apartment | 50 Fitzgibbon Court    | 2 Bed. |
| Apartment | 98h Gardiner Street    | 1 Bed. |
| House     | 35 Ferryman's Crossing | 1 Bed. |
| Apartment | 16 James Larkin        | 3 Bed. |

The Closing date for applications is the 10<sup>th</sup> November. A new online application system has been introduced in order to speed up the application process.

While final figures are not available applications have been brisk to date.

**Foley Apartments:**

The Deep Cleaning of Foley Apartments has been completed to the satisfaction of the residents.



### **Spencer Place:**

Spencer Place is a new development in the Docklands area consisting of 33 units (22 x 2 bed, and 11 x 1 bed). The complex is being made available through our Choice Based Lettings Competitions and will commence on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Councillors will be informed of the confirmed launch-date for this competition by e-mail before it goes live together with the relevant application form.

### **Shelmalier House:**

The deep cleaning of the common areas of Shelmalier House has been completed.



### **Bonfire Materials:**

Central Area Housing Office was involved in the annual bonfire material detection campaign in partnership with Public Domain, the Caretakers Section of DCC, Local Councillors, An Garda Siochana, CIE Properties, and other agencies and stakeholders.

Drones were deployed over a number of days in assessing and detecting material throughout the NEIC area, while daily foot patrols were carried out by Housing staff between 6 – 9.00am during weekdays and 9 – 1.00am on weekends and the Bank Holiday.

A major issue with the detection arose when a truck containing 600 palettes was found parked outside Croke Villas on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>. Despite efforts to have it moved it remained in place until Halloween morning and may have been responsible for the re-emergence of a significant amount of bonfire material throughout Ballybough and the Inner City. Large caches of palettes and tyres were detected and recovered from balconies and apartments at Croke Villas (300 palettes plus tyres and spindles), Ballybough House (200 palettes plus tyres and large spindles), Lidl Site (100 palettes plus tyres), Foley Street, Ossory Road, and other locations where in many cases large amounts of material had been found days previously. The fact that there were no major bonfires in the North Inner City shows how successful the collective efforts were by the various sections of DCC and other agencies.

At the time of writing final tonnage of material recovered isn't available but the collective amounts of palettes, tyres, and spindles was substantial.

**October 2023 stats**

**ESTATE MANAGEMENT**

**Housing Manager:**

**Paul White**

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| No of anti-social complaints per 1997 act<br>Drug related     | 9         |
| No of anti-social complaints per 1997 act<br>not Drug related | 23        |
| No. of other complaints                                       | 37        |
| <b>Total Complaints</b>                                       | <b>69</b> |

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| No of anti-social Interviews per 1997 Act | 9         |
| No of other interviews                    | 11        |
| <b>Total interviews</b>                   | <b>20</b> |

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|---|---|
| No of requests for mediation                                | 0 |
| No of complaints referred to the Central<br>Unit for action | 5 |
| No of Tenancy Warnings issued                               | 0 |
| No of Excluding Orders issued                               | 0 |
| No of Section 20s   | 0 |

**Allocations:**

|                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Housing (band 2&3)                 | 3 |
| Transfers (band 2&3)               | 1 |
| Older Persons Housing (band 2&3)   | 5 |
| Older Persons Transfers (band 2&3) | 0 |
| Medical & Welfare                  | 0 |
| Older Persons Medical & Welfare    | 0 |
| Homeless/Housing First             | 1 |
| Transfer /HAP                      | 0 |
| Fire/flood/Emergency – Maintenance | 0 |
| Estate Management                  | 0 |
| Choice Based Lettings              | 2 |
| RAS NTQ                            | 0 |
| Matt Talbot                        | 2 |

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**Sean Foster Place**

All units in the complex have now been allocated.

The official launch took place on the 26.10.23. and a plaque was unveiled by the Lord Mayor. Joe Duffy, City Councillors, Mick Foster (Foster and Allen) and local residents were in attendance. Refreshments were had afterwards in the Macro Centre.



**Dominic Hall and Lower Dominick Street**

One unit remains to be allocated. The steeling up of vacant units is complete and the blocks are fully secure. The launch is still to be confirmed.

### **Upper Dominick Street**

The pest control programme has been completed. Estate Management continues to hold meeting with concerned residents.

### **Constitution Hill**

This month a newsletter was circulated to residents and councillors which outlined the works which commenced on the 26.10.23. The works are called a soft strip survey and will focus on the northern housing block and its surround. The builder will be carrying out works on empty flats only and access to the housing block will be maintained. Works will be carried out between Monday and Friday up until the Christmas period. The Allocations Section aim to rehouse the two tenants that currently remain in the northern block.

### **Kevin Barry House**

On-going discussions take place between Estate Management and Residents regarding the upkeep of the complex and addressing other issues as they arise. New security doors to be installed in both blocks.

### **Hardwicke Street**

A tree pruning programme commenced on 25.10.23 on the Plaza Area. To combat the issues with vermin, a pest control programme was completed in Block 9, Rory O'Connor House. The painting programme is in progress. It is estimated that it will take one year to complete this extensive project. Works are being arranged to supply electricity to the Plaza Area. Construction of the bin chambers is ongoing.

### **Saint Michans House**

Halloween activities have been arranged with residents for the day - 31.10.23. Ongoing meetings continue to be held with residents.

### **Blackhall Queen Street Complex**

High rise netting has been installed for the Little Star Crèche to protect the children from being hit by stray footballs.

### **Wolfe Tone Close**

On-going meetings are taking place with residents and estate management concerning the general upkeep of the complex. The Painting Programme has now been successfully completed.

### **Sheridan Place / Court**

Excavation work is ongoing on the site of the former Amharclan Centre at the rear of the complex. Ongoing discussions between Estate Management and Residents as issues arise. New security doors to be installed in both stairwells of Sheridan Court. New gate operating system to be installed in the carpark.

## **Chancery House**

Halloween activities were arranged with residents by the Community Section

## **Estate Management Housing Statistics, October 2023**

Housing Projects Office, Parnell Street, Dublin 1.

**Housing Managers:**                      **Marion Foran**                      **Paul White**

|  |           |          |
|--|-----------|----------|
| No of anti-social complaints per 1997 act Drug related     | <b>24</b> | 0        |
| No of anti-social complaints per 1997 act not Drug related | <b>5</b>  | 0        |
| No. of Complaints  |           |          |
| <b>Total Complaints</b>                                    | <b>29</b> | <b>0</b> |

|   |          |   |
|---|----------|---|
| No of anti-social Interviews per 1997 Act | <b>2</b> | 0 |
| No of other interviews                    | <b>0</b> | 0 |
| Total interviews                          | <b>2</b> | 0 |
|   |          |   |

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|--|---|---|
| No of requests for mediation                             | 0 | 0 |
| No of complaints referred to the Central Unit for action | 0 | 0 |
| No of Section 20 Evictions                               | 0 | 0 |
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## **Allocations**

|                              |          |   |
|------------------------------|----------|---|
| Bands 2 & 3                  | <b>5</b> | 0 |
| Medical                      | 0        | 0 |
| Welfare                      | 0        | 0 |
| Homeless                     | <b>0</b> | 0 |
| Travellers                   | 0        | 0 |
| Succession                   | 0        | 0 |
| RAS/HAP                      | 0        | 0 |
| Fire/flood/Emg – Maintenance | 0        | 0 |
| Surrender Larger             | 0        | 0 |

**Housing Managers:      Marion Foran      Paul White**

|             |          |   |
|-------------|----------|---|
| Bands 2 & 3 | <b>0</b> | 0 |
| Medical     | 0        | 0 |
| Welfare     | 0        | 0 |
| Homeless    | <b>0</b> | 0 |
| Travellers  | 0        | 0 |

**Voids**

|                              |          |          |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| <b>Long Term Maintenance</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>Contracts</b>             | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>Capital Projects</b>      | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |

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**Community Development Section  
Area Committee Report October 2023**

**International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**

This event is organised each year by the “All Together In Dignity” group who have their Irish headquarters on Mountjoy Square. The event featured a performance from the St Marys, Glasnevin Choir. The key note speaker was the Lord Mayor, Cllr Daithí De Róiste. The event was organised with assistance from the Community Section of the Central Area Office with funding from the Councillors Discretionary Fund.



**Halloween**

The Community Section assisted local community groups in the delivery of local community events throughout the Central Area. Venues included:-

- Hardwicke Street Flats.
- Kevin Barry House / Henrietta House.
- St Michan’s House
- Ormond Square / Chancery House (@ Dublin Central Mission).
- Mud Island Haunted House and garden.
- MACRO Children’s Fancy Dress.

The section was also heavily involved in the delivery of major events at East Wall as well as the North Wall element of the Big Scream Festival.



Funding for the above activities came from the Councillors Discretionary Fund.



### **Memorial Plaque for Sean Foster**

Central Area Community, Administration and Housing staff worked with the relations of the late Sean Foster and the Commemorations Committee of the City Council to produce a special event to mark the unveiling of a plaque in his honour. The event took place at the recently opened Sean Foster Place on North King Street. Speakers at the event included the Lord Mayor and RTE's Joe Duffy. Foster and Allen performed at the on street event followed by a small reception at the nearby MACRO Centre.



### **Universal Dance Champion, Dundalk**

Forty two children from the Arkin's Dance Academy took part in the Universal Dance Champion Ships in Dundalk over a weekend in late October. Children aged four to nineteen took part.

The club won "Studio of the year" and the "Senior Team of the year" award among the many prizes brought home to the NEIC.

Arkin's Dance Academy is based in the DCC owned Lourdes Parish Centre on Sean McDermott Street and is actively supported by the Central Areas Community Team.

Funding for trip to Dundalk came from the Councillors Discretionary Fund.



### **Ongoing community engagement**

The staff of the Community Section continue to meet and support groups and organisations throughout the area on a daily basis.

### **Christmas tree events**

The following events have been agreed to date. Members will be notified of additional events as soon as they are agreed with the Area Office:

|                           |        |                   |
|---------------------------|--------|-------------------|
| 25 <sup>th</sup> November | 6:00pm | Sherriff Street   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> December  | 5:30pm | Buckingham Street |

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