

**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.

In order to bring greater focus to the meetings local residents submit their individual queries 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 raised at the meetings held on 29th January, 2024 and 25th March, 2024.

- **Bemayne Main Street** – the community are very concerned regarding the delays in opening Main Street and traffic lights being turned on at the junction Belmayne Main Street/Belmayne Avenue. At the Forum meeting on Monday 25th March Mick Carroll, Local Area Manager updated the group that traffic and public lighting is connected, however a problem was identified that the footpath abutting the secondary school being built on Belmayne Avenue has not been completed, and therefore it wasn't safe to turn on the lights at the Junction as planned on 15/03/24. Following a site meeting with various DCC personnel, the School Contractor and Dept. Of Education, it is envisaged that the Contractor will have this work carried out in the next couple of weeks.

- **DCC TIC Bekmayne Recreational space** – The mapping and surveying section have completed their drawings. The Area Office have requested OCPM (Management Company) to submit a formal request to have this space taken in charge, we are still awaiting same.

- **Taking in charge Main Street and the remainder of Clongriffin** – Gannon Homes advised that the taking in charge of Main Street is ongoing, meetings were held in February with DCC Parks and Drainage Departments, along with further engagement with Roads Department. DCC have requested further works to be undertaken before agreeing to TIC. These works are underway by Gannon's who will then require DCC to revisit the site again to sign off. Once Main Street has been Taken in Charge the remainder of the area will be done on a sequential basis.

- **Park and ride:** Coin kiosks have been installed, an operator is confirmed and is at legal stage.

- **Gannon's sale of land/sites:** All of Gannon's vacant lands/sites have been sold to the Land Development Agency.

- **Vacant retail units in Clongriffin:** There have been ongoing queries regarding the vacant retail units in Clongriffin and if they are all listed for payment of commercial rates. The rates Office have confirmed that they have requested Táiite Éireann to value any unvalued properties in this area.

Garda Update:

Garda Judge provided an update on safety/security issues. The statistics for the Clongriffin/Belmayne area are very good. Domestic incidents are down, there is also a drop in robberies and there has been a huge drop in assaults only 2 in the last quarter.

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There is a new Drug unit in Coolock who are proactively tackling the drug issue. The illegal parking on Marsfield Avenue is a work in progress, the guards continue to liaise with the community to find the best possible solution.

Again the Guards **emphasised** 'that people need to ring to report suspicious activity'. They can either ring 999 or Coolock Station.

Community Garda Enda O'Reilly has gone to the Drugs Unit. The Belmayne Community Group emphasised that Belmayne needs a dedicated Community Guard.

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

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