



Comhairle Cathrach  
Bhaile Átha Cliath  
Dublin City Council

**Minutes of The Kilmore Safety Community Forum**

**Meeting Held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00 pm**

**Present**

Derek Farrell(DF),Acting Local Area Manager  
Lynda Drysdale (LD), Acting Senior Staff Officer, North Central Area Office  
Niamh Reilly (NR), Area Community and Social Development Officer  
Fiona Mc Donnell (FM), Local Development Officer, Sláintecare Healthy Communities

Cllr Dearbhail Butler

Greg O’Flaherty, Out and About  
Emma Buckley, Out and About  
Jordan T, Out and About

Joe Carey  
Jesslyn Henry  
Jacqueline Lambert  
Charlene Lambert  
Fiona Lelas  
Edel Moran  
Teresa Farrell  
Caroline O’Donell  
Laura Inglis  
Dean Russell  
Catherine Inglis  
Brigid Lyons

Garda Jimmy Dunne  
Garda Aoife Cusack

**Apologies:**

Cllr Allison Gilliland

- **Community**  
**Niamh Reilly – Area Community and Social Development Officer**

The Older People's Council for the North Central Area held their AGM in January '24. The OPC will begin to develop their work plan which will include the Kilmore Area.

The Community and Informal Adult Education grant allocations would have been received by voluntary groups in North Central from the middle of January. A number of local groups in Kilmore would have received funding through this grant stream.

Community and Social Development Section will continue to distribute relevant grant information to all local groups.

The Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD), through the Dublin City Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and Dublin City Council, is funding a **Local Enhancement Programme 2024 (LEP)**.

A total of €516,456 is available under this fund for **capital costs only**. Of the €516,456, the DRCD has allocated €83,864.90 ring-fenced funding for capital costs in Women's Sheds under the Dublin City LEP 2024.

Applications to this fund are now being welcomed by the Dublin City Local Community Development Committee (LCDC). Applications can be made online from the following

link: [https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/service/Local\\_Enhancement\\_Programme\\_Online\\_Form](https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/service/Local_Enhancement_Programme_Online_Form)

The aim of the LEP 2024 is to support non-profit, community-based and/or voluntary sector organisations or groups based in Ireland who are seeking support with their **capital costs**. Capital costs incurred only in calendar years 2023 and 2024 are eligible.

Closing date is 13.00 on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2024.

International Women's Day

International Women's Day will be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. This is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. International Women's day has occurred for over a century, with the first gathering recorded in 1911.

This year to mark this important day CSDS will support a number of local events. - Whitehall

Summer Projects

CSDS Assistant Community Development Officer, Antoinette Hayden is currently linking in with voluntary youth groups to ensure that they link in with Crosscare to assist them with the relevant training in advance of their summer project. It is hoped to increase the number of voluntary summer projects this year. Should a group within the Artane-Whitehall LEA wish to enquire about setting up a local summer project they can contact Antoinette directly on (01) 2228856 or

[antoinette.hayden@dublincity.ie](mailto:antoinette.hayden@dublincity.ie)

- **Health, Sláinte Care**

FM introduced herself and explained the role of Sláinte Care, based in DCC's Bunnratty office. Fiona's role is to promote all matters related to health in the community (Bonnybrook, Kilmore, Darndale and Moatview).

FM shared information on upcoming workshop in conjunction with RCSI aimed at consulting with community on their needs. Contact details are on the flyer distributed if anyone has any questions.

Recent initiatives include a period poverty scheme to provide free period products available at various local community spaces  
In conjunction with Archways a new anti bullying programme being rolled out with specialised training in 6 local schools.

- **Public Domain**

DF reported that 27<sup>th</sup> April is Dublin clean up day, residents confirmed that JOS, Environmental Liaison officer has been in touch with details. Whole week is dedicated to clean up, with big push on 27<sup>th</sup> and DCC staff out and about to support and take photos between 11am and 1pm. Bunratty office have supply of litter pickers, hi-vis vests, bags etc – contact office to request.  
Participants on 27<sup>th</sup> April will go forward into City neighbourhood competition.

- **Housing**

DF: Bunratty Road apartments are now all let.  
Oscar Traynor Road (OTR) development is under way, work began in January 2024 with expected completion date of April 2027.  
Cromcastle Underpass site has received planning permission, development named An tSruill, works will commence soon.

Residents raised issues with littering and parking that they fear will be worsened by impending developments.

Littering is already an issue with residents reporting problems with Beaumont Hospital (BH) staff using streets to empty ashtrays and rubbish from cars onto street, coffee cups a particular problem. This is now worsening due to construction workers on OTR site.

Parking is a big issue for community, they would like to engage with BH to address the problems with parking, particularly by hospital staff in roads on approach to hospital. In particular in two wheelchair accessible parking spaces which are frequently unavailable to those families who need them. DF agreed this is not acceptable and will talk to traffic re signage and to parking enforcement re spot checks in the area. Suggestion to introduce paid parking with permits for residents was not popular with residents present – they feel it will still be cheaper for hospital staff to park in problem areas and it won't alleviate the issue.

Residents expressed frustration that BH won't engage with them, and that Glenveagh have engaged with BH, but not with residents.

DF: Cromcastle Court and Coal yard developments will go to planning in the foreseeable future.

Residents raised the poor living conditions for those still occupying some of the blocks in Cromcastle Court as a result of the state of the vacant blocks, with grass overgrown and significant illegal dumping taking place, and the playground is unusable. DF to follow up on getting grass cut, playground reopened and rubbish removed.

Concerns re parking were reiterated, and the low numbers of parking spaces being provided for new developments. DF explained that this is set by government policy and DCC have no control over national policy,

Issue of communication with residents of Cromcastle was raised, and that residents who are still there do not know what is happening. DF explained that when the design team have an updated design prepared, plans will be on display, there will be an open day for viewing plans and asking questions, and as part of planning process there is opportunity to object to the planning permission. DF stated that he will speak to housing about updating Cromcastle Court residents and the local community.

- **Facilities**

The playground is at design stage. It will be located near the sensory garden. There will be consultation with the community prior to commencement of work. Civic maintenance have commenced work in St Luke's, with works expected to be complete within four months.

Residents are concerned about Easter camps – they already cancelled February mid term camps due to works. NR to link with groups re basing Easter Camps in Kilmore West Recreation Centre (KWRC).

St Luke's toilet facilities were being used for junior football, can KWRC be made available on mornings to football club?

DR asked why KWRC is booked on Saturday for 3 hours by private business, when community groups have nowhere to train. DF to investigate. DF stated that Kilmore FC have unused hours in KWRC.

One of street lights on Kilbarron Road is out and no one has responded to Citizen Hub request to deal with this – LD will talk to residents after meeting and take details to follow up. *Update – this has now been repaired.*

New swimming pool adds to residents' concerns re parking as the plans only include 8 car park spaces. DF stated that what has been seen so far is only an initial drawing. A design team is yet to be appointed to bring an actual design for consultation.

- **Garda Matters**

Sgt Monahan sent apologies on behalf of Santry Garda Station, due to operational matters they were unable to send representation. Gardaí Dunne and Cusack attended from Ballymun to answer questions.

DR raised matter relating to request for support for late night leagues. DF to follow up with Sgt Monahan.

Residents raised incident in local supermarket and alleged lack of follow up. This will be addressed to Santry Garda station.

- **A.O.B**

Emma from Out and About introduced herself and colleagues and gave an outline of the work they carry out in the community. Their aim is to link in with local youth who are not engaged with mainstream youth groups in Coolock and Kilmore. They are based in Sphere 17 Darndale. The team regularly walk the area and actively engage with young people on their own turf. They can be recognised by their blue jackets/grey hoodies.

Traffic survey requested for Kilmore West, Monday to Wednesday to monitor volume and assess how to proceed. DF to investigate.

Request for DCC to investigate need for lights and school warden on Kilbarron Road.

Traffic queuing for hospital causing hazard for school children. DF to follow up.

Request for Gardaí to make spot checks around school between 1pm and 3pm for dangerous parking. Garda Dunne to pass request to Santry station.

**Date of next meeting: 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024**