

Item no 1

NORTH WEST AREA JOINT POLICING SUB COMMITTEE

Monday 23rd September 2024 at 3.00 p.m.

Draft MINUTES

Announcements: Apologies from Pat Teehan (Area Manager – Finglas)

Notes: Before commencing the members introduced themselves for the benefit of new members and the Chair reminded everyone of the rules and protocol of the JPC meeting

Item		Action
1.	Minutes of meeting held on 11 th March 2024 and matters arising.	Agreed. Follow up's completed.
2.	Local Fora Updates	Agreed. Members welcomed dates for upcoming Finglas Safety Fora meetings and expressed concern around the levels of anti-social behaviour area wide that residents are dealing with on a daily basis and the importance of having the meetings for the residents. Members also expressed concern over the ongoing problem of recruiting and retaining Safety Fora Reps and members suggested the possibility of Finglas, Ballymun and Cabra areas having a unified approach to the Safety Fora meetings as a way forward. No current dates for Ballymun meetings – Jackie O'Reilly to discuss with AGS after the meeting
3.	Garda Updates	Statistic reports noted. Concern was expressed around the following issues <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rise in the number of reported Domestic Violence cases.• High levels of anti-social behaviour in a large number of area in both Ballymun and Finglas but in particular the use of scramblers in green spaces• Number of young people in the area involved in crime and anti social behaviour• High levels of drug dealing and drug taking in certain areas Superintendent McCarthy advised the members of several operations in the NWA – <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operation Irene (during the summer months)• Operation Tombola (in the lead up to Halloween)• Operation Táirge• Community Response Team who deal with specific crimes in specific areas

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4.	Strategic Questions	Replies received and agreed
5.	Strategy to address recent car break-ins and car theft in the Berryfield/Deanstown area	Members expressed concern over the continuing high levels of anti-social behaviour particularly in the Berryfield area. Residents have also had to deal with gangs taking over green spaces and an escalation in anti social behaviour in the area. Derek Heaky advise that any proposed development on the site could take up to 18 months to complete
6.	Approach to address ongoing anti-social behaviour in the following areas in Ballymun: Sillogue, Carton & Baile na Laochra areas	Several locations in the Ballymun area were highlighted by members as areas of grave concern due to high levels of anti-social behaviour and in particular drug dealing. AGS will continue operations as outlined above and DCC will engage with with local residents on the matter. The Sillogue Working Group (collaboration of local services providers) are continuing to meet & implement initiatives in this location.
7.	Update on the progression of the Ballymun Implementation Board	Members expressed disappointment that there has been very little progress in this project. It was agreed that the Boards agenda must focus on the report: Ballymun – A Brighter Future – by Andrew Montague and the importance of having local Representatives involved in the Board. Jackie O'Reilly advised the group that Senior Officials recently met to discuss the Implementation Board and there has since been positive feedback from the meeting – it is planned that the Board will have a multi-agency approach and its working will be modelled on the Drogheda Implementation Board. Members have requested an update of exact conditions for the spending of the proposed €2m budget for the Ballymun area
8.	Halloween 2024	Jackie O'Reilly advised members that this years event will be similar to previous years (Ballymuns Halloween event is to take place this year in Trinity Comp grounds with fireworks to be held at site 10) and in the coming weeks DCC will liaise closely with AGS to ensure the nights events run smoothly and safely. Resources are in place to tackle stockpiling in the area and any reports of stockpiling will be dealt with

9.	A.O.B.	
The meeting concluded at 17.00pm		

Attendance:

Councillors: Keith Connolly, Anthony Connaghan, Mary Callaghan, Gavin Pepper, Leslie Kane, Conor Reddy

TDs: Deputy Dessie Ellis, Deputy Roisin Shortall, Deputy Paul McAuliffe

Officials: Jackie O'Reilly (Area Manager-Ballymun), Derek Healy (Finglas Area Housing Manager), Leona Harrison (Senior Staff Officer), Gavin Walsh (Senior Staff Office), Paula King (Assistant Staff Officer)

Gardaí: Superintendent Darren McCarthy,
Inspector Aine Grogan, Sergeant Noel Monaghan
Sergeant Liz Gallagher, Sergeant Tiernan Feeney

Community Reps: Theresa Lydon, John Redmond, Tony Byrne

Safety Fora Reps: Michelle Mc Nally

Drugs Task Force: Hugh Greaves

Others:

Apologies: Pat Teehan

Clr Keith Connolly

Chairperson