

**The Chairman and Members of
North West Area Committee.**

Meeting: 18th October 2016

Item No: 3

Cabra Area Office Report

Broome Lodge

There is no further update at this point.

Blackhorse Avenue – Section 2, Road Improvement Scheme

Cabra Area Office are working with the project team towards the reinstatement the Poor Man's Well at Cabra Gate. Site meetings have taken place between the project engineers, the contractor and city archaeologist to determine the works to be done. These are quite extensive in terms of site preparation and restoration and require considerable attention to detail. A detailed plan has been outlined for the project and a follow-up Site Meeting (attended by the City Archaeologist, the Contractor's Consultant Archaeologist, DCC's Parks Department, and Roads Construction Division) will be held on Tuesday, 18th October to confirm any outstanding items of interest in this matter.

Chapel Crescent

A local resident raised the issue of safety regarding a low wall between the Crescent and Ashington Court. I inspected this with the Parks Inspector and discussed the issue with local residents in Ashington Court. We are obtaining quotations for options to raise the level of the wall in order to discourage young people crossing from either side. Residents are fully supportive.

Faussagh Upgrade Project

Aidan Maher and I met with representatives from the Parks and Roads Departments with a view to initiating an upgrade project for Faussagh Avenue between Ratoath Road and Quarry Road roundabouts. While various measures have been taken over the past twelve months by both the Community Section and the Area Office in association with residents, this is aimed at delivering a more substantial 'greening' upgrade. It will include landscaping at the edge of the car park of Church of the Most Precious Blood and the corresponding front of Broome Lodge and also at various points along the road. A topographical survey of the road is being commissioned in the first instance to establish the position of underground services as it is hoped that a number of tree pits can be installed. While an initial meeting was held with Fr O'Grady in the summer to outline the idea in respect of the church grounds it must be emphasized that no agreement on any plan has yet been agreed. Fr O'Grady has agreed to submit plans being developed by our Parks Dept to the Parish Council and Archbishop's House for consideration when received.

It is expected that the main work will be undertaken in summer 2017 to coincide with the completion of Broome Lodge.

Liam Whelan Bridge

The issue of the bridge finish is being kept on the agenda and Councillors concerns is noted in this regard.

Ormond Print premises

This has been referred to the Derelicts Section for inspection. The Law Department has been requested to establish the ownership position, if it is decided that it warrants action under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990.

Pelletstown Development

I have held several meetings with Roads and Taking in Charge Sections and they maintain that the process has to be initiated by Castlethorn requesting the estate to be taken in charge. This process involves all DCC departments that maintain services including, Roads, Traffic, Lighting etc. Once a request is received the outstanding issues can be identified and notified to Castlethorn.

I met with residents the Navan Road/Pelletstown Community Policing Forum and explained this to them and suggested that they approach Castlethorn to initiate a request in respect of the Ashtown Road section. While normally estates are taken in charge in totality it is possible that this section could be considered on its own because of its overlapping with the public road. While success cannot be guaranteed I believe it is the best way forward and Bryan Maher of the resident's association has agreed to pursue this approach.

Shandon Gardens canal bank wall

An estimate for the rebuilding of the wall and railings has been obtained and forwarded to Waterways Ireland for consideration. As stated in the last report, DCC is keen to co-fund repairs and reinstatement but substantial work is required.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Community Development Grants Scheme

Completed application forms for the 2017 Grant Scheme and for the Informal Adult Education Grant must be submitted to Community and Social Development in Civic Offices by 5pm on the 28th October. If assistance is requiring filling out application or applicants have any queries please contact the community development team at the Cabra Area Office.

The City Neighbourhoods Competition Winners were announced in Croke Park on 29th of September. St Peters Avenue and Phibsborough Tidy Towns were well placed in the competition in their Categories.

Pride of Place.

Clareville Senior Citizens joined with Stoneybatter and they celebrated their achievements and experiences of participating in the Pride of Place Competition on 6th October in the Holy Family Centre in Prussia St. Their work continues on an on-going basis.

Halloween

Plans are being made for upcoming Halloween Activities. The Men's Shed members are busy making head stones and props for the Haunted Grave Yard which will be in St Finbarr's GAA Club Grounds. This was a great success last year. Annamoe Youth Club is bringing a group to Cozy Farm. Cabra for Youth, Ventry Park and Cabra Parkside will have a

programme of activities for the Halloween season. The details of all activities will be confirmed and advertised locally nearer to the time.

The Area Office will be working closely with the Public Domain Officer and the Gardai to prevent the accumulation of bonfire materials and their removal where necessary. Bonfires in the Cabra area have been smaller scale and less damaging in recent years and we will continue efforts to prevent them.

Cabra Community Development Project (CDP)

An open morning was held in Cabra CDP on 6th October. CDP works in partnership with DCC on events and festivals in Cabra and also with community groups, supporting their activities. Members of the Men's Shed, the History Group, Art Groups and Walking Groups, amongst others have been getting active with the "Go for Life" initiative. They are enjoying the games and competitions while visiting other communities.

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