

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

Meeting: 15th November 2016

Item No: 3

Cabra Area Office Report

Blackhorse Avenue – Section 2, Road Improvement Scheme

An update on progress to date was circulated to residents in October.

Chapel Crescent

We have engaged Westside Engineering to install a railing on top of the existing boundary wall as a safety measure to prevent children in particular from scaling the wall or otherwise putting themselves at risk. This is in response to resident's requests and subsequent investigation.

Dalymount Park Project

As Shelbourne FC has now agreed to share Dalymount with Bohemians, the redevelopment project can now be progressed. A Project Steering Group team involving officials from Dublin City Council, Bohemians, FAI and Shelbourne has been set up. The Area Office will be represented by Aidan Maher and Fergus Synnott.

The purpose of the Steering Group is as follows:

- To provide and assist Dublin City Council and the Council's appointed design team in the designs plans of Dalymount Park
- To encourage and strengthen a working and functioning relationship between Dublin City Council, Bohemian FC, Shelbourne FC and the local community.
- To work towards the goal of having a top class municipal stadium managed and owned by Dublin City Council and shared between Bohemians FC, Shelbourne FC and the wider local community.

DCC are currently in the process of compiling tendering documents for a design team for the project, with the project being completed in 2020 at the earliest. However, no funding stream has yet been identified.

The DCC project leader, Don Daly, has been invited to present an overview and update to the December NWAC meeting.

Faussagh Upgrade Project

A topographical survey of the pavement along Faussagh Avenue between Quarry Road and Ratoath Road has been completed. The work has been undertaken on behalf of the Roads Department to determine the location and extent of underground services in advance of upgrade measures, such as the installation of tree pits. Parks Services are working on a design proposal for the scheme which will be submitted to the parish priest for consideration by the Parish Council on the section of land at the front of the church grounds.

The target date for the completion of the main works is summer 2017.

Dublin City Council is providing support to the Gardai to ensure that the CCTV camera on the road is operating effectively.

Liam Whelan Bridge

I have reported the recent graffiti to the LUAS Liaison Officer who has promised to have it removed as soon as possible.

LUAS

Newsletter with updates on progress recently circulated to residents.

Mt Bernard Park

The Children's Play Officer, Debbie Clarke, held a meeting in the Cabra Office on the 10th October to outline plans for the further development of the children's play area to parents. She is now following up on issues raised and will hold a further meeting with parents, which is yet to be scheduled.

Ormond Print premises

Derelict Sites Section have inspected this site and judged it as not warranting action under the Derelict Sites Act.

Phibsborough Local Environment Improvement Plan

A nomination is sought from amongst councillors to represent the North West Area on the Implementation Group which is being established. It will also include a representative from Central Area.

Shandon Gardens canal bank wall

We are still awaiting a response from Waterways Ireland on the request for co-funding of the repairs and reinstatement.

Tolka Valley Greenway Park

Unfortunately there have been a number of antisocial incidents that have impinged upon local residents in Rathborne, and Pelletstown. I am arranging a meeting with Cabra Gardai and the Parks Supervisor to see how security can be improved. Parks Section has introduced measures to restrict motor bikes in the park.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Halloween

Halloween was relatively quiet in the Cabra Area due to the co-operation of residents, the efforts of the Public Domain and Housing Maintenance crews removing bonfire materials in advance, and also the support of the Gardai. The outstanding bonfire materials were removed from locations at Ashington, Killala and Dunard after they had been allowed to cool. Alternative activities were very successful, particularly the Halloween Night Event in Naomh Fionnbarra. A mini festival was held in Naomh Fionnbarra G.A.A. Club on Halloween night with a "Haunted House" and disco catering for over 1,000 people. Cabra Mens Group contributed considerably in the management of the entire evening.

St. Eithne's Ring Residents and Ventry Park Residents organised similar events in their respective areas.

All events were supported by the City Council.

Cabra Drive

A new residents association has formed recently in Cabra Drive as a result of the overall Pride Of Place activities.

Phibsborough / Glasnevin.

Phibsborough Tidy Towns are continuing with their ongoing activities and in particular the Royal Canal Bank Residents Group's local environmental improvements which cover an area from the Royal Canal to Phibsborough Library.

Christmas Events.

Arrangements are being put in place to facilitate the Lighting of Christmas Trees in Cabra.

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