

Item No. 7

A. Ballymun

The Safer Ballymun week was launched at the last Safer Ballymun meeting on October 18th by Councillor Andrew Montague (Deputising for the Lord Mayor). Councillor Montague welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated how important it was to ensure Ballymun is a safe place to bring up a family and a place to work. He made reference to his own family and how Safer Ballymun is a great forum to deal with issues of safety in the area.

Sergeant Bernard Young from Ballymun Garda Station gave statistics for the area for the period following the last meeting. Residents from Doon and Knowth court gave a review of the estate enhancement works and painting programmes they have been involved in throughout the year. There was a display of 'before and after' pictures. The residents won numerous awards for their work. Other issues discussed on the night included the anti-social behaviour outside Supervalu and the continuous drug dealing that is going on in the area. Several residents lamented the loss of the Shopping Centre to the area.

The meeting was well attended and finished with light refreshments. The next safety meeting is scheduled for 13th of December at 7pm.

B. Cabra

On the 27th September 2016 a forum meeting was held in which the following issues were discussed:

- Inconsistent attendance at forum meetings of elected representatives.
- Lack of community policing in Cabra East area.
- Dangerous motor cycle riding /antisocial behaviour along Royal Canal.
- Halloween preparations.

The group was updated on the transfer of Inspector Liam Casey from Mountjoy Garda station. All those present expressed great sadness at losing such a committed and impressive inspector and wished him the very best in his new post.

As with the past number of years, Halloween passed off quietly. There is no doubt that this was due to the volume of Gardaí present from early on Halloween Day and their proactive approach towards signs of potential antisocial behaviour. The collaborative approach between Dublin City Council, the Gardaí and the community in relation to confiscating bonfire materials played a significant role in curtailing potential problems.

In relation to dangerous motor biking along the Royal Canal, the forum coordinator has met with Waterways Ireland representatives on site and an agreement was reached on enhanced security measures at traffic barriers. The majority of the work is complete with outstanding work currently being prepared.

Over recent months serious concern has been raised regarding antisocial behaviour and drug dealing at the derelict Lock Keepers cottage site at Royal Canal. Following interventions from Insp. Liam Casey and the forum coordinator new security fencing has been erected around this site resulting in the cessation of above conduct.

In relation to Faussagh Avenue, Dublin City Council have erected security gates at one entrance to the laneway at the top shops. The local community have expressed great

satisfaction at this development which will have a significant impact on antisocial behaviour and regular dumping.

All preparations have now been completed in the Cabra for Youth Community Garden at Liffey Junction. This will enable an early start next spring to what is expected to be an excellent community facility.

The launch of this year's Drugs Task Force SNAP project, took place on October 25th at the Cabra for Youth premises in John Paul Park. The awareness campaign consisted of a series of posters designed by Cabra for Youth staff alerting young people of the potential consequences of drug debt intimidation. The event was attended by Minister Paschal Donohoe TD who launched the project as well as numerous community members, elected representatives and Gardaí of all ranks including Superintendent Paul Howard, head of drugs and serious crime unit.

C. Drumcondra

The last meeting of the Drumcondra/Glasnevin forum took place on September 28th in the Maples House Hotel in Drumcondra. The Gardaí gave reports for the period following the last meeting in June. Several issues were discussed on the night such as the anti-social behaviour in Griffith Park, the lack of resources that were at An Garda Síochána's disposal and the ongoing parking and traffic issues in the area.

The final meeting of this forum for 2016 is scheduled for December 7th.

Going forward, Dublin City Council and the Gardaí will review existing meetings in the general Drumcondra, Whitehall, Santry, Beaumont and Larkhill areas to optimise the area covered by local Safety Fora.

D. Finglas

The following forum meetings took place in the last quarter:

Finglas West	Thursday 22 nd September
Finglas East	Thursday 29 th September
Finglas South	Thursday 20 th October

The end of year combined Finglas South, Finglas East and Finglas West Safety forum took place on Thursday 8th December in the Finglas Garda Station.

There was a presentation on Crime by Dr Matt Bowden from Dublin Institute of Technology, Grangegorman. The evening was hosted by the Finglas Garda Station and included some light refreshment and a thank you to all the residents and various parties for their contributions to the Forum throughout the year.

Issues arising at the Forum meetings and reported directly to the Forum Coordinator:

Quad bike/scrambler and car issues:

Residents have reported issues in both the Kippure area (Finglas South) and Ballygall Crescent/St Canices Church area (Finglas East).

Individual meetings have taken place with residents in both areas to get a clear understanding of the issues. This issue is causing great distress to neighbours. The walkway steps in Kippure Park to St Helenas Road are being used as a ramp for the quad bikes. There were also reports of dangerous driving in front of cars.

In Ballygall Crescent there is reports of joyriding on the green areas by both cars and bikes.

Antisocial behaviour and group gatherings

Residents have raised concern of large group gatherings in specific areas mainly around shops and green areas. There is specific concern around the shops at Cardiffsbridge road, the Church of the Annunciation and Johnstown Park.

Finglas Safety Forum's - Finglas Support After Crime

Funding was received from the Commission for the Support of Victims of Crime for the Finglas Support After Crime and will offer one to one counselling for victims of:

- Burglary
- Aggravated burglary
- Robbery from Persons
- Assault
- Intimidation related to antisocial behaviour

The Finglas Safety Forum will coordinate the project. Counsellors are qualified and accredited and experienced in trauma work. We are now open to take referrals or people can also self refer. To make a referral please call Jackie Phelan Finglas Safety Forum Coordinator on 086 4115783.

Finglas Cabra Drug and Alcohol Task Force Supply Reduction

On Tuesday 25th October 2016 the Finglas Cabra Drug & Alcohol Task Force launched the Supply Reduction Campaign focusing on Drug Debt Intimidation. The Finglas Safety Forum Coordinator has circulated campaign posters in the Finglas area.