



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

**Meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

**Item No: 3**

**Cabra Area Office Report**

**Blackhorse Avenue - Section 2, Road Improvement Scheme Interim**

Another update on progress to date was circulated to residents in December.

*Imminent Plans:*

Complete the new railing to the entrance of the Poor Man's Well.

Complete the plastering (inside and out) of the new boundary wall to Park Crescent House.

Complete the construction of the new stone-faced boundary wall to the Pallet Yard.

Complete the new brick paving and tree pits on the east side of Springfield Road junction.

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**Broome Lodge**

Building is behind programme by approximately six weeks and is due to be completed in late June/early July 2017.

Clúid received warning letters from DCC Planning Department regarding a breach of the working hours. Unfortunately the project architect was not aware of this until after the fact. They stated that it should not happen again as the final concrete floor is now in situ. Working after hours was to complete the concrete floors which, unfortunately, once started work cannot be stopped.

Clúid have requested allocations from DCC for the units, in particular for people with disabilities so that their needs can be incorporated in the design of the kitchens.

**Faussagh Upgrade Project**

The project is ongoing and Parks Services are working on a design proposal for the scheme. In the meantime, Parks will mark on the ground the desired locations where trees should be planted and these areas will be surveyed for suitability. Locations that are found to be suitable will be shown on a drawing along with the proposed linear green space fronting the church.

### Healy Family Plaque

DCC are providing a contribution to the Cabra Historical Society from the 1916 Commemoration Fund towards the installation of a plaque to commemorate Sean Healy, a 1916 Volunteer, which was installed at 188 Phibsborough Road on the 10th December.

### Homestead Court

The Quarry Road entrance to the Court has been cleaned up and will have a number of planters installed to improve its appearance. This latter work is being done in association with residents who have agreed to maintain them.

Planters have also been installed at Ashtown Grove, also in association with businesses and residents.

### Liam Whelan Bridge

I have written to the Minister for Public Expenditure & Reform seeking his support for an upgrade to the bridge to bring it to a standard that will enhance the area above and beyond the current structure.

### Mount Bernard Park

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

Debbie has now received revised design plans for the proposed 'natural play area' and will be holding two information sessions that will include the following:

- Provide some updates on the long term development of Mount Bernard Park
- Review newly revised design plans for the site based on comments from last meeting
- Discuss and agree next steps for this project.

### Shandon Pitch and Putt Club

Wednesday 7th December in Shandon Park from 3.30 to 5.00 p.m and from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.

### Shandon Gardens canal bank wall

We are disappointed with response received from Waterways Ireland on this issue and I have written to the Minister for Public Expenditure & Reform seeking his support. Waterways Ireland appears to be experiencing resource issues in relation to the management of the canals in the Dublin area generally.

### Tolka Valley Greenway Park

Plans to have the CCTV cameras in this park connected to and monitored from Finglas Garda station have not been implemented to date due to resource issues. DCC are actively working with Gardai to determine what is required both technically and financially to provide CCTV coverage for the whole park and we are optimistic that agreement can be reached to connect the CCTV to Finglas Garda station as part of their network of cameras for the area in 2017.

## **COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

### Cabra

The Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony took place in Cabra at the Roundabout on Faussagh Road on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The lights were switched on by Councillor Séamus McGrattan followed by a community Christmas Fair in Naomh Fionnbarra GAA Club. Choirs from Gael Scoil Barra and Coláiste Mhuire led the community in singing Christmas Carols and Festive Songs and Santa was also in attendance. The event is a major success each year and is supported by many of the community groups: art groups, history group, Cabra Bowles and Men's Shed. It is organised by DCC, Cabra CDP and Naomh Fionnbarra GAA Club and is a very important tradition in Cabra.

Faussagh Avenue Restoration Group met up on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> for a clean-up and to work on planting up the containers which need constant maintenance.

DCC Community Development Team with the support of Sancta Maria Day Care Centre organised a Bring a Friend Christmas Afternoon on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 1.30pm to 4.30pm. The event was attended by The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Councillor Brendan Carr. The event was opened to the community to encourage social inclusion particularly of older people especially at this time of the year.

### Pelletstown

The Christmas Tree Lights were turned on in Royal Canal Park on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. This was organised by RCP Community Association and supported by DCC through the small grant scheme. They also received support from the local Centra Store who contributed to the refreshments served on the night. There was a large turnout this year. The Gardai also attended to assist with traffic management.

The Christmas Tree Lighting in Rathborne was organised by the Rathborne Community Association and took place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm followed by refreshments at the River Centre. Christmas Carols were led by the pupils from the new Educate Together Primary School. This has become an annual event. It is supported by DCC through the small grant scheme and also by local businesses.

The RCP Parent and Toddler Group had a visit from Santa on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December with children's entertainment and refreshments for parents and toddlers. It took place in the RCP Community Centre and from 12 noon to around 3pm.

### Phibsborough & Iona

Phibsborough Tidy Towns continue to work on their project to clean and green the area. On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December they invited the community to an 'Urban Design Intervention' at Devery's Lane, Phibsborough. This is a temporary pop-up installation by students from UCD Studying Landscape Architecture in conjunction with the residents groups. There is a proposal for a Phibsborough Memorial for three local children who lost their lives during the Easter 1916 Rising. It includes a sculptural installation floating overhead, a seat, reflective foil on the walls and quotes from 1916 letters. One of the residents spoke on the History of the Laneway and its importance to the residents.

The Clareville Centre had its annual Christmas Party on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December and other festive activities are scheduled coming up to Christmas. Some of the residents also attended the Senior Citizens Christmas on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December in GLTC which is put on by members of the club who volunteer to work on setting up the venue, organising a full Christmas Dinner, entertainment and transport with invitations going through SVDP each year.

Grant applications have been received from various community groups to support their activities including The Socrates Group, Active Retirement Group and the Writers Group.

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