

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

Meeting: 21st February 2017

Item No: 3

Cabra Area Office Report

Blackhorse Avenue Improvement Scheme

Local Councillors are to be included on the circulation of newsletters to residents - as requested at last month's NWAC meeting.

1. Works Update:

- a) Workfront 4 (South) [i.e. fronting the Pallet Yard] will be completed by Friday 17th February. This means 'completion' of the south side of these roadworks.
- b) Roadworks will then commence on the north side of the road, between Cabra Gate and Nephin Road, on Monday 20th February.
- c) Dublin Bus may then (on Monday 20th February) resume its normal inbound service route on Nephin Road for the 37 bus route.
- d) The works to the north side of the Scheme is anticipated to be completed by end of September 2017.
- e) The front railing and gate to the Poor Man's Well was put in place in mid-January.
- f) The Contractor is obtaining special materials for the floor of the Poor Man's Well with a view to obtaining the City Archaeologist's approval for same. The Poor Man's Well will not be open to the public until completion of the Works (as the Contractor occupies the compound, for public safety reasons).

2. Temporary Road Closure:

In an attempt to expedite the work on the north side of the road a temporary road closure will be in operation between Cabra Gate and Nephin Road (10:00 am to 4.00 pm weekdays). This means that through-traffic will *not* be able to drive straight through this section of the Works – they will instead follow a diversion route via the Navan Road.

Local residents (between Cabra Gate and Nephin Road, and including residents of Lyndon Gate) will be able to gain access to, and egress from, their houses.

Residents in this area who require special assistances, and/or arrangements, during these times, can contact staff in the Site to discuss arrangements.

3. Nephin Road Temporary Bus Route – End of Temporary Diversion:

A letter on behalf of Dublin Bus, Main Contractor [*Actavo (Ireland) Ltd*], and *Dublin City Council*, was issued to residents in relation to the re-instatement of the Dublin Bus No 37 normal **inbound** route along Skreen Road, commencing from Monday 20th February.

Broome Lodge

The project is progressing well and completion date will be mid-July. Clúid is keen to accommodate any special requirements for future tenants now, in particular with regard to kitchen design and fit-out.

Protim site

The pub has been reported to DCCs Derelict Site Section, which has written to the owners to ask them to clear, secure and maintain this site. The Liquidators stated that they had hoped to sell the property by January 2017. Derelicts Site section has again written to the liquidators to determine if there has been a sale: no response has been received to date. It was re-inspected on week of 9th January and an updated report is awaited. A decision will then be taken on whether to enter it on the Register.

Liam Whelan Bridge

Traffic lights are due to be commissioned on the bridge on 14th February.

LUAS

Concrete Pour, North Circular Road.

Phibsborough Stop was scheduled to be poured on Friday 17 February. A large concrete pump will be brought in and placed on the roadway at North Circular Road.. The works will take place off peak between 10am and 3.30pm. During these times the traffic will be reduced to one lane with marshalled stop and go shuttle system in place. Pedestrian diversions will be in place.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Phibsborough Tidy Towns Group

Held their AGM on Friday 10th February and elected a new committee for the coming year. They are continuing their bi-weekly clean-ups of the area and are planning more innovative ways to green Phibsborough in 2017.

St Peters Church Committee

The Committee is working on an environmental project to enhance the Church Garden, which is visible from the main thoroughfare.

Phibsborough Men's Shed

The Men's Shed meets every Tuesday in St Peters Court from 11am to 1pm and new members are welcome. They visited the Titanic Exhibition in Belfast in December. They also assist the Tidy Towns Committee with their work.

The Christ the King Day Centre Committee

Work is due to be carried out to the front of the Centre. The Centre was refurbished in recent years and is a great resource in Cabra. They have requested assistance from DCC and some of the plans that are being put in place include: painting the outside of the building, landscaping, seating and signage. It is hoped that work will start in the spring.

Mount Bernard Park

Work is due to commence on the natural playground in the coming weeks. Consultations have taken place with the Community. For an update on developments contact Deborah Clarke, Play Officer DCC.

An Intercultural Group

This group meet every Saturday in the Community and Youth Centre in Dunard Estate, off Blackhorse Ave. The groups aim is to encourage social inclusion and integration and the members are organising visits to galleries, museums and places of interest in the City to foster an understanding of Irish Culture and History.

The DCC Arts Project Press Play

This Project has attracted much attention in the NWA. One of the groups in the Area is collaborating with the Abbey Theatre. In Cabra the pop up choir is practising in St Finbarr's GAA Club. The participants are from groups in Cabra, Finglas, Ballymun and Whitehall. They have assisted with building instruments, which include guitars made with hurleys and are practicing the hurling Hakka. They will perform alongside others in the Abbey Theatre on Wednesday 22nd February from 2pm to 3.30pm. The Press Play project is also working with Cabra4Youth, the Men's Shed and the Adult Education Centre in Cabra.

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