

EDENMORE SAFER FOURM

The forum met on 6 occasions during 2016 as follows:

- Jan 20th
- 9th March
- 18th May
- 20th July
- 21st September
- 16th November

Safety and security issues are a continual challenge in Edenmore .Issues arising at the Fora have included road safety matters to include traffic calming requests ,Path & Road repairs and requests for active enforcement on dumping related matters. Coupled with the above there have been requests for increasing levels of signage and smaller environmental enhancements. We continue to invest in Edenmore and to work in a preventative way where possible to halt any deterioration in the physical environment under our control.

A growing number of volunteers in Edenmore continue to be active in trying to up the standard of litter control in conjunction with the NCA area Office. This had led to the formation of an environmental group now well established in the area.

We in DCC are proactive in combating Graffiti wipe out /restoration of wall or building frontages as quickly as possible and have included in our 2017 plan a small environmental project alongside the normal diligent attention to the area .

The park environment is particularly challenging with use of propelled vehicles disrupting normal sports activities in the Parks. We have seen some successful interventions by residents but designing out opportunities for the recurrence of anti-social behaviour in the Park environs hinges on closing often breached gaps at one major problematic location, and overall improving transparency in tandem with using any available opportunity to enliven the public spaces in Edenmore . We remain keen to foster links with Parks Run initiative , work in the future in partnership activity with Edenmore Boxing Club and welcome the prospect of community games or other sports related events coming into 2017 .Many volunteers have already undergone Child Protection training in the context of being involved as volunteer residents

The prospect of a Garda Clinic presence in Edenmore Shopping centre is a welcome initiative as are the plans afoot to develop the Shopping Centre, which once realised should improve the visual environment and afford some extra opportunities for pedestrian safety and provide some additional passive security in to the area. In all respects we depend on Garda support in conjunction with Garda Community teams based at Coolock Garda station and overseen by Sgt Tom Walsh and Dan Creedon and with Supt Gerry Donnelly's allocation of resources to this location.

There is some appetite for Sports and community activity which we have welcomed with at least one Sports event held in September last .This was followed by a very successful DCC funded Halloween Fireworks event which was widely attended and run in partnership with the local community . This in

turn was followed by a smaller memorial tree planting event / balloon release in December 2016 and served to commemorate deceased residents of Edenmore. The event presided over by the Lord Mayor of Edenmore with a solo piper in attendance was a sombre but touching event and was financially supported by DCC also..

Edenmore Boxing Club have been a long term presence in the area producing Champion Boxers and we intend to work in partnership with the Club following their shortly expected submission of a business plan and one which suggests integration with wider community activity and links in the area with potential benefits to Edenmore residents in the future .

Most recently a Garda Youth Diversion project has moved into Edenmore and is now based in St Monica's community centre and hopefully this may create an impetus for partnership activity and /or initiative of benefit to the wider communities which the project covers but hopefully ripples if not directly very locally to Edenmore .

Dates for 2017 meetings are as follows ;

18th January 2017

15th March 2017

17th May 2017

20th September 2017

15th November 2017

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January 4th 2017