

Cabra Glasnevin Area Report

November 2019

Cabra Parking Meeting

Local councillors met with Traffic engineers, the Parking Officer and Area management in Cabra Area office to discuss traffic and parking issues in Cabra East and West following a request from councillors at the last Area committee meeting.

Community Policing Forums

Cabra Forum takes place on Tuesday 26th in Cabra Parkside at 7 15pm.

Glasnevin & Drumcondra Forum

We are launching a forum for the Glasnevin and Drumcondra areas on Wednesday 20th November in the Maples Hotel at 7pm. This will build on the forum, previously run by Ballymun Area Office. As this is the first meeting of the new forum we would ask councillors to promote this forum to their constituents.

Phibsborough Business Watch

The new Business Watch was launched by the Gardai at the Botanic Gardens on Tuesday 22nd October. A large attendance was addressed by the Minister of State for Equality, Immigration and Integration. David Stanton TD, and by the Garda Assistant Chief Commissioner, Pat Leahy.



Business Watch is being administered by the Community Gardai at Mountjoy Station.

Bike Stands

New bicycle stands have been installed at Botanic Ave, Fagans Pub in Drumcondra and at Shandon Crescent.



Shandon Crescent



Botanic Avenue

Dalymount Park

Following a detailed appraisal of Dalymount Park, the current plan for the redevelopment is to build a four-sided enclosed UEFA Category 3 stadium with a capacity of 6,000. This will include a new public library for Phibsborough, flexible community space and meeting rooms. The projected cost of the redevelopment is an estimated €35 million including inflation and vat. The competition for the procurement of an integrated design team should be completed in November 2019.

A funding application was submitted through the Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF) in April 2019. The Department of Transport, Tourism, & Sport have not made any announcement on this fund but it is hoped there should be one by the end of the year. Dublin City Council cannot confirm the commencement date until a commitment for funding from the LSSIF fund is announced. However, the Dalymount Park redevelopment appraisal submitted by Dublin City Council to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport has just been approved by the Strategic Research and Analysis Division (SRAD) as being compliant with the Public Spending Code.

Dorset St Planting



Existing



Proposed

Parks Section are undertaking a planting project on Dorset St /Drumcondra Rd Lr. The project is a greening pilot project to repair the green infrastructure on the central median. All 22 trees bar one were dead on Drumcondra Road Lower. Before the works were initiated Parks held extensive community engagement as part of the North East Inner City Greening Strategy. We also had a meeting with the Dorset Street stakeholder group in Civic Offices informing them of the project and the new interventions.

The new intervention will ensure that the trees will be able to establish and live to maturity. The project involves opening up the ground plane and introducing ground planting. This will further enhance the greening in the area and biodiversity. The opening up of the ground will also introduce

further SUDs measures, restoring natural processes, allowing the soil to breath, absorb and release rainwater slowly.

The new trees are being installed on the weekend of 9th November as large specimens and will have a significant positive impact in the area. The trees to be installed will be Platanus (London Planes) in keeping and extending the green corridor of Drumcondra into the city.

After this section of the project is complete, we will go back to the community and discuss continuing this treatment the whole length of Dorset Street.

Ventry Park

The meeting with residents provisionally dated for 21st November has been postponed to allow the landscape architect designs to be further developed. A new date will be set as soon as possible and councillors will be briefed in advance.

Cabra Glasnevin Community Activities Report.

Winter / Spring, Flowers, Bulbs, Bedding Plants Programme.

20 community groups availed of the programme to enhance their local streets and open spaces.

Residents Associations, Environmental and Senior Citizen Groups.



Area Housing Manager – Brian Kavanagh

St Finbar's Court

Works commenced at the start of September 2019 on the demolition of the two blocks of flats these works were carried out by C&A Excavations Ireland Ltd.

Blocks 1 and 2 have been demolished and all foundations and redundant services within the site boundary have been removed. The site is to be topsoiled and grassed the contractor will prepare the subsoil on the site ahead of topsoiling. This includes the removal of the remaining vegetation, building rubble (bricks, blocks,.), large stones etc. These works are currently ongoing.

Before





After Demolition



A consultation session with local residents on the proposed redevelopment on this site was held in Sancta Maria Day Centre on 3rd October 2019 with Local Councillors, Consultant Architects, staff from City Architects and the area office in attendance,

Donal Barron

Area Manager

Halloween

15 communities were supported to run local celebrations...successfully.



Dorset Street.



Shandon Outdoor Film Night.



Naomh Fionnbarra Fright Night



St. Finbarr's / Cabra Major Celebration.

Social Inclusion Week.

Several communities were supported to run a variety of events



Christ the King Senior Citizens



Shandon Pitch and Putt Open Day

Phibsborough Tidy Towns.

Opening of New Shed provided by the City Council.



Upcoming Events.

New community flowerbeds at De Courcey Square and Mannix Road.

New Bicycle / Toy Store for the Residents of 64/69 Blessington Street.

Dorset Street Volunteers Night at St. Francis Xavier Community Centre.

Home Farm / Griffith Ave. Historical Walk with Pat Liddy.

Details of these activities will be forwarded to the City Councillors when final arrangements are made.

Niall Byrnes.

Community and Social Development Officer.

On behalf of the Community Development Team.