

## To the Chairperson and Members Of the Central Area Committee

13<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## Cabra/Glasnevin Area Report

## Area Office

As part of Covid 19 restrictions the Cabra/Glasnevin Area Office is closed to the public

However, it continues to deal with queries and by phone and email.

Cabra Office email is Cabraoffice@dublincity.ie

Cabra Office phone line is 2227400

Blue bags for clean-ups are collected by the public by appointment – other equipment like gloves, pickers and hi-vz vests are also supplied to support community efforts.

Reports of litter or dumping are also be emailed and phoned in the Cabra Office and the office then coordinates with Waste Management and Litter services

Litter Hotline 1800 248 348 or e-mail litter.central@dublincity.ie

All queries made to the office are dealt with as appropriate or forwarded to the relevant department within the City Council.

#### **Community Clean - Ups**

The Cabra-Glasnevin Office and Community team continue to support community clean -ups in the area, by providing clean up equipment, bags and removal of bags. Through the Community Development team Resident Groups are very active in both general litter clean-ups and the removal of fallen leaves from public areas. Support for formal resident groups and their activities remains strong.

#### **Resident Groups / Business Groups**

Resident Groups and Business representatives are being encouraged to engage with both the JPC and the Local Safety Forums. Post Covid there is an appetite for many of these groups to re-engage and become more active in their areas.

#### The "17 Shops"

Shop keepers and business owners around the area of the 17 Shops, Cabra Rd are meeting with the Cabra Office to look at how the area can be developed to provide a better shopping experience, increase footfall and the opportunity for business.

An initial meeting has been held and once a strategy from the businesses has been developed it will be brought to departments within the Council for their consideration. Any

strategy will also include enhancing the presentation of the businesses and shop fronts which some of the businesses have already started doing.

The focus from the first meeting was on "Village Atmosphere" and "Better Experience".

## Dublin City Council Offices, Cabra Road

Designs have been requested for a refreshing of the building which sits prominently in the middle of "the 17 Shops". The building, an old bank, will be painted, flower boxes installed and signage redesigned promoting DCC by being a leading example of positive shopfront image to the community.

## **Out and About Ezine**

The Cabra/Glasnevin Ezine is being looked at in conjunction with the Social Media strategy for the Central Area as managed from Sean McDermott Street by Nuala Collins. To date the Ezine has been a static information platform which we envisage in the future as being more fluid and adaptive to the needs of the area maximising the use of social media activities and links.

#### Martin Savage Park

No further update.

#### Cabra/Glasnevin Joint Policing Sub Committee (JPC)

The next meeting will be in September 2022. This is expected to be held in Council Chambers.

The focus of this meeting will be on the strategy and support required for the Garda operation Tombola which focuses on Halloween.

#### Navan Road/Pelletstown Local Community Policing Forum

The meeting was held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 7pm by Zoom. Over fifty people joined the meeting. Minutes of the meeting will be circulated in advance of the next meeting. After the August break meetings will resume in person, conditions in respect of Covid-19 to be considered at that time.

#### Ashtown/Pelletstown taking in charge

A number of meetings and site visits have taken place between area office staff, Ballymore and Castlethorn in an effort to facilitate the taking in charge of the main roads through the development. Discussions with DCC departments will continue in an effort to identify issues that are impeding the process.

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## Housing Matters in Cabra/Glasnevin

### St Marys Place North/ Dorset Street Flats

Progress is currently being made with the detenanting process in both St Marys Place and the middle block and it is hoped that the two blocks will be fully detenanted by the end of Q4 2022. One on one meetings with tenants took place over the summer in relation to detenanting and the new development. Housing Maintenance is currently undertaking an extensive scheme which involves securing and clearing out all empty units and blocking access to detenanted landings. Site investigations and Surveys took place over the summer and are continuing.

## St Bricins Park

The Housing and Community Services Department is currently progressing the submission to the DHLG. The number of new housing units being provided on the site is 10. A newsletter was submitted to the surrounding area during the summer and feedback was received in the local office from residents. All queries were addressed and it is hoped that further consultation will take place in Q4 2022.

#### **O'Devaney Gardens**

It is hoped that Phase 1A will be handed over by the contractor by mid Q4 2022. Bartra have been on site over the summer carrying out surveys and site investigations in relation to road realignment and drainage and it is hoped that work will commence on the site in Q4 2022. Further information in relation to the development, including the naming strategy, will then be circulated through the Central Area Committee.

#### St Finbars Court

St Finbarrs is currently out to tender and it is hoped that works will commence in Q4 2022. Housing Maintenance are continuing to keep the site cleared of illegally dumped materials.

#### **Bannow Road Site**

Senior Management reported back to Central Area Councillors in relation to progress made and outcomes of discussions pertaining to the land with Transport for Ireland. It has been decided that an AHB will develop both social housing and cost rental on the site. More information will be available and consultation will be arranged in Q3/Q4 2022.

#### **Infirmary Road**

The Infirmary Road development will consists of 38 units in total located in two blocks, with a mix of 1, 2 and 3 bed apartments and duplexes in both blocks. The development has received Part 8 approval to include the demolition of two buildings on site, which excludes the Married Quarters as there is a preservation order in place for this building. The

programme for Infirmary Road initially indicated going to tender in March 2021 but due to major delays it is now expected to go to tender in Q3/Q4 2022.

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### Community Development Matters in Cabra/Glasnevin

Summer Community life ....

This year the City Council has supported over 10 local events / festivals.

All festivals are assisted with financial support from the community discretionary fund....and...

Gazebos... Tables ... Chairs... Bunting... Chocolates / Sweets...etc..

The support of the City Councillors is very much appreciated by the many energetic volunteers.

Note: Festivals are not finished....September will bring additional activity.

Sad news: Local volunteer Derek Mono Monaghan passed away suddenly. The City Council was able to provide "Bohemians Bunting" for St. Attracta Road at short notice. Stoneybatter Festival

15,000 people attended the Sunday Family Day.

Stoneybatter Pride of Place. Monthly Cleanup.





Cabra Parkside Family Day

Organised by the staff and friends of the Parkside Centre.

Attendance - 1,000 people.





Villa Park Festival



Skreen Road and district...C.A.S.S.







# Drumcondra ...Lemon`s Square and Griffith Park family days

The opening of Reilly's Bridge Garden.

Councillor Colm O Rourke planting a fruit tree.





Caragh Road Festival



Blackhorse Avenue...Site opposite Grangegorman Cemetery.

There are 8 voluntary groups now improving Blackhorse Avenue.





Wildflower Meadow.

Dunard Community Centre and Park.

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