



Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

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

Meeting: 17th January 2023

Item No: 4

Ballymun Area Office Report

- 1. LAP Update**
- 2. Community Development Update**
- 3. Economic Development Update**
- 4. Housing Report**
- 5. Ballymun Library**

1. Local Area Plan Update

Site 6 – Coutry, Main Street

The Housing Department are discussing the development of the site under the CREL Cost Rental model with O’Cualann. Further update to issue by end Q1, 2023.

Site 19 - St. Joseph’s

A Further Information Request (FIR) was issued for Planning Application 4855/22. The main elements contained in this relate to drainage and roads. The Drainage Department issued a report on actions required at a meeting held in December which O’Cualann’s Architects are currently assessing. Once these issues have been addressed a similar meeting will be arranged with the Roads Department to ascertain what actions are required. Other issues in the Further Information Request are being addressed.

Site 21 (Poppintree Neighbourhood Centre)

Dublin City Council Housing and Community Services secured the maximum grant of €100,000 per unit under the Affordable Housing Fund in December. O’Cualann are due to submit new development proposals for the 12 properties on this site to the Housing Section.

Site 25 – Parkview

Planning Application 5252/22 was lodged on 18th November 2022. The final date for submitting observations was 22nd December and a decision is due in relation to the application. This application is for 34 dwellings and a crèche. Planning permission 3069/22 was granted for 36 older person’s units in 2022 for this site.

Sites requiring Expressions of Interest

Sites 8 (West of Coutry Park) and 9 (Coutry Park)

Expression of Interest documentation is being finalised. The Area office and LAP team are to be consulted. The Expression of Interest will be for mixed tenure development with consideration for sheltered housing.

Site 11 – Sillogue Avenue and Site 13 – Sillogue Road

Expression of Interest documentation have been finalised following surveying and consultation with the Area Office and LAP team. Expression of Interest will issue to the AHB Sector in the coming week for mixed tenure development with consideration for sheltered housing.

Dublin City Council Affordable Schemes

Site 12 - Sillogue Road and Site 14 - Balbutcher Lane

Density requirements for both sites are being finalised in advance of a Part VIII Application. A further update will issue to members of the NWAC in the coming weeks. Dublin City Council are due to meet with the Ballymun City Farm Committee in January in relation to the City Farm proposal for site 14.

Sillogue Infrastructure Scheme

Works are continuing on the installation of utilities within Sillogue Gardens. Currently work on the paving at the western end of Sillogue Gardens with the area around houses 96 to 112 almost complete. The paving works will then move onto the laneway adjacent to Our Lady’s

Nursery. Kerbing and pavement installation has also commenced in the area between houses 28 to 39.

2. Community and Social Development

General Community Development

The Community and Social Development Section (CSDS) are currently reviewing work completed in 2022 and are working on a calendar and plans for work in 2023. To date, the team have had meetings with Axis Ballymun, Rediscovery Centre and BADIG in relation to collaborative ideas for 2023.

The Community and Social Development general and adult education grants for 2022 are currently being received by Community groups.

Social Inclusion initiatives

Older Persons Council

A second meeting of the new North West Area Older Persons Council took place in Finglas on Tuesday the 9th December. There were additional members present at this meeting however additional members are being sought from both Ballymun and Finglas.

Potential projects discussed for 2023 included the rolling out of an Age Friendly Town campaign and an Age Friendly Business campaign, as well as a campaign to ensure information on age friendly activities are available to all older residents, especially the most isolated of this cohort. It is intended that the group will take on a very real and active role in their communities.



Youth Related Initiatives

Youth Led Creative Arts/Recycling Project

Fantastic Christmas trees made completely from recyclable materials were produced as part of a joint educational and creative project between Dublin City Council Community and Social Development team, Aisling Project Poppintree, Youthreach, Poppintree Youth Project and local artist Stuart Dowie. These colourful trees were displayed in the local centres and

are sustainable and can be used in future years. Funding for this project was sourced through Creative Ireland.



Better Ballymun

The Community and Social Development and the Public Domain teams had an initial ideas meeting in Trinity Comprehensive in relation to the successful youth-led environmental Better Ballymun Initiative which is now in its third year and is due to take place in early March. The aim this year is to include some innovative community projects that will be sustainable and which can develop into longer-term projects.

3. Economic Development Update



Ballymun 4 business - 'Jingle Mingle'

In December Ballymun 4 business hosted its Christmas Networking event in Musgrave Market Place. Key-note speaker on the evening was motivational coach Gerry Duffy who delivered an inspirational talk on setting and achieving goals for 2023.

We also bid farewell to Catherine Whelan who departed her role as facilitator after 6 years in the role. The event capped a good year for Ballymun that saw the return to hosting in-person events from March that included; Reboot Your Networking skills in Ballymun Civic Centre, the Grill & Chill summer meet-up in Aspen and the Climate Action event in the Rediscovery Centre. In all over 150 people attended the events. B4b continued to support local initiatives such as Ballymun

CoderDojo, Ballymun Tidy Towns, Otherworld Festival and the No Bucks Bus. For more information about B4b visit our website: www.b4b.ie.

North West Area Shop-front enhancement scheme 2022

SOME OF THE BUSINESSES SUPPORTED
UNDER THE BALLYMUN & FINGLAS SHOP-
FRONT IMPORVEMENT SCHEME 2022



A total of 10 grants were approved in 2022 totalling €22,013 under the North West Area Shop-front enhancement scheme.

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Ballymun CoderDojo



The Ballymun Coder Dojo finished up on Saturday 17th December. A 2nd Dojo on Saturday mornings was introduced which accommodates a further 20 Ninjas. There are anything up to 40 ninjas from Ballymun attending the Dojo on Saturday mornings. The Dojo will resume on Saturday 21st January. For further info about the Dojo: <http://ballymunfrc.org/coder-doj/>

Ballymun Job Centre, Work Experience Enterprise – Pilot



During 2023 The Ballymun Area Office supported the Work Experience Enterprise that saw a number of groups work on real IT related projects allocated to them by various organisations. There were 4 groups in 2022 which consisted of 21 people:

G1 - 6 participants, PROJECT - Web App development for employer liaison officer in BJC.

G2 - 4 participants, PROJECT - Ballyrunners Logo, Website and Database design.

G3 - 6 participants, PROJECT - Customer Relationship Management Tool, Carnegie Counselling Services.

G4 - 5 participants, PROJECT - Startup Ballymun Website, DCC Ballymun Area Office.

4. Housing Report

Rent Assessments for December

Assessments	818
Permissions To Reside	3
Refunds	5
Opening of Accounts	7 (including 1 sole/ 3 successions)
Closing of Accounts	4 (including 0 sole / 0 successions)
Front Counter Calls	64
Window Replacements	4

Lettings for January to December

Allocation Category	Housing List 2022	Transfer List 2022	Older Persons 2022
Bands 2 & 3	4	4	1
Medical	1	2	2
Welfare	1	1	0
Homeless	0	0	3
Travellers	0	0	0
Transfer HAP	0	1	0
De-tenanting	0	0	0
Estate Management	0	9	0
Maintenance	0	0	0
Surrendering Larger	0	4	1
Unable to afford	0	0	0
Succession/Sole	41	0	0
Transfer	0	0	1
Inter-transfer	0	2	0
Total	47	23	8

Choice Based Lettings

Allocation Category	
Housing Bands 2 & 3	18
Transfer Bands 2 & 3	2
Transfer HAP	1
Medical	1
Welfare	0
Homeless	1
Travellers	1
Surrender larger	1
Total	25

Voids for December

Address	Type	Date of Vacancy	Status
Balcurriss Park West	1 bed Apt	18/05/2022	Under Repair
Barnwell Drive	2 Bed Apt	28/06/2022	Under Nomination
Barnwell Gardens	2 Bed Apt	13/12/2022	Under Repair
Belclare Drive	3 Bed House	04/08/2022	Under Repair
Carton Court	1 Bed Apt	21/12/2022	Under Repair
Carton Road	4 Bed House	07/04/2022	Under Offer
Coultry Avenue	3 bed house	25/10/2022	Under Repair
Coultry Terrace	2 Bed Apt	15/12/2022	Under Repair
Cranogue Close	4 Bed House	14/10/2022	Under Repair
Dane Road	3 bed house	07/11/2022	Under Repair
Dolmen Court	3 Bed House	19/10/2022	Under Repair
Dolmen Way	2 Bed Apt	07/12/2022	Under Repair
Gateway Court	3 Bed House	13/03/2022	Under Offer
Hollytree Terrace	4 Bed House	28/06/2022	Under Nomination
Marewood Crescent	4 Bed House	15/09/2022	Under Repair
Marewood Crescent	3 Bed House	29/07/2022	Under Repair
Parkview Green	1 Bed Apt	30/05/2022	Under Repair
Shangan Gardens	1 Bed Apt	27/10/2022	Under Repair
Sandyhill Gardens	3 Bed House	12/06/2022	Under Repair
Shangan Gardens	3 Bed House	31/07/2022	Under Nomination
Shangan Green	3 Bed House	24/08/2022	Under Repair
Silloque Park	2 Bed Apt	29/11/2022	Under Repair
Termon Court	3 Bed House	02/11/2022	Under Repair
The Plaza	2 Bed Apt	23/06/2022	Under Nomination
The Plaza	2 Bed Apt	16/12/2022	Under Repair
Whiteacre Close	2 Bed Apt	24/07/2022	Under Nomination
Woodhazel Terrace	2 Bed Apt	23/08/2022	Under Repair

Older Persons Unit

Address	Type	Date of Vacancy	Status
Sandyhill Gardens	1 Bed	02/06/2022	Under Repair
Sandyhill Gardens	Bedsit	26/09/2022	Under Nomination

Estate Management statistics for December

No of Anti- Social complaints per 1997 act Drug related	1
No of Anti-Social complaints per 1997 act (Not Drug Related)	13
No of other Complaints	12
Total Complaints	26
No of Anti-Social Interviews per 1997 act	2
No of Other Interviews	3

Total Interviews	5
No Requests for mediation	0
No of Complaints referred to central unit for Action	0
No of Section 20 Evictions	0
No of excluding Orders applied for by Tenant	0
No of Excluding orders applied for by DCC	0
No of surrender of Tenancies due to Anti-Social Behaviour	0
No of Tenancy Warnings sent to Central Unit	0
No of Court Orders Granted	0
No of Appeals / Judicial Reviews Challenges	0
No of Warrants executed (Evictions)	0

5. Ballymun Library

Ballymun Library continues to re-engage with the public post Covid with a diverse range of in-person activities and events to suit people of all ages.

At the request of Transport Infrastructure Ireland, the MetroLink Railway Order display in Ballymun Library has been extended until January 16th January 2023.

Current Opening Hours for Ballymun Library are:

Monday to Thursday: 10am - 8pm

Friday and Saturday: 10am - 5pm

Ballymun Library Events January

Non Regular or Regular Events	Event Category	Event Title	Audience	Date and Time
Regular	Cultural	Japanese Culture Club (3 rd Wednesday of the Month)	Adults and Children	Wednesday 18 th January, 1.00pm to 3.00pm
Regular	Community	Ballymun Ladies Group (3 rd Tuesday of the Month)	Adults	Tuesday 17 th January, 2.30pm-5.00pm
Regular	Cultural	Ballymun Library Writers' Group	Adults	Wednesdays, 4pm-6pm (Resuming 11 th January)
Regular	Community	Ballymun Community Law Outreach Clinic (Free Legal Advice).	Adults	Tuesday 10 th January, 10.00am-12.00pm
Regular	Cultural	Ballymun Painting Group	Adults	Mondays, 10.30am-12pm
Regular (From January 2023, meeting last	Book Club	Ballymun Library Murder Book Club Book: Red Snow by Will Dean (Last Thursday of the Month)	Adults	Thursday 26 th January at 6.30pm

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Regular	Book Club	Evening Book Club Book: <i>The Lonely Passion of Judith Hearne</i> by Brian Moore	Adults	Monday 30 th January at 6.30pm
Regular	Cultural	Scrabble Group	Adults	Tuesdays, 11am-1pm
Regular	Cultural	Digital Photography Group (Last Thursday of the Month)	Adults	Thursday 26 th January, 10.30am-12.30pm
Regular	Cultural	Ciorcal Comhrá (Irish Language Conversation Group)	Adults	Thursdays, 3pm-4pm
Regular	Children's Book Club	Kids Comic Club (Last Tuesday of the Month)	Children	Tuesday 31 st January at 4.30pm
Regular NEW	Children	Chess Club	Children	Tuesdays, 3.30pm-4.30pm
Regular	Children	Baby Book Club & Storytime	Children (Newborns to children aged 2 yrs)	Mondays, 10am-11am (During term time)
Regular	Children	Toddler Book Club & Storytime	Children (2 yrs old to preschool)	Thursdays, 10am-11am (During term time)

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