

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

Meeting: 20th February 2024

Item No.7

Ballymun Area Office Report

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1. Local Area Plan Update

Vacant DCC units

Shangan Neighbourhood Centre

The disposal of unit 3 to the STAR Project for their Easy Street team is progressing with change of use planning application submitted:

<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dublincity/application-details/159495>

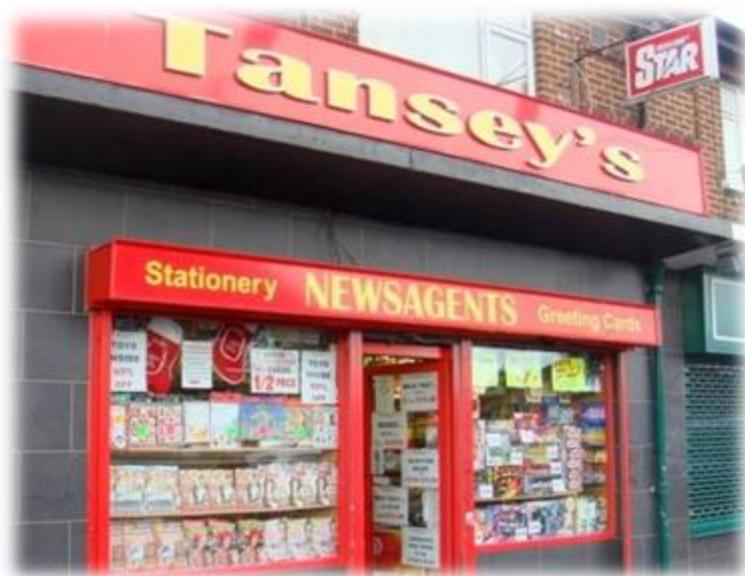
Turnpike, Santry Cross

We are continuing to advertise these units and facilitate site visits. It is listed on Daft and one formal expression of interest has been received. Our Valuer's have been instructed to commence negotiations with the interested party.

For further information: [Commercial property for rent in The Turnpike, Santry Cross, Ballymun, Dublin 9 \(daft.ie\)](https://www.daft.ie/property/commercial-property-for-rent-in-the-turnpike-santry-cross-ballymun-dublin-9)

Shop-front Improvement Scheme

The shop-front improvement scheme will be rolled out again in 2024. The information and application form will be available before the end of February. Tansey Newsagent's, Finglas were the latest to draw down their grant using it to replace old signage, re-paint the façade and install new windows.



Site 19 – St Josephs.

Planning permission was granted on 14/6/2023, for a proposal to build 51 homes – 34 affordable purchase & 17 older persons units.

DCC have just completed the purchase of a parcel of land from the Diocesan Trust & are preparing for disposal of land to O'Cualann.

Site 21 – Poppintree Neighbourhood Centre.

O’Cualann, currently have a contractor on site and works are well underway. It is anticipated that substantial completion of these 12 homes will be in Q4 2024.

Site 25 – Parkview.

Site 1. Planning permission has been granted for a Crèche and 34 homes, this comprised of 2 x 2 bedroom, and 30 x 3 bedroom Affordable Purchase Homes, and 2 x 4 bedroom homes. There is a proposal for the 4 bedroom homes to be purchased and managed as supported accommodation. There is an ongoing planning appeal and we expect a decision from An Bord Pleanála by the end of Q1 2024.

Site 2. Planning permission has been granted for a proposal to provide 32 older persons homes on this site. The process to dispose of the land to O’Cualann Housing Alliance is ongoing.

Sites 5, 15, 16 17 & 18

All of the above sites are part of the approved PPP national programme. The Housing Development Team have organised Public Consultation with a detailed overview of the proposed housing developments at these sites. The consultation will take place on Tuesday 20th February from 4.00pm - 7.00pm in the Ballymun, Civic Centre, Council Chamber. This will be advertised locally and residents/stakeholders informed.

2. Community and Social Development Update

The Local Enhancement Programme 2024 is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Minister for Rural and Community Development Heather Humphreys and Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities Joe O’Brien have announced €6 million in Capital Funding under the “Department of Rural and Community Development Local Enhancement Programme 2024”.

Dublin City Council has been allocated €503,189.38 The Programme has a focus on supporting groups in disadvantaged areas. Typical enhancements under the CEP include:

- IT equipment
- Improvements to buildings
- Renovation of community centres
- Development of community amenities
- Purchase of equipment for community usage
- Improvements to town parks, common areas and energy-saving projects

The Enhancement Programme will go live on Monday 19th of February, the community team will circulate all the information to the groups and advertise on the social media pages

Poppintree Community Walk

The Ballymun Community Team recommenced the Poppintree Community Walk on the 18th January, we had a great turnout of approximately 30 walkers who braved the cold weather. The walk takes place every Thursday at 10.30am in Poppintree Park, the meeting point is at the pond. Everyone is welcome to come along.



Tea Dance - As part of a Ballymun and Finglas Community Collaboration, a number of tea dances are planned this year, bringing the North West Area communities together. A tea dance is organised to take place on the 14th February in Finglas Youth Resource Centre. Groups from Ballymun and Finglas will attend this social event.

International Women's Wellness Day - The Community & Social Development Team are currently organising a Wellness Day to celebrate International Women's Day. This has been advertised and already there has been great interest in the classes being organised to take place on the 8th March. All classes are free but booking is essential and can be done by emailing ballymuncommunity@dublincity.ie

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
8TH MARCH 2024
DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL WELLNESS DAY

DCC Community Team invite you to enrol in the classes below to celebrate International Women's Day. Registration is necessary for each class as numbers are limited. Please contact ballymuncommunity@dublincity.ie to book your place.

DATE: 8TH MARCH 2024
VENUE: COUNCIL CHAMBER, BALLYMUN CIVIC CENTRE

10.00 AM - 11.00 AM CHAIR EXERCISE
11.30 AM - 12.30 PM BALANCE & STRENGTH
2.00 PM - 2.45 PM FITNESS CLASS
3.15 PM - 4.00 PM YOGA
4.30 PM - 6.00 PM EASTER WREATH MAKING CLASS

Contact: ballymuncommunity@dublincity.ie


Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

INSPIRE INCLUSION

International Women's Day Music Bingo - The Community & Social Development Team along with the Sillogue Neighbourhood Centre are organising an afternoon of music bingo in the Marewood Centre on Wednesday 6th March to celebrate International Women's Day. There will be refreshments, lots of fun to be had & prizes to be won.

St. Patricks Day Knitting Project - The Ladies from the Solás Knitting group in the Sillogue neighbourhood have commenced a project to brighten up the Ballymun Main Street for St. Patrick Day. The ladies are currently knitting tricolours sleeves to decorate locations along the Main Street. All materials will be supplied by the Dublin City Council.



Summer Projects-The Community Team are currently promoting and supporting the setting up of new Summer Projects to in the Ballymun area. We will support volunteers in the setup of a committee, arrange Garda vetting & child protection training. We are engaging with local residents at present, supporting them to start a Summer Project for children with additional needs.

It's nearly Summer!
Which means its Summer Project time!!

Are you interested in setting up a Summer project in your local community?
If so then keep reading...

Summer projects are organised and run by volunteers in the local Community.
They are supported by Dublin City Council
&
The City of Dublin Youth Service Board (CDYSB).
Crosscare will assist in the setting up of a Committee.
Training will be provided along with Garda Vetting
& Child Protection training.

If you feel this is something that sparks your interest please get in touch for more information!
Laura McGuinness - Ph. 087 912 9425 or laura.mcguinness@dublincity.ie

Pickleball Programme

A 6 week Pickleball introduction programme commenced at Poppintree Community & Sports Centre on Friday January 12th from 12-2pm.

Twenty adults of various ages are currently participating in this new and exciting initiative. The game is generally played in a doubles format, and can be played on an area similar in size to a badminton court.

Due to the high demand and level of interest; it is planned to organise another introduction programme in the late spring (April/May)



3. Economic Development Update

Ballymun 4 business

Ballymun 4 business will host its AGM on 28th February which will be followed by a networking event around the power of networking and story-telling to boost your sales. The talk will be delivered by Saes professional Steven Donnellan. Further information about the event will be available on the B4b website www.b4b.ie or contact Sabrina Morris info@b4b.ie. Ballymun Area Office have provided a financial contribution to the B4b Network to support its ongoing operations in 2024.

StartUp Ballymun

The next Startup Ballymun event has been set for Wednesday 24th April in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre. The theme of this event will be around youth enterprise featuring a panel of young small business owners who will share their insights on setting up and running a business. Further information to follow and will be available at www.startupballymun.com

Climate Action – Ballymun Decarbonisation Zone

The final information and public consultation session for the Ballymun ‘Decarbonisation Zone Plan’ took place on Wednesday 24th January in the Axis Centre, Ballymun. This was an opportunity for members of the community to review the actions of the plan, provide feedback and participate in a chat around the objectives of the plan.



Ballymun Coder Dojo

The Ballymun CoderDojo is continuing with 2 Dojo's every Saturday morning. A number of the older ninjas come along to the first Dojo to help out with mentoring. The 2nd Dojo is for the more experienced ninjas who are now designing and developing their own games.



4. Housing Report

Estate Management statistics for January 2024

January 2024	
No of Anti- Social complaints per 1997 act Drug related	6
No of Anti-Social complaints per 1997 act (Not Drug Related)	23
No of other Complaints	19
Total Complaints	48
No of Anti-Social Interviews per 1997 act	6
No of Other Interviews	6
Total Interviews	12
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

Rent Assessment statistics for January 2024

	January 2024
Assessments/Calls/Emails	1064 / 950 / 1882
Permissions To Reside	7

Refunds	6
Opening of Accounts	10 (including sole/ successions)
Closing of Accounts	5 (including 3 sole / 0 successions)
Front Counter Calls	144
Window Replacements	1

Ballymun Lettings January 2024

Allocation Category	Housing List 2023	Transfer list 2023	Older persons 2023
Bands 2 & 3	0	0	0
Medical	0	0	0
Welfare	0	0	0
Homeless	0	0	0
Travellers	0	0	0
Transfer Hap	0	0	0
De-tenanting	0	0	0
Estate Management	0	0	0
Maintenance	0	1	0
Surrendering larger	0	0	0
Unable to afford	0	0	0
Succession/sole	0	0	0
Financial Contribution	0	0	0
Ras Exit	0	0	0
Inter Transfer	0	0	0
Transfer	0	0	0
Total	0	1	0

Choice Based Lettings

Allocation Category	
Housing bands 2 & 3	1
Transfer bands 2 & 3	0
Transfer Hap	0
Medical	0
Welfare	0
Homeless	0
Travellers	0
Surrender larger	0
Total	1

The Ballymun Area Offices also advertised 2 Choice Based Lettings in January

Ballymun Voids January 2024

Vacant Housing Units				
Address	Type	Date of Vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Ard Na Meala	3 Bed House	21/11/2023	Issued to Contractor	20/04/2024
Barnewall Gardens	2 Bed Apartment	14/11/2023	Issued to Contractor	08/04/2024
Belclare Park	1 Bed Apartment	23/01/2023	Vacant Possession/ Task Order to be prepared	TBC
Coultry Drive	2 Bed Apartment	21/11/2023	Issued to Contractor	08/04/2024
Coultry Terrace	1 Bed Apartment	08/11/2023	Issued to Contractor	03/04/2024
Coultry Terrace	1 Bed Apartment	08/11/2023	Issued to Contractor	02/04/2024
Coultry Way	2 Bed Apartment	22/11/2023	Vacant Possession/ Task Order to be prepared	03/04/2024
Longdale Terrace	1 Bed Apartment	12/01/2024	Vacant Possession/ Task Order to be prepared	TBC
Forestwood Avenue	2 Bed Apartment	24/11/2023	Vacant Possession/ Task Order to be prepared	TBC
Marewood Crescent	1 Bed Apartment	28/11/2023	Vacant Possession/ Task Order to be prepared	TBC
Sandyhill Gardens	3 Bed House	22/10/2023	Issued to Contractor	22/02/2024
Shangan Avenue	3 Bed House	22/11/2023	Issued to Contractor	22/02/2024
Shangan Park	3 Bed House	15/12/2023	Vacant Possession/ Task Order to be prepared	TBC
Silloge Gardens	3 Bed House	11/12/2023	Vacant Possession/ Task Order to be prepared	TBC
Woodhazel Terrace	2 Bed Apartment	21/11/2023	Issued to Contractor	08/04/2024
Vacant Housing Units (more than 4 months)				
Address	Type	Date of Vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Baile Na Laochra	3 Bed House	12/07/2023	Issued to Contractor	22/02/2024
Balcurris Close	3 Bed House	07/09/2023	Issued to Contractor	22/02/2024
Balcurris Park East	1 Bed Apartment	24/08/2023	Issued to Contractor	22/02/2024
Belclare Drive	4 Bed House	25/08/2023	Issued to Contractor	22/02/2024
Carton Road	4 Bed House	10/04/2022	Ongoing Estate Management Issues	TBC
Carton Terrace	1 Bed Apartment	26/05/2023	Issued to Contractor	22/02/2024

Coultry Drive	3 Bed Apartment	03/10/2022	Issued to Contractor	22/02/2024
Coultry Terrace	1 Bed Apartment	05/09/2023	Issued to Contractor	22/02/2024
Forestwood Avenue	2 Bed Apartment	02/07/2023	Issued to Contractor	22/02/2024
Knowth Court	3 Bed House	26/07/2023	Issued to Contractor	22/02/2024
Knowth Court	3 Bed House	24/08/2023	Issued to Contractor	22/02/2024
Marewood Crescent	1 Bed Apartment	05/09/2023	Issued to Contractor	22/03/2024
Shangan Gardens	3 Bed House	25/08/2022	Property Vandalised	TBC
Shangan Gardens	3 Bed House	29/09/2023	Issued to Contractor	22/02/2024
Shangan Road	2 Bed Apartment	19/06/2023	Issued to Contractor	22/02/2024 CBL
Sillogue Close	2 Bed Apartment	29/09/2023	Issued to Contractor	22/02/2024
Sillogue Way	2 Bed Apartment	29/09/2023	Issued to Contractor	22/02/2024
The Plaza	2 Bed Apartment	22/08/2023	Issued to Contractor	22/02/2024
Whiteacre Close	2 Bed Apartment	03/08/2022	Issued to Contractor	CBL
Woodhazel Terrace	2 Bed Apartment	31/05/2023	Issued to Contractor	CBL

Vacant Senior Citizen Units

Address	Type	Date of Vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Ard Na Meala	1 Bed	21/11/2023	Direct Labour	16/02/2024
Ard Na Meala	1 Bed	09/01/2024	Direct Labour	14/04/2024
Burren Court	1 Bed	01/08/2023	Direct Labour	22/02/2024
Sandyhill Gardens	Bedsit	06/09/2023	Direct Labour	22/02/2024
Sandyhill Gardens	Bedsit	12/10/2023	Direct Labour	22/02/2024
Sandyhill Gardens	Bedsit	11/01/2024	Direct Labour	TBC
Sandyhill Gardens	Bedsit	25/01/2024	Direct Labour	TBC
Sandyhill Gardens	1 Bed	12/07/2023	Direct Labour	22/02/2024
Sandyhill Gardens	1 Bed	26/11/2023	Direct Labour	22/02/2024
Sandyhill Gardens	1 Bed	03/09/2023	Direct Labour	22/02/2024

5. Area Wide Updates

Dublin City Council are pleased to announce that Mary Muldowney has taken over as Dublin City Council Historian-in-Residence for the Dublin North-West area. She was based previously in the Dublin Central area and is looking forward to meeting history enthusiasts in Ballymun Library on Wednesday 28th February at 6.30pm to introduce herself and present the talk: ***Talking about the History of the Ballymun Area. From Agriculture to Tower Blocks to University Campus and Urban Regeneration.***

The long list for the **2024 Dublin Literary Award** was announced recently. It is a treasure trove of stories and worlds waiting to be explored. Novels by four Irish authors are among the 70 books nominated for this year's €100,000 prize, sponsored by Dublin City Council. The longlist is nominated by 80 libraries from 35 countries.

Old God's Time by Sebastian Barry, ***My Father's House*** by Joseph O'Connor, ***Soldier, Sailor*** by Claire Kilroy and ***Haven*** by Emma Donoghue are the Irish novels on the longlist. The shortlist will be unveiled on 26th March 2024 and the winner will be announced by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Daithí de Róiste, on 23rd May 2024, as part of International Literature Festival Dublin.

All secondary school students are invited to enter the **Dublin City Libraries Bookstagram Competition**.

Simply borrow a book from your local Dublin City Library. Create a reel in your favourite reading space. Upload your reel to Instagram using the hashtag #MyDublinLibrary. In your reel show the book cover and mention the library you borrowed it from.

Email libraryinthecommunity@dublincity.ie with your name, library card number, age, name of secondary school, book title and author and the name of the library you borrowed it from. We are looking forward to receiving all your entries. The closing date for the competition is Saturday 24th February, Ireland Reads Day. All entries will be entered into a prize draw. The winner will get to choose between a book token or a gaming gift pass.

Ballymun Library Gaming Mondays take place every Monday (during term time) from 5.00pm to 6.15pm. The gaming club is suitable for children aged 10-14 years. Under 12's must be accompanied by an adult. All members must have a library card and bring it with them on the night. PS4, Xbox One, Nintendo Switch and Pac-Man Arcade1Up games machine. Selection of board games also available.

Places are limited so booking is essential. To book a place, please ring 01 2228355 or email: ballymunlibrary@dublincity.ie

Ballymun Library offers an online literacy course, **Touch Type Read and Spell (TTRS)** for both adults and children. TTRS is designed to benefit students of all ages who experience spelling, reading or writing difficulties. Students with dyslexia or literacy issues have found it helpful. A large number of schools in the area have already availed of the service. Patrons can contact the library by email and Ballymun Library staff will introduce them to the course and offer support.

Current Opening Hours for Ballymun Library are:

Monday to Thursday: 10.00am - 8.00pm

Friday and Saturday: 10.00am - 5.00pm

Closed Saturday and Monday of bank holiday weekends

Ballymun Library Events February 2024

Non Regular or Regular Events	Event Category	Event Title	Audience	Date and Time
Non-Regular	Chair Exercise	Chair Exercise in association with Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership (8 Classes, 16 th Jan to 5 th March)	Adults	Tuesday 6 th , 13 th , 20 th February, 1.30pm-2.15pm (booking required)
Non-Regular	Lecture	Talking about the History of Ballymun: From Agriculture to Tower Blocks to University Campus to Urban Regeneration, presented by Mary Muldowney, DCC Historian-in-Residence	Adults	Wednesday 28 th February at 6.30pm
Regular NEW	Community	Ballymun U3A Meeting (2 nd and 4 th Monday of the month)	Adults	Monday 26 th February, 2pm-4pm
Regular	Games Club	Gaming Mondays, suitable for children aged 10-14 years. Must be a library member.	10-14 years	Mondays, 5.00pm-6.15pm (Limited to 12 places)
Regular	Age Friendly Film Club	Age Friendly Film Club Film: Surprise film screening, starring a debonair actor who is regarded as one of Hollywood's iconic leading men. (Last Wednesday of the Month)	Adults	Wednesday 28 th February, 2pm-4pm
Regular	Cultural	Japanese Culture Club (3 rd Wednesday of the Month)	Adults and Children	Wednesday 21 st February, 10am-12pm
Regular	Community	Ballymun Ladies Group (3 rd Tuesday of the Month)	Adults	Tuesday 20 th February, 2.30pm-5.00pm
Regular	Cultural	Ballymun Library Writers' Group	Adults	Wednesdays, 4pm-6pm
Regular	Cultural	Ballymun Painting Group	Adults	Mondays, 10.30am- 12.00pm
Regular	Book Club	Evening Book Club Book: <i>The History of Bees</i> by Maja Lunde (Last Monday of the month)	Adults	Monday 26 th February at 6.30pm
Regular	Book Club	Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club Book: <i>To Be Taught, If Fortunate</i> by Becky Chambers (3 rd Wednesday of the Month)	Adults	Wednesday 21 st February at 6.30pm
Regular	Cultural	Scrabble Group	Adults	Tuesdays, 11am-1pm

Non Regular or Regular Events	Event Category	Event Title	Audience	Date and Time
Regular	Cultural	Digital Photography Group (Last Thursday of the Month)	Adults	Thursday 29 th February, 10.30am-12.30pm
Regular	Gaeilge	Ciorcal Comhrá (Irish Language Conversation Group)	Adults	Thursdays, 3pm-4pm
Regular	Cultural	Ballymun U3A Ukulele Group	Adults	Fridays, 12pm-1.30pm
Regular NEW	Crochet	Ballymun U3A Crochet Group	Adults	Fridays, 11pm-12pm
Regular	Cultural	Latvian Art Group	Adults	Saturday 24 th February, 1.00pm-4.00pm
Regular	Children	Chess Club	Children	Tuesdays, 3.30pm to 4.30pm (term-time only)
Regular	Children	Baby Book Club & Storytime	Children (New Born to 2 year olds)	Mondays, 10.00am-10.45am (term-time only)
Regular	Children	Toddler Book Club & Storytime	Children (2 year olds to pre-school)	Thursdays, 10.00am-10.45am (term-time only)

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