

**To the Chairperson and Members of
The Central Area Committee**

April 2024

**Area Housing Report
Cabra/Glasnevin/NWIC**

Allocations:

- 20 Allocations to date in 2024

Montpellier

- Water supply to be connected to underground carpark to facilitate caretakers, agreed with housing maintenance that when these works are complete that a caretaker service will be implemented. This work should be completed with the caretaker in place within the next two weeks.
- Contractor completed clean of common areas to include stairwells, lifts and hallways.
- Car Park Gates – contractor engaged, awaiting parts. Temporarily fixed and operational.
- Bollards erected outside of car park entrance.
- Inspection carried out and plan implemented to find a solution to outdoor spaces with stone chippings / planting to include courtyard – awaiting quotes from Housing Maintenance
- Liaising with the project manager, contractors and tenants regarding the greening strategy and the proposed implementation of benches and bike racks – Area Manager has advised as soon as the relevant information has been received all residents will be advised of same.
- Treatment of Knotweed on-going facilitated by the housing team. Letters issued to all affected residents. Housing Manager and PEO met with local reps who look after the community garden to discuss their concerns and will relay same to contractor.

Infirmary Road

- A decision has been made not to proceed with the regeneration proposed project for the delivery of 38 units at Infirmary Road. This decision was made after an extensive review of the proposal by Dublin City Council's City Architect team and Chief Quantity Surveyor. The site has been reviewed and it has been identified that there are opportunities to provide for a more efficient and higher density and unit numbers if the site was to be further increased to include more of the available land to the north of the current site outline. In order to examine all the opportunities available to us for housing delivery and to decide upon the best delivery method for the site, a decision was made to send out an expression of interest to Approved Housing

Bodies to gauge their interest. Presently, an AHB is due to be appointed shortly to progress this project.

- Lisa Flanagan, Dublin City Council Project Manager held a consultation with Forum members to discuss the plan for the redevelopment of the Cruciform Building on Infirmary Road. This meeting took place on Thursday 22nd February 2024 @7.00pm in the Cabra Area Office. This building will be redeveloped to provide a community space for locals. The project will have an estimated 18 month construction programme and consultation will be taking place with local residents over the coming months. The remainder of this site is designated for social housing.

Blessington Street

- Works have commenced for the improved security measures to include CCTV, controlled access gates and improved lighting for this apartment complex.

Canon Burke

- This complex is on the Housing Maintenance list for the “Enhanced Works Programme” – these works will commence on 27th March with BER Assessments taking place. The area housing staff are currently facilitating the relocation of all tenants to their new homes. We have relocated four tenants to date and units for all remaining residents have been identified and agreed.

Capstan Building

- Two CCTV cameras installed at the front and back exits – Management Company reports a significant decrease in anti-social behaviour.

Senior Citizen Complexes

- All of the existing CCTV coverage for our Senior Citizen Complexes now feed back to the Housing Office and is available to An Garda Siochana upon request.
- CCTV installed and FOB access to existing gates implemented in Dominic Court. The complex has been listed for lighting upgrading works. This upgrading will exchange the current street lighting to LED lighting.

St Peter’s Court

- New boundary wall being built – ongoing
- Complete complex being baited for rodents and drains cleaned and inspected. This issue is on-going and has been again referred to Housing Maintenance. Housing staff are continuing to engage with residents and cleansing team.
- Community Room – to be cleaned, upgraded and brought back in to use – on-going – works commenced.
- A request for some benches to be installed will be considered following the cleaning and upgrading works.

McKee Court

- Request submitted for removal of ivy from boundary walls that is impacting two residents, quote sought for same and power washing of external stairs – awaiting same

Bricin’s Park

- Existing flower beds and shrubbery to be upgraded. Awaiting quotes

Botanic Avenue Flats

The following works have been completed:

- External works to garden area rear of senior citizens
- 48m of new footpaths
- Shutter of areas
- Re-pointing of two paving areas

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Community and Social Development Report for the Cabra Glasnevin Area

International Women's Day:

The Drumcondra Glasnevin Sister Shed held an event on the 7th March, 2024 from 1pm to 3pm at the Skylon Hotel. There was a gathering of 30 members of the Shed to celebrate the day. A Representative from the Women's Aid organisation was there on the day.

St. Finbarr's GAA Club on the 8th March, 2024 @ 7.30pm

Supported by the community development team, The D7 Women's shed held an evening of entertainment in St Finbarr's GAA Club. Free tickets and concessions were provided for the unwaged and those needing support to attend

Rest, Reset and Connect Workshops

8th March 2024 10.00am-1.00pm Cabra Parkside

As part of international Women's Day, we engaged The Mental Health Charity "Gerri's Place" to provide a tailor made experience for our community. During the workshops 'Rest-Reset-Connect', people were invited through experiential exercises, group discussion, group work and personal inquiry, to explore their wellbeing in this post pandemic time, to reconnect and rediscover themselves and their community, to embrace their day to day challenges and joys and foster resilience. Attendees were encouraged to stay afterwards and connect with each other over refreshments.

SunSmart Sunscreen Dispenser Pilot 2024

In collaboration with HSE's National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) and the Sláinte care Healthy communities Officer, we will roll out a Pilot project to raise awareness around skin cancer and sun safety.

The Pilot Project involves provision of a sunscreen dispenser with a UV index display to a small number of community/voluntary groups who are involved in outdoor leisure activities to trial the unit from beginning of May to August.

The groups involved will be give feedback on the initiative that will go towards further research. Dispensers will be placed in St Finbarrs GAA Club, Cabra Parkside Sports Centre and O' Reilly's Community Garden.

Scones agus Scéalta April 2024

Volunteer Ireland will work with the community development team to engage businesses and their Corporate Social Responsibility Programmes to volunteer in the community on suitable projects.

Scones agus Sceálta is the first initiative of this project and will endeavour to connect older people in our DCC Complexes with each other and visiting volunteers.

Volunteers will visit a suitable older persons Complex and make scones with the residents, providing the ingredients and much needed conversations and interaction with older isolated people.

The first project is scheduled for the **10th April 2024 @ Dunard Court Seniors Complex with Bank of America from 10.00 – 12.00 pm**

A similar project is planned for **St Bricíns Court in April date TBC with Bank of Ireland**

Age Friendly Older Persons Council

11th April 2024 @ Cabra Parkside 12.00pm

In an effort to engage people in Cabra over 55 to participate in the Central Area Age Friendly Older Persons Council, we have organised the next council meeting to take place in Cabra Parkside on the **11th Of April at 12.00pm**. The Community Development Team will endeavour to promote this meeting and to encourage people from the Cabra Area to get involved in the older Persons Council and raise awareness of the Age Friendly programme. Light Refreshments will be served.

Drumcondra Triangle Easter Egg Hunt 24th March 2024

Drumcondra Triangle Resident's Association held their Annual Easter Egg hunt in Griffith Park on the 24rd March, 2024. The Cabra/Glasnevin Community team supported this event. For the first time Drumcondra Triangle Resident's Association teamed up with Embrace Autism and the Cabra/Glasnevin Team collaborated to hold a Sensory hour for families and children.

On the day, two sessions were held for families and children from the Drumcondra Area. Sensory toys, purchased from the Cabra/Glasnevin Discretionary Fund 2023 were used for the event and provided great interaction and engagement for the children.

Acorn Tablets Clareville Senior Citizens Complex

The Cabra/Glasnevin Team collaborated with, Dublin City Libraries, for the use of Acorn tablets. Acorn tablets aid Accessible technology that supports digital inclusion and are now available to borrow from all Dublin City Council Libraries.

Acorn tablets provide access to the most common digital tasks. The tablet has a clear layout and guidance for anyone less familiar with technology.

Residents from Clareville Senior Citizens Complex took part in a project to borrow a number of tablets.

The loan of Acorn Tablets from Dublin City Council Library to Clareville Centre has been a great success. In the last month, clients have learned how to borrow and read books from the borrow box, listen to music and pod casts. We also spent a morning on the internet starting with internet safety then we looked up recipe ideas and demonstrations on how to cook them. The clients also loved the ability to read news headlines and weather forecasts. After Easter we are going to start on-line shopping. Some of the residents are now planning to buy their own tablet.

Dunard Community Easter Egg – Stravaganza

With support from Dublin City Council a two day mini festival was held on the green at Dunard. The local community Committee organised and provided volunteers for the event.

Thursday 28th March 2.30pm – 4.30pm @ the Dunard Community Centre – Phibsboro
Fire Truck and Ice Cream Truck

Friday 29th March – 2.30pm – 4pm @ the Dunard Community Centre – Bouncy Castle –
Popcorn & Candy Floss – Music

Local Festivals

Phizzfest

This festival will run from **Friday 10th to Sunday 12th May, 2024**. Dublin City Council continues support to the festival again this year. The Phizzfest Committee will hold a Launch of the Phizzfest 2024 Programme on **Monday the 8th April at McGeough's Bohemian Lounge, 1st Floor, Doyle's Corner, at 7pm**

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