

North West Inner City Local Policing Forum of the Central Area Joint Policing Committee

Minutes of Meeting – 20th February 2008

Attendance

Public Representatives

Cllr. Tom Stafford
Senator Paschal Donohue
Cllr. Emer Costello
Cllr. Chrisy Burke
Raymond Dunne (For Deputy Cyprian Brady)

Dublin City Council

Charlie Lowe
Mary McInerney
Clare Johnson
Paul Garland
Thomas Wilson
Claire Dempsey

Gardaii

Sgt. Dermot Harrington
Gardai Brian Amerlynch
Gardai Ciaran Whelan
Det. Insp. Nicholas McGrath
Supt Liam Casey
Gardai Helen Corbett

Residents/Businesses

Aodhan Perry
Sheila Gaynor
Jimmy Traynor
Margaret Murphy
Eileen Lynch
Monica Larkin
Brother Kevin Crowley
Jimmy Hanlon
Annette Bolton
Marie Harding
Garry Moran
Evelyn Hannon
Eithne Pope
Catherine Flynn
Mary Ward
Konrad Dechant
Anne Marie Butler
Claire O'Rourke
Jenny Archibold
Rose King
Sally Hughes
Patricia Hughes
Audrey Gray
Eamon O'Ceallaigh
Margaret Clarke
Betty O'Toole
Pirooz Daneshmandi
Raymond Dunne

Representing/Address

Central Area Joint Policing Forum
Infirmary Road District Community & Environmental Group
Drumalee Estate
Infirmary Road District Community & Environmental Group
NCR and Area Residents Association
Rathdown Road & District Res. Assoc.
Capuchin Day Centre
Queen Street/Haymarket Residents
Aughrim Street Residents Association
An Siol CDP, Manor Street
Bradog RYS
NCR and Area Residents Association
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Manor Street/Stoneybatter
Arran Quay
The Richmond Apartments
The Richmond Apartments
Montpelier Drive
North King Street
Park Inn Hotel
Arran Quay Terrace
Manor Street
NCR and Area Residents Association
Montpelier Drive
North King Street
Grangegorman Residents Alliance
For Cyprian Brady

Apologies

Deputy Tony Gregory
Deputy Cyprian Brady
Evelyn Hannon
Danny Pender
Mae Burke
Noleen Jennings

Item	Description	Action
1.0	Minutes (As read)	Agreed
2.0	Matters Arising	
	Eileen Lynch asked that the PRTB is contacted and asked to separate the North Circular Road from the South Circular Road on their database.	DCC
3.0	Gardai Report:	
3.1	Graffiti: Gardai Mick Donnell has compiled a comprehensive report on the graffiti in the area, this file has been submitted for review and is ongoing. There has been a slight decrease. An Gardai Siochana, Dublin City Council and the community are working together to combat the problem. There has been a slight decrease in graffiti in the area.	
3.2	Halloween: A very positive and successful event, however the site of the fire was deemed inappropriate.	
3.3	Street Drinking: Sgt. Dermot Harrington carried out research into the provision of beds in hostels for problem drinkers in the city and found only 50 available and these are the subject of referrals. Clients of all other hostels must leave at 9.00am and can return at 5.00pm. A problem exists within the area with the number of off licences and mixed retail units selling alcohol. There is a verbal agreement between the retailers and the Gardai that alcohol will not be sold before 10.00am. MW stated that a number of retailers were selling alcohol before 10am and selling to under age drinkers. G Casey responded that the gardai are hoping to commence a covert operation to try and identify the premises selling alcohol to under age people. JS stated there is a problem with street drinking in Drumalee and it is very intimidating and there is a huge mess left behind. G Casey stated that there is has been increased patrol in the area. AP stated that the huge increase in the number of off-licences in the area has contributed greatly to the problem. Liam Casey asked that the forum write to the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform who is currently consulting on licencing laws with the issues raised to be included as part of the Alcohol Initiative. All public reps agreed with this.	
3.4	CCTV: The Gardai are supportive of the installation of CCTV however a decision on the monitoring of the CCTV has not been reached. Problem areas need to be identified and consultation will take place with the community to discuss priorities.	
3.5	Traffic: There are wide spread problems within the area regarding the blocking of accesses to entries and exits. The Gardai will liaise with the Chief Fire Officer to try to combat the problem. JA expressed concern that the construction traffic from the O'Devaney Gardens project is causing problems and the parking on Montpelier Gardens is affecting residents. CL will contact Dick Whelan and ask that residents are kept up to date with the O'Devaney Garden Regeneration Project and will ask Traffic Division to survey the area and evaluate solutions to parking problems.	DCC

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	<p>PD stated that the spaces between ramps on Rathdown Road are too wide and drivers speed up between ramps. CL will ask Traffic Division to investigate.</p>	DCC
3.6	<p>Prostitution: There has been a marked increase in the number of street prostitutes around the Montpelier Area and a number of files have been prepared for prosecutions. JA stated that there has been a big increase in the number of prostitutes in the Montpelier area, she acknowledged the great work done by the gardai two years ago but is concerned that the levels are beginning to rise again. Cllr Costello stated that the gardai campaign two years ago was a great success but fears that if it isn't nipped in the bud now it will creep back into the area. Cllr. Burke asked that the guards respond with the same level of action as they did two years ago. Supt. Liam Casey said the gardai are aware of the increase and are actively patrolling the area and prosecuting both prostitutes and users.</p>	DCC
3.7	<p>Anti Social Behaviour: Prosecutions are being pursued and the gardai are actively trying to bring ASBO's against a number of youths. PD raised the issue of insufficient lighting on Rathdown Road. It was agreed that a further audit of the lighting would take place. Residents will meet directly with engineers to discuss the problem.</p>	DCC
	<p>AB stated that a number of cars have been damaged around Aughrim Street and calls made to Bridewell Gardai station were going unanswered/ ringing off. Gardai stated that 999 is always answered</p>	DCC
3.8	<p>Intercultural Issue: Community gardai have been very progressive in working with the different nationalities within the North West Inner City Area. They have made contact with the different groups in the area and there was active participation in a recent multicultural event which took place.</p>	DCC
	<p>PH stated that the problems raised at previous meetings regarding 1-6 Haymarket have continued. Residents had met with the owner to discuss concerns regarding the tenants of his building; however no positive action has been taken. Cllr Costello, Cllr Burke and Cllr Stafford suggested that Joe Linders is invited to a meeting with residents and asked to deal with matters raised.</p>	DCC
3.9	<p>Crime Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theft of cars up • Criminal Damage up • Sat Navs are being stolen to order • Criminal Damage 400-500 incidents, e.g. Vandalism of car wing mirrors • Successful prosecution against perpetrator of a number of burglaries in the area • 7 robberies solved prosecutions pending • Additional resources and an additional car is available to the Division every night • Other headline crime down 	DCC

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4.0	Dublin City Council Report	
4.1	HARP Area: €150000 has been set aside for another round of minor community gain grants, maximum grant of €10000 and application forms are available for HARP Office.	Noted
4.2	O'Devaney Gardens: No time frame for work is in place yet.	DCC
4.3	Smithfield: DCC is committed to getting cultural space in Smithfield.	
5.00	<p>AOB EO'C asked if the list of property owners on the North Circular Road could be made available to residents as soon as possible.</p> <p>CL suggested that the PRTB and Environmental Health are asked to provide a representative for the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Costello stated that the area around Stoneybatter and Manor Street needs an uplift and would welcome a Local Area Plan.</p> <p>ML asked that Rathdown Road is cleaned.</p> <p>MM asked that Infirmary Road is cleaned and has concerns regarding a planning application on Black Street that the site notice was incomplete.</p>	<p>DCC</p> <p>DCC</p> <p>DCC</p> <p>DCC</p> <p>DCC</p>
Next Meeting: 23 rd April 2008 at 7.30pm		