

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

Minutes of Meeting - 22nd October 2008

Attendance

Chair: Claire Barry

Public Representatives

Cllr. Emer Costello

Cllr. Tom Stafford

Cllr. Christy Burke

Dublin City Council  
Deirdre Ni Rathallaigh  
Mary McInerney  
Fergus Synnott  
Paul Garland  
Dick Whelan  
Pat Smith  
Clare Dempsey  
Thomas Wilson  
Paul Garland

Gardai  
Insp. Liam Casey  
Sgt Kevin Daly  
Sgt. Dermot Harrington  
Garda Helen Corbett  
Garda P Breen  
Nicolas McGrath

Residents/Businesses

Noel O'Connor  
Elenore Shostack  
Brendan Flanagan  
Eileen Lynch  
Monica Larkin  
Jimmy Hanlon  
Evelyn Hannon  
Eithne Pope  
Margaret Murphy  
Mary Ward  
Konrad Dechant  
Pirooz Daneshmandi  
Kieran Gavigan  
Tommie Hodnett  
Rose King  
Betty O'Toole  
Gerry Mulvey  
Paul Linders  
Sharon Wellington

Representing/Address

DIT Grangegorman  
Marlborough Rd and St Davids Tce Residents Association  
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NCR and Area Residents Association  
Rathdown Road & District Res. Assoc.  
Queen Street/Haymarket Residents  
NCR and Area Residents Association  
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Manor Street/Stoneybatter  
Arran Quay  
Grangegorman Residents Alliance  
Altona Terrace Residents Assoc.  
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North King Street  
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Smithfield Market  
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Claire Barry clarified her role as an Independent Chair. She explained that she had been approached by a person after the last meeting who felt that they were owed an apology from another person for the way that they were spoken to. Claire said that she was aware that there were strong feelings in the room. However it would be inappropriate for her to take on these feelings and act on them on behalf of any person. The very role of an Independent Chairperson was to remain outside of this. Therefore she considered that it was not appropriate for her to ask one person to apologise to another, though that does not mean a person may not feel they are owed an apology and may themselves seek it.

Item	Description	Action
1.0	Minutes (As read)	Agreed
2.0	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
	Pirooz Daneshmandi asked that Item 5.0 be amended to read "all gullies on Rathdown Road"	Amend Minutes
	Evelyn Hannon said that she considered the final item on the previous minutes meeting did not accurately reflect the discussion. Claire Barry asked her to recommend an amendment to the minutes. Evelyn did not have her own notes with her and Claire Barry recommended contact Clare Johnson with an amendment to the minutes.	Evelyn Hannon
	Request was made to send out minutes of meetings earlier. Clare Johnson explained that there was a delay this time because details of the review were being finalised.	
3.0	<b>Gardai Report - Insp. Liam Casey</b>	
3.1	Graffiti: The Gardai are actively pursuing funding from RAPID, however there is no new news at present.	
3.2	Halloween: The Annual AONTAS festival is taking place on Halloween night. A policing plan is in operation, and extra mobile and foot patrols will be deployed. An Garda Siochana are working closely with Dublin City Council regarding the removal of bonfire materials. More details in the DCC report	
3.3	Street Drinking: An Garda Siochana have received a number of complaints regarding street drinking around the Smithfield space. The Gardai have increased foot patrols to combat drinkers settling in the area. Insp. Casey asked all members of the forum to report any location they feel has a problem with street drinkers.	Agreed
3.4	Prostitution: Insp Casey will investigate the report of a young prostitute working in the Manor Street area. .	Insp. Casey to investigate
3.5	Intercultural Relations: There have been no reports of any racist incidents since last meeting. A further meeting of the Intercultural Forum was held.	
	<i>Insp Casey offered condolences to the family of Adam Moran and stated that a Garda liaison officer has been provided to the family.</i>	



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4.0	<b>Dublin City Council Report</b>	Noted
4.1	Halloween: Deirdre Ni Rathaillagh stated that Dublin City Council is liaising closely with An Garda Siochana with a view to providing a coordinated response to issues arising from Halloween and asked that all reports of Bonfire material etc. to be made to Litter Hotline: 1800248348	
4.2	Dublin on Ice: Will commence on the 21st November 2008.	
4.3	Improvement Works: Dublin City Council has met with residents of Linenhall Street and Father Mathew Square to discuss Environmental Improvement Works.	
4.4	Capel Street and environs was put forward for Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) status as it displays a rich architectural character. The proposed ACA will be available for public consultation in the Civic Offices in Wood Quay from October 29th to November 25th.	
4.5	Phibsboro Area Plan: The Plan was adopted by the City Council at its October meeting.	
4.6	Mary Street/Capel Street Improvement works will cease for Operation Freeflow (Mid November) and will be completed in early 2009.	
4.7	<p>Dublin City Council, Public Lighting Division met with representatives of the Rathdown Road residents association on site on the evening of Tuesday September 30th at 10.30pm. Seamus MacSweeney, Public Lighting Engineer agreed that there are some dark patches along Rathdown Road and is currently investigating options.</p> <p>Pirooz Daneshmandi stated that although he met with a public lighting engineer he is not satisfied with the method used to determine lighting levels. He is concerned that public lighting think that the issue will be solved once the trees are pruned, however he thinks that the lighting levels are to low. He is also concerned that the gullies on Rathdown Road are only cleaned one day a week and this is subject to cars being in the way.</p> <p>Deirdre Ni Raghallagh stated that Dublin City Councils' Parks Division will commence the pruning of trees along the Rathdown Road before Christmas and that the Public Lighting Division is investigating the provision of additional lighting.</p> <p>Pirooz asked that Dublin City Council Parks Division contact him before any decision is made regarding the planting of a new tree at Marne Villas.</p>	Dublin City Councils' Parks Division and Public Lighting Division
5.0	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Paul Linder's asked for the figures for attendees to Dublin on Ice, he stressed the need for additional events on the Smithfield space to bring in more people to the area.</p>	Dublin City Council to refer back Paul Linders with figures

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	<p>Both Pirooz Daneshmandi and Monica Larkin expressed concern that some of the employees of Dublin City Council's waste management division are parking all day on Rathdown Road and the area of pay and display outside the depot is always empty.</p> <p>Pirooz asked for residents' only parking on Rathdown Road. Deirdre Ni Raghalliagh explained that a public road could not have a designation of 'residents only' however residents could apply for a permit parking scheme to be put in place on Rathdown Road and this would eliminate all day parking.</p> <p>Gerry Mulvey, Smithfield Market asked for a schedule of works from Waste Management as he has concerns that the service is hit and miss</p> <p>Mary Murphy stated that the 4 planters provided by Dublin City Council at the entrance to Aberdeen Street are beautiful would like this acknowledged.</p> <p>Margaret Murphy asked that the pallets used for water storage at the Dublin City Marathon is removed immediately after the race given that Halloween was so soon afterwards.</p> <p>Pirooz Danesmindhi stated that there has been an increase in the level of service from the Waste Management Division on Rathdown Road and environs.</p> <p><b><i>The forum offered their condolences to Cllr Emer Costello on the recent death of her mother.</i></b></p>	<p>Dublin City Council to forward process to initiate Permit Parking information to GRA.</p> <p>Dublin City Councils' Public Domain Officer</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Action Dublin City Council Waste Management Division</p> <p>Noted</p>

***The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to the planned review of the Forum. A separate report is being compiled arising from this process and will be distributed on completion.***

Next Meeting: 18th February 2009 at 7.30pm-9.30pm