

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

Minutes of Meeting – 23rd April 2008

Attendance

Public Representatives

Cllr. Emer Costello
Cllr. Mary Fitzpatrick

Dublin City Council

Deirdre Ni Rathallaigh
Mary McInerney
Clare Johnson
Paul Garland
Pat Smith
Claire Dempsey
James Cosgrove

Gardai

Sgt. Dermot Harrington
Gardai Dave Chapman
Gardai Larry Brady
Supt Liam Casey
Gardai Lydia Conley

PRTB

Carmel Diskin
Kathryn Ward

Residents/Businesses

Aodhan Perry
Sheila Gaynor
Margaret Murphy
Eileen Lynch
Monica Larkin
Jimmy Hanlon
Richard Pender
Evelyn Hannon
Eithne Pope
Catherine Flynn
Mary Ward
Konrad Dechant
Rose King
Patricia Hughes
Eamon O'Ceallaigh
Betty O'Toole
Pirooz Daneshmandi
Seamus Murphy
Angela Murphy
Brendan Flanagan
Elenore Flanagan
Joan Whelan
Bill Whelan
O. Finnan
Kieran Gavigan
Tommie Hodnett

Representing/Address

Central Area Joint Policing Forum
Infirmary Road District Community & Group
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NCR and Area Residents Association
Rathdown Road & District Res. Assoc.
Queen Street/Haymarket Residents
Manor Street/Stoneybatter
NCR and Area Residents Association
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Manor Street/Stoneybatter
Arran Quay
North King Street
Arran Quay Terrace
NCR and Area Residents Association
North King Street
Grangegorman Residents Alliance
Marlborough Road
Marlborough Road
Marlborough Road
Marlborough Road
Cabra Drive
Cabra Drive
Davids Terrace
North Circular Road
North Circular Road

Apologies

Senator Paschal Donohoe
Deputy Joe Costello

Camel Diskin and Katryn Ward of the PRTB provided a presentation, which outlined the role and objective of the PRTB. The main areas of responsibility of the PRTB were discussed and a Q&A session followed. The forum welcomed the presentation. Carmel and Kathryn were thanked for coming.

Item	Description	Action
1.0	Minutes (As read)	Agreed
2.0	Matters Arising Item 3.7, 4.0, 5.0, 4.3, 3.8	Amended
3.0	Gardai Report:	Noted
3.1	Graffiti: RAPID Area Implementation Team are sourcing funding for tackling graffiti. Dave Donovan RAPID coordinator is looking at using the Youth Services within the area to create positive street art.	
3.2	Halloween: Youth Justice Service looking at creating something positive in the area for Halloween.	
3.3	Street Drinking: New bill is being introduced which should give more enforcement power to the Gardai and allow them carry out sting operation to catch retailers selling to minors. Concerns were relating to the expected opening of a new restaurant on North King Street that does not have a licence to sell alcohol, however it is advertising a 'bring your own' policy, also concerns that a 'Hardware' Shop on North King Street is selling cases of wine.	
3.4	CCTV: Some funding is available from RAPID; however problems with monitoring etc, another possibility is purchase of 4-6 mobile cameras.	
3.5	Traffic: Problems with site traffic to O'Devaney Gardens still causing problems.	
3.6	Prostitution: There has been a marked increase in the number of street prostitutes, 24 different women have been caught. 9 women have been brought before the courts and 5 users prosecuted. The Gardai are operating a plain clothes and uniform approach and vigilance is needed. Cllr. Costello asked that an all out approach is taken before levels rise again as they have in the past.	
3.7	Anti Social Behaviour: 3 successful prosecutions of youth who have caused major problems. Number of other youths have been identified and investigations are underway. A series of criminal damage on Oxmantown Road recently has led to arrests, however the guards are finding it difficult to find out who owns the cars. Owners need to report any damage.	
3.8	Intercultural Issue: There have been no reports of any racist incidents since last meeting. Garda have responded to complaints against the Chinese Community at Haymarket. Patricia Hughes is very frustrated, that after 3 meetings with the property owner of 1-6 Haymarket that nothing has changed with the issues relating to Haymarket. She also stated that she has received no help or support from elected officials and public representatives, many have not returned her phone calls.	

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	<p>James Cosgrove, Planning Enforcement Officer stated that the owner had received a notice to cease the running of the Martial Arts School and this notice had been complied with. However on carrying out a further inspection earlier on the night of the meeting he detected a Massage Parlour was being run from Haymarket. He will follow this up.</p> <p>There was general dissatisfaction with the amount of changes to the planning permissions given to the developer.</p> <p>Deirdre Ni Rathallaigh explained that Dublin City Council has to work within the planning guidelines and that community groups have an opportunity to object within the planning process.</p> <p>Eamon O’Ceallaigh considers it a real snub to the people attending the meeting that so few elected officials and public representatives turned up as he thinks the Policing Forum presents a real opportunity to get things done.</p>	
3.9	<p>Crime Report:</p> <p>There has been a significant reduction of serious crime within the area Richard Pender stated that since the setting up of the Policing Forum there has been a noticeable increase in the presence of the Gardai in areas identified at the meeting.</p> <p>Mary Ward acknowledged the improvement in policing in Manor St in recent times.</p>	Noted
4.0	<p>Dublin City Council Report</p>	Noted
4.1	<p>Ormond Square: Work has commenced on Childrens Playground and works are expected to be finished by June 2008.</p>	
4.2	<p>Phibsboro: Public Consultation period for the local area plan has closed. Objections/ comments will be reviewed over the next a six weeks.</p> <p>Cllr. Costello had put down a Council question regarding a Local Area Plan for the Stoneybatter/Manor Street Area, at present all resources are tied up looking after ongoing plans.</p>	
4.3	<p>Smithfield: DCC is hoping to carry out some minor works before the end of summer.</p>	
5.0	<p>AOB</p> <p>Deirdre Ni Rathallaigh stated that a representative of Waste Management will be invited to the next meeting to address issues raised.</p> <p>Jimmy Hanlon asked if Haymarket down to Arran Quay could be blocked off: with access retained for residents only during the Smithfield Horse Fair. Eamon O’Ceallaigh stated that he had made an official complaint to the Guards after the last Horse Fair as he was shocked at the lack of barriers and the dangers poised to pedestrians.</p> <p>Margaret Murphy asked for the legislation that regulates the erection of Satalitte dishes.</p>	

Next Meeting: 23rd July 2008 at 7.30pm-9.30pm