



## Safer Ballymun Community Safety Forum

### MINUTES

MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MAY – COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
BALLYMUN CIVIC CENTRE

<p><b>Introduction</b></p>	<p>Donal Barron opened the meeting and explained there would be four short presentations.</p>
<p><b>Community Development</b></p>	<p>Niamh Reilly from Ballymun’s Community Development Section spoke about the 7 summer projects planned this year. 5 of these will be open to everyone and the other 2 will be for after school and for people with special needs. Niamh gave a run down of the schedule of projects planned and said there will be organised activities in the Poppintree Centre. Ballymun Leisure Centre will also hold an Open Day on June 7<sup>th</sup>.</p>
<p><b>Sports Development</b></p>	<p>Eileen Gleeson, Sports Development Officer for Ballymun, explained that her main target group is 10-21 year olds and she gave an overview of programmes planned for the summer including a Bike Week planned for June and various activities to promote positive use of the parks. She said there are leaflets available with all the details and she will be linking in with various groups in the area to promote the events. When asked about possible tennis activities in Poppintree Eileen said there is has not usually been a great take-up of tennis in the area in the past but she is open to organising this if needs be.</p>
<p><b>BRYR</b></p>	<p>Gavin from BRYR spoke about the sessions his group have planned for the parks from June to August including 4 Family Fun Days. He said it is important for the community to take ownership of the parks in this way. When asked by Deputy Ellis about Coultry Park he said Easy Street and the Gardaí will be involved in events there. Gavin advised people to look out for BRYR staff in the parks wearing their distinctive wine-coloured hoodies.</p>
<p><b>Ballymun Drugs Task Force</b></p>	<p>Hugh Greaves spoke about the increased use of ecstasy tablets and spoke about the various types available and the different effects they have on people. He advised people to be vigilant and to seek medical advice if ecstasy use is suspected. Residents agreed it is important to get the information out to</p>

	<p>schools etc and the local School vice Principal said she had received information from the HSE. Deputy Ellis said it is important to keep on top of this situation and Hugh said there are leaflets about drug and alcohol services available.</p>
<p>Issues Arising</p>	<p><b><u>An Garda Síochána Update</u></b></p> <p>Sergeant Bernard Young gave figures for offences for the period from 15/4/14 to 25/5/14</p> <p>Serious Assault (Section 3) – 4  Minor Assault (Section 2) - 12  Burglaries – 7  Criminal Damage – 46  Drugs for Personal Use (Section 3) – 24  Drugs for Sale (Section 15) – 4  Street Searches for Drugs (Section 23) - 141  Robbery of Shops – 1  Robbery from Persons - 5  Theft from Cars – 13  Theft from Shops – 18  Theft from Persons - 7  Public Order – 29  Seizure of Vehicles – 24</p> <p>A resident mentioned damage to cars on Willow Park Road allegedly coming from youths in Poppintree Park.</p> <p>The incident of the people abseiling down Plunkett Tower was discussed – the Gardaí have identified 3 of those involved so far and in the case where the person is under 18 their parents are informed and they are dealt with through the JLO scheme. Donal Barron confirmed extra security would be in place in JPT and also Balbutcher Lane and the Community Gardaí will also be monitoring these areas closely.</p> <p>The flowers on the Main Street were vandalised recently and a resident asked about getting the CCTV cameras to capture this – Donal said there is an issue around child protection and identifying people but he will discuss this with Mary Taylor.</p> <p>A resident complained that the Gardaí were rung 5 times but did not come until much later after 5 cars were damaged in the Shangan area. Also in Balcurris Park the Gardaí were called in relation to drug dealing in the area but did not come – Bernard said he will discuss these issues after the meeting.</p> <p>Councillor McAuliffe asked what effect the new boundary will have on Safer Ballymun – Donal said this is an internal matter for DCC but will not effect the Safer Ballymun meetings. Donal also said the next Area Committee meeting will be an opportunity to agree the protocol for facilitating the meetings going forward.</p> <p>Deputy Ellis mentioned several incidents in Shangan, Whiteacre and Coultry and the poor response of the Gardaí to these incidents – he asked if information about drug dealing is shared between DCC and the Gardaí. Donal confirmed that a Section 15</p>

	<p>is used in this case and DCC has applied for about 30 of these in the past 3 months. He also mentioned the new legislation on evictions and exclusion orders that is due to be introduced soon. The anti-social behaviour at Balcurris Park was discussed and the bollards at Ard na Meala not working was discussed – residents want to know if there are any plans to finish Balcurris Park with a wall. Donal said DCC can look into this as they now are responsible for the park going forward.</p> <p>Donal said he will talk to Mary Taylor about the CCTV cameras being used more to discourage trouble after a resident asked if they could be used like speed cameras that flash.</p> <p>Councillor McAuliffe welcomed the 2 newly elected councillors in attendance, Noeleen Reilly and Cathleen Carney Boud.</p> <p>A resident thanked Donal Barron and Deputy Ellis for assisting him in getting a move to Burren Court from Shangan as he is able to live in peace now.</p>
<p><b>Conclusion</b></p>	<p>Donal Barron concluded by stating that the ‘talkabout’ would take place. The agency Steering Group would discuss the issues raised at this meeting and report back to the next Safer Ballymun meeting.</p> <p>Next Meeting: July 21st 2014  Time: 7.00 pm  Venue: Council Chambers, Ballymun Civic Centre.</p>

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