

PUBLIC MEETING CANALS LOCAL POLICING FORUM



Rialto Parish Hall

Wednesday 21st November, 2018

Chair: John Burns

Attendance: Community Sargent Martin Comerford; Community Garda Deborah O'Sullivan; Area Housing Manager (Dublin City Council) Gerry O'Donoghue

Minutes: Kinga Paszko

Chair introduced himself, and asked everyone in attendance to do so, and state the concerns that they were hoping to address at the meeting. Members of public were also encouraged to leave their email addresses, so they can receive updates to the issues raised at the meetings, and notifications of upcoming meetings.

Garda Update

Sargent Comerford gave an update on crime statistics from the area, suggesting that many events are not reported. There are only 4 community Gardai and one patrol car- yet the will be recruitment in January.

Dublin City Council Update

Gerry O'Donoghue from DCC reminded that in relation to antisocial behaviour of under- age children if the incident is reported DCC can begin procedures on the grounds of antisocial behaviour (which is not permitted under tenancy agreements), of one of the family members.

Questions/Issues Raised by the Public

| Issue/Question | Response | Action |
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| Herberton St: drug dealing, drug use, antisocial behaviour; before Gardai arrive, the young people are gone. This is having a negative effect on the quality of life of many of the residents in the apartment complexes. | The resources are short, all the calls are recorded; if they aren't caught in action not much can be done. DCC can be informed in case families of these children are local authority or housing association tenants. | DCC rep said new camera is being installed, so there will be good quality CCTV footage |

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| Group of kids throwing stones and eggs and cyclists and drivers | Gardai present acknowledged the problem reported and will look into it. | More Gardai to be hired in January |
| Businesses are being terrorised, some people don't report it anymore | Gardai said they have been in touch with businesses; Tesco said they are fine and don't need further support | Reports to the Gardai need to be made, so the scale of the problem would be reflected |
| Dolphin Barn: the waste, derelict buildings and the state of disrepair is very discouraging and causes further littering | Reports need to be made; DCC has resources to deal with the litter issue | Public encouraged to get in touch with public domain officer Anna Mc Dermott at DCC South Central |
| A person mentioned being assaulted and then seeing the assailant at large, which is very upsetting for her | Gardai said the investigation is on going and it might take a while before the case will be brought to court | An option of discussing the matter in private suggested by John |
| Drug dealing in St Anthony Street | | Gardai present noted the issue |
| Q: Can anything be done so the more resources would be assigned to the area? | Lobbying by writing email to the politicians was suggested | Kinga will provide a list of local politicians |