

Ballyfermot / Chapelizod Policing Forum

**Update from Inspector Ronan Barry and Kay Noonan Cork
September 2020**

Inspector Barry submitted the following updates on Statistics and Issues arising from the last meeting held on the 30th January, 2020.

Community Policing Ballyfermot				
	Oct-19	Jan-20	Mar-20	% Difference
Sergeants	1	1	1	0
Gardaí	3	2	2	-1
Total:	4	3	3	-1

Note 1: Competition approved to run a competition to have 5 more members detailed to Community Policing in Ballyfermot in coming months – This is postponed due to Covid-19.

Crime Statistics

Time Period 1st Jan to 30th June

Type	2019	2020	Comparison
Burglary	60	66	+6
Robbery			
- Robbery From The Person	3	10	+7
- Robbery From The Establishment	9	11	+2
Theft			
- Theft From Person	2	3	+1
- Theft From MPV	38	32	-6
- Theft From Shop	85	46	-39
- Theft (Other)	82	42	-40
Public Order	79	99	+20
Drugs			
- Possession For Sale & Supply	44	62	+18
- Possession For Personal Use	141	145	+4

Statistics of Note:

- From 1st Jan 2020 to 30th June 2020 (Q1 & Q2):
 - ❑ 490 people arrested in Ballyfermot Garda Station (prisoner logs);
 - ❑ 240 Cars seized under Section 41 RTA – no tax/ins/NCT;
 - ❑ 86 Houses searched under Misuse of Drugs Act;
 - ❑ 654 people stopped and searched under Misuse of Drugs Act;
 - ❑ 48 MIT (Drink/Drug) Checkpoints performed;
 - ❑ 22 Persons arrested for Intoxicated Driving;
 - ❑ 305 Proactive Patrols.

Community Engagement

- Crime Prevention talks are available by the Crime Prevention Officer at the Local Fora meetings;
- Talks at Residents Groups meetings and Old Folks Clubs on Crime Prevention;
- High visibility Crime Prevention patrols;
- Monitoring of known offenders;
- Objections to Bail for persistent offenders;
- Case Management of Juvenile Offenders;
- Monitoring and mapping of incidents so as to target available resources at problems areas;

“Gardaí Locate 95 Suspected Stolen Bicycles in West Dublin”.



As of May 2020

Gardaí from Clondalkin and Ballyfermot recovered 95 bikes in the last 3 months;

Bicycles can be recovered by owners, with proof of ownership by contacting:

clondalkin_community@garda.ie.

Increase in Drugs Searches and Detections



13/1/2020.

€750,000 of drugs seized in a house on Landen Rd. Cocaine, Heroin, Cannabis Resin and MDMA. One male before the courts.

As Garda Síochána
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Gardaí in Ballyfermot seized drugs with a value of €750,000 (subject to analysis) on Monday 13th January as part of an ongoing investigation into the sale and supply of controlled drugs in the area.

Searches were carried out at a number of houses with Gardaí seizing Cannabis resin, Cocaine, MDMA and Heroin along with other drug related paraphernalia and documentation.

One man (early 30s) was arrested during the searches in Ballyfermot and taken to Ballyfermot Garda Station. This man remains in custody. Investigators are ongoing.

Divisional Drugs Unit

- Effective from April 2020, A Divisional Drugs unit was established and is based in the “L” District.
- Responsible for a number of successful operations.
- A number of excellent captures:

Community Engagement – Covid 19

Members of Ballyfermot Garda Station will continue to:

- Assist with 'Meals on Wheels' deliveries to the elderly and vulnerable in the L District;
- Pick up and delivering prescriptions for the elderly and vulnerable in the L District;
- Conduct welfare checks on behalf of concerned family members;
- Ensuring that vulnerable and elderly people can attend hospital appointments;
- Patrolling Parks and other recreational spaces with the aim of encouraging people gathered to adhere to Government regulations relative to that phase of reopening;

Community Advice

"Be proud of your area and be an active part of your community".

"Don't expect others to always report something".

Take action and always Report:

- Suspicious activity;
- Drug Dealing;
- People you know to be taking risks in motor vehicles;
- People who are actively involved in anti-social behaviour;
- People you know to be driving while disqualified/without insurance etc....

To speak to the Gardai in complete confidence ring the Garda Confidential Telephone Number 1800 666 111.

Although it will assist the Gardai if you provide as much information as possible, you do not have to give your name if you ring to report an incident.



Thank You.



**Issues for Dublin City Council arising from Meeting of the
30th January 2020**

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Annamore Court

Work on the installation of the full wrap around pedestrian crossing at the junction of Chapelizod Hill Road/Kylemore Road/Le Fanu Road is fully complete.

At the Traffic Advisory Group meeting on 15th July 2020, the request for a yellow box at the entrance to the complex was not recommended. Yellow boxes are intended to prevent blocking of junctions. From the inspection, it was noted that there was very few delays for traffic exiting from Annamore Court on to Chapelizod Hill Road.

Parking will continue to be monitored around the entrance of the complex.

Spiddal Road

The proposed traffic calming measures at Spiddal Road which were reported at the last meeting and which includes upgrading of existing ramps and additional road signage are included in the 2020 works programme. These works have been delayed due to the Covid measures, which are being implemented throughout the city.

Ballyfermot Road

The proposed 'no right hand turn' at the junction of Ballyfermot Road and the entrance to Cherry Orchard Industrial (at the Lidl store) has been delayed due to the new Covid measures, which are being implemented throughout the city. Concerns about this proposal raised at the last meeting have been brought to the attention of the Traffic Engineer.

30Km/H Speed Limit

Implementation of the 30km/h speed limit for Ballyfermot and Cherry Orchard (Phase 4 part B and C) has been postponed until the outcome of the proposal for phase 5 Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2020 (COVID19).

Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2020(COVID 19)

Dublin City Council is currently engaging through public consultation with members of the public with regard to the expansion of the 30km/h speed limit. It is now proposed to change the default speed limit from 50 km per hour to 30 km per hour and this would now be the default speed limit on all roads in the Dublin City Council administrative area except roads specifically listed in the byelaws. This will aid in clarity for all road users as except where specifically signed, all roads should be assumed to have a 30km/h limit.

The proposals can be viewed on www.dublincity.ie/speedreview. Details and drawings for this proposal were available for inspection in the Ballyfermot Area Office from 2nd July 2020 to 13th August 2020.

Raheen Park

The request for repairs to the footpath was not selected for Roads Minor Works Programme this year however, it will be put forward for possible inclusion in next year's programme. In the meantime, the Area Inspector will visit Raheen Park and log any defects where a temporary reinstatement can be applied.

The pothole in the road at the junction of Raheen Park and Cloverhill Road has been repaired.

Vacant Site at Raheen Park

Repairs were carried out to the railings and they no longer lean towards the footpath.

Building Works at Ballyfermot United Premises, Blackditch Road

Planning permission was refused for the proposed development at this site.

Cornamona Court

The contractors are on site since 18th May. Due to the strict adherence to Government guidelines around health and safety, there is a reduced workforce on site at present. 189 expressions of interest forms for the units have been registered to date.

Springvale Site

The contractors, Sisk and Son Ltd., are on site since 18th May. We are awaiting a court date for the judicial review hearing. Work on the site is progressing.

3.8 Acre Site at Sarsfield Road

At the most recent meeting on 16th June, the main outcomes and future recommendations which emerged will be of assistance to DCC and DHLGH as they proceed to take the project to its next developmental and design stage. Further public consultation will take place as soon as it is feasible under the Covid 19 restrictions.

OLV Site

Site investigations have commenced on site since 20th May 2020.

Claddagh Court

The fob access system has been repaired and is operational. The plaza has been cleaned by Waste Management and will continue to be monitored. Public lights are upgrading the lighting poles on the plaza that are not working.

Skate Park Le Fanu Park

The skate park opened recently ahead of the official opening and unfortunately, there were some incidences of anti-social behavior mainly located in the playground. A number of reasons could have contributed to this. Opening during the Covid-19 phasing when young people had been confined for several months, the newness of the facility, and the excitement generated by the opening of such an amazing resource for Ballyfermot, the lack of families travelling abroad for holidays and the fine weather all contributed to higher than average numbers of young people visiting the skate park and causing disruption to the residents adjacent to the facility. At a meeting on 6th July attended by DCC officials, An Garda Síochána, youth services, public representatives and a number of residents the following measures were agreed:

In the absence of fencing, parks staff will continue to monitor the situation with regard to anti-social behavior. The boundary between the playground and Le Fanu Road has been planted with screening shrubbery. CCTV, which is already installed and operational, will be linked to the Garda station at Drumfinn Road for remote access and monitoring. Gardaí have increased patrols through the Park. Barriers will be installed along Blackditch Road in the coming weeks but, in the interim, granite slabs have been placed at strategic locations to prevent unauthorized access to the park. Two big belly bins have been installed for the new skate park. BYS have been assisting with the collection of litter and have established an environmental clean-up group who are on site every day. BYS, along with other youth services, have been working with young people in developing programmes to help make the skate park a success. Parks are going to tender shortly for the refurbishment of the pavilion and anticipate that this work will start in October. BYS are already operating from this base and have staff on site until 10pm who will continue to engage with users of the skate park. Ballyfermot Area office, Parks, An Garda Síochána and the youth services have committed to work with the residents until the issues have been addressed. A follow up meeting has been requested by the residents to be held shortly.

Kylemore Park

No work has taken place on the Kylemore Park upgrade since the restrictions were imposed. The company carrying out the work are from Northern Ireland and have been unable to travel due to the restrictions. An update will be given as to when this work can recommence. The funding for the upgrade of the existing CCTV was made available through Parks Department in response to the anti-social behaviour and as part of the park upgrade.

Springvale Allotments

Groundworks commenced on 27th May adjacent to Donore Harriers for the provision of 40 replacement allotments, which were located on the Springvale site. The City Council is working with the old Springvale Allotment group and is in contact with the previous allotment holders regarding the opening of the new allotments, which will take place during Autumn. The contractor has been requested to include a space for the future installation of a composter on site. Discussions are underway around the possible installation of composters in Bluebell and Cherry Orchard allotments sites and other sites that may be identified in the area.

California Hills Park

Following on from De La Salle GAA's request to install goalposts in California Hills, as their pitch is no longer available and following consultation with the residents, the goal posts were installed recently.

The People's Park, Ballyfermot

Following months of onsite conversations and two consultation events, Dublin City Council Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services have developed a design that responds to ideas put forward by local residents to create The People's Park, Ballyfermot on the greenspace beside the Civic Centre.

The proposal includes a winding perimeter path and gentle earth mounding that will be planted with a diverse mix of new trees and herbaceous plants to bring seasonal colour and energy.

The park will provide the infrastructure for small community gatherings with the inclusion of an open pergola structure and a market space to hold food, plant and craft markets. At the edge of the park will be a movement trail that will include playable elements for play and exercise.

As part of the improvement works, a programme will be developed with local residents to create an edible garden over the next 2-3 years.

In conjunction with the civic centre building, the Ballyfermot People's Park will be a place to engage with nature, planting, movement, plays, music and storytelling.

These works fall within the Exempted Development Provisions for works carried out by the Local Authority so a Part 8 is not required to progress works.

Plans for the park are currently on public display in the Civic Centre and a comment box available. An online consultation page has been set up where the plan can be viewed and feedback given. The link is <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/parks/ballyfermot-peoples-park>. Display boards are also mounted on the railings of the park. The plan will be updated if necessary based on feedback.

It is intended that the works will be implemented in phases subject to funding with phase 1 involving the construction of the pavements and earthworks/ground contouring.

“Building Community Resilience”

The policing forum management committee met in March with Peter Dorman, CAN, to discuss the report ‘Building Community Resilience’ in more detail and to explore how the conclusions of the report’ might be implemented. A follow up meeting between CAN and senior management from An Garda Síochána and DCC for the South Central Area has also taken place.

Bulky Household Waste Collection Service

Dublin City Council offers an online Bulky Household Waste Collection Service to all domestic households in its administrative area. The bulky waste collection is for items that are too large to be accepted by the regular waste collection service e.g. furniture, carpets, bikes and kitchen & bathroom units. Residents will be able to request this service via the Dublin City Council website www.dublincity.ie or by contacting Customer Service directly on (01)222 1000 who will place your request for this service. There is a charge of €40 per collection with a max of five individual items presented at any one collection.

Free Electrical Disposal

It is hoped that the pilot scheme for free electrical disposal in Chapelizod, which was suspended due to Covid 19 restrictions, will be going ahead soon.