



Public meeting
D12 Community Safety Forum
Moeran Hall Crumlin
21/2/22

Chair: Cllr Sophie Nicoullaud.

Attendance: Supt Paul Maher, Insp Dara Kenny, Sgt Ciaran Wynne, Chris Butler (DCC), Pat Smyth (DCC), Marie Nugent (SDCC).

Present: Brid Smith TD, Cllr Pat Dunne, Cllr Daithi Doolan, Cllr Vincent Jackson.

Facilitated: Ali Warner

Minutes: Valerie Scott

Ali opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and explained the format of the meeting which is held in Café Style. Each representative at the top table introduced themselves and gave a brief outline of their role and connection to the forum.

Groups of residents worked together with table facilitators on the questions below

What is working well in terms of community safety in the area for you right now?

- Clean up/environmental Group.
- Men's Sheds.
- Good Community Spirit.
- New youth work team through Solas
- Active Residents Associations.
- Support for Businesses
- New Superintendent in place.
- Good Gardaí presence during daytime hours.
- Businesses feel supported by Gardaí when a crime happens.
- Youth Groups
- Football Clubs
- Garda presence in Benbulbin Road
- Increased community activities in Bunting Road Park
- New apartments in Drimnagh brings new people.
- Drimnagh for all group
- Garda involvement in community activities and events.
- Information leaflets from DCC around various initiatives and events.
- Improvement in street lighting, Gritting of roads in cold weather.
- Volunteering in the community.

What is challenging or not working well in terms of community safety for you?

- Sports clubs in the area are full with no spaces for new children.
- General feeling of not feeling safe in the area.
- Lack of Garda visibility on foot.
- Poor response time of Garda to calls.
- Young people being harassed by Gardaí and stopped unnecessarily.
- Serious Racial abuse toward residents and shop workers.
- Begging outside shops impacting on businesses and residents.
- Large gatherings of youth outside chipper on Benbulbin road is intimidating. ASB on Benbulbin Road –bin burning etc.
- Recent damage to Pitch and playground in Brickfield Park.
- New lighting on Mourne road is only on one side of the road and is not bright enough.
- Poor lighting in laneways.
- Boarded up DCC properties.
- Recent burglaries in houses, garages, sheds.
- Unmuzzled and unleashed dogs.
- Dog fouling.
- Open drug dealing.
- Rough sleepers and drug dealing at Lansdowne valley.
- Scramblers and electric scooters.
- Speeding on residential roads.
- Rise in car theft.
- Illegal parking and abandoned cars.
- Illegal parking on Thomas Moore road.
- Traffic light sequence is causing traffic congestion in Crumlin village.
- Dumping at the top of Somerville is an eyesore.
- Older residents are fearful opening their hall doors to callers.
- Fear of undocumented immigrant men being placed in the D12 area. Lack of communication /community consultation from local TDs and councillors, Board of managements in relation to this matter.
- No adequate care for children of immigrant families.
- Housing crisis –feeling of inequality in terms of access to housing due to immigration.

Suggested solutions/ideas

- Make community spaces such as Our Lady's Hall Mourne road and school halls more accessible to the community for activities for young people.
- More CCTV in the area and along the Luas line.
- Have a fixed Traffic camera in areas.
- Easier access for the community to meet with DCC officials.
- Positive Initiatives to tackle scooters and scramblers.eg Ballyfermot.
- Increase in funding to community and youth projects.
- More local volunteers to get involved.
- Improved Garda interactions /relationships with young people.
- Wider response needed to tackle ASB not just a law and order one

DCC Response

- The laneway beside Star Bingo is getting new and improved lighting. If residents want to let DCC know which other laneways need improved lighting that information can be passed on.to the relevant section.
- Negotiations going on with legal team in relation to installation and use of CCTV, which has to be GDPR compliant.
- Will liaise with the relevant departments in DCC in relation to the traffic light sequence in Crumlin Village ,dumping and also abandoned cars
- People are housed in order of their length of time on the housing list, priority can be given on medical and welfare issues. Someone has to be a resident of Ireland to be on the list.
- Will follow up on the query of a property boarded up on old county road.
- DCC are aware of issues that have arose re Lansdown Valley and are addressing them.
- DCC received over 600 applications for the new complex Slievebloom court ,

Gardaí Response

- Community Policing unit are working on policing the parks and have a visible presence. Undercover operations are also ongoing.
- Gardaí are actively targeting all levels involved in the drug trade.
- There is a policing plan in place in relation to Benbulbin Road, which has had positive effects.
- Both AGS and DCC are working on existing CCTV systems to ensure that they are compliant with GDPR regulations
- Operation Soteria is in place to tackle ASB. Luas stop has had some issues but there is a reduction.
- Behavioural warnings are used as a preventative measure when the young person is involved in low level ASB. This involves working with the parents and families to encourage and promote good behaviour.
- The Superintendent promotes pro social patrols, he will reiterate with his colleagues the importance of positive relationships with young people in the local community.
- Community Policing team have a good rapport with local clubs group businesses and are open to attend community events.
- Residents encouraged to keep reporting issues as this helps in targeting responses.

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