



Public meeting

D12 Community Safety Forum

Mourne Road Hall, Drimnagh

6/6/23

Chair: Cllr Sophie Nicoullaud

Attendance: Superintendent Paul Maher, Sgt Ciaran Wynne, Insp Dara Kenny, Chris Butler (DCC), Pat Smyth (DCC).

Facilitated by 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?

- Garda visibility
- Garda on bikes on canal
- Garda response time
- DCC Citizens Hub
- Day care centre for older people
- Groups such as Tidy Drimnagh, Bosco, Sister Sheds, Dynamic Drimnagh.
- Sports and fitness / GAA, Soccer.
- New Youth Workers
- All weather pitch.
- Flowerbeds
- Installation of lights in laneway beside Star Bingo
- Youth Forum new initiative
- New Café Galtymore road
- Community Watts apps/Residents Groups
- Resources such as DSCP, LEAS.
- DCC are proactive in addressing complaints.
- DCC/Organisations plan early for Halloween

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

- Unleashed dogs in parks, restricted breeds unmuzzled. Lack of proper signage in parks in relation to dogs. Dog fouling, not enough dog bins.
- Scramblers on roads/paths and in parks
- ASB at Bosco Luas stop
- Open Drug dealing streets/parks
- Vandalism
- Illegal parking Galtymore road
- Promise of more Gardaí and it hasn't happened.
- Tension between families in Benmadigan
- Heavy vehicles accessing Keeper road and Brickfield drive due to building works.
- Lack of CCTV on Benbulbin Road
- Community centres closing early
- Lack of Youth projects
- Bus connects
- Poor relationship between young people and Gardaí
- Illegal dumping
- Short term rentals in Davitt road complex
- Rational of DCC housing allocations.
- No bins in Brickfield park

DCC response

- DCC will contact animal welfare section in relation to complaints and also suggest more signage. The bins in the park are not specific dog bins.
- Happy to hear the positive response to the new lighting in laneway at Star bingo and to the DCC citizen's hub.
- CCTV issue id with the Gardaí commissioner at the moment there is a meeting with the law department next week so hopefully there will be some information from that.
- DCC will liase with the parking enforcement department re Illegal parking
- Crumlin office is back open 5 days a week.

Gardaí response

- Dog control is an ongoing issue, the dogs act is under review
- Crime prevention officer has visited parks to advise on how better to police the space.
- Plan in operation for the summer, Gardaí will be seizing alcohol from those in public spaces, parks etc.
- Liaise with the parks department and will try arrange checkpoints for HGV vehicles.
- Gardaí do not engage in chasing scramblers but will seize the bikes if location is known.
- Community Policing unit had information stands as an outreach strategy in Ashleaf and Sundrive shopping centres,
- Policing numbers are dependent on the recruitment process.
- Thank the residents, youth, and community organisations for their commitment to community safety. Residents are urged to rung 999 to report as this feeds into the policing plan.

Questions

Q. Who is responsible for horses on football pitches/public parks?

A. The animal welfare section in DCC are responsible.

Q. Is there restriction on the amount of social housing? Two houses next door to each other on Cromwellsfort Road have been bought and allocated by DCC .Has the third house on the row been purchased by DCC ?

A. The DCC has purchased the third house on Cromwellsfort Road. DCC rep spoke with residents at the end of meeting to discuss this issue further.

Q What can be done regarding the illegal parking on Cooley Road and surrounding the hospital?

A. DCC have placed bollards along Cooley road outside the hospital to stop illegal parking. Permits were suggested but residents are not in favour. Gardaí /DCC will liaise with the hospital management regarding the situation.

Other information

- Gayle and Caroline introduced themselves as 2 new workers for the area under Walkinstown Family resource centre .Their roles are family support and youth work. They have been out and about engaging with local projects and outreaching to young people in the area. They are launching their new space with a coffee morning for residents in the Walkinstown community centre on Monday 19th July.
- Some members of Dynamic Drimnagh met with NBRU and Siptu in relation to the parking situation on Galtymore road to give support and raise concerns on the health and safety issues for the bus drivers. The decision on moving the bus route from Galtymore road to Mourne Road has been suspended.
- AGS are holding an open day in the Crumlin Garda station on Friday 23rd June from 12 to 3pm.
- A defibrillator has been purchased and installed in Crumlin Garda station.
- Architects are doing a redesign on the apartments for Keeper Road after an issue arose around on the height of them, this will go back to DCC and then go for planning at the end of June.