



Public meeting
Canal Area Community Safety
Forum
Our Lady of the Wayside school
Bluebell
27th February 2024

Attendance: Inspector Ian Lambe, Sgt Pat Culhane, Linda Fanning (DCC), Frank Murphy (DCC), Pat Smith (DCC),

Present: Cllr Daithí Doolan, Cllr Vincent Jackson.

Apologies: Justin O Brien (Chair), Superintendent Dave Butler.

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 at the moment?

- Gardai visibility in the area,
- Gardai clinics in the community centre.
- Reduction in scramblers/bikes
- Community Forums
- Good Community Spirit
- Community Groups -football clubs, sister sheds, youth project
- Community Centre-all weather pitch.
- Bungalow-CDP.
- Regeneration is beginning.
- Street Lighting has improved.
- Integration of new communities into the area.

What are the issues in your area re Community Safety?

- Illegal and double Parking at community centre and surrounding roads on match and training days. It's unsafe for children and residents.
- Overgrown trees
- Feeling unsafe in the community
- Drug dealing.
- Gangs loitering at shops is intimidating.
- Scramblers and Bikes speeding on canal and roads. Bikes destroyed park recently.
- Lack of Gardaí on foot patrols
- Garda response time, not knowing community Gardaí.
- Community Centre is being ran as a business and not available for community use.
- All weather pitch is only available for 1 hour per day for community use.
- Uncertainty on Regeneration
- Lack of communication to the community on local meetings
- Poor turn out at meetings-lack of advertising.
- Slow turn around on DCC properties coming back on stream.
- ASB on Luas
- Poor Bus service
- Racial abuse in Inchicore.

Suggested solutions

- Adjust gates at Park to stop quad bikes, scramblers and horses entering.
- Action on illegal parking.
- More hours for community groups in community centre
- Increase free play hours for local children on all-weather pitch.
- Church car park could facilitate overflow parking.
- Broaden invites to meetings. Better communication.
- People attending meetings to include email address to receive meeting notifications.
- Invite young people to meetings to get their input
- CDP extend hours for evening activities
- More Gardaí on foot patrols

Responses from Gardaí and DCC

DCC

- Waterways Ireland and AGS are having onsite meetings on the canal, to pinpoint sites for CCTV, lighting improvements with the aim to improve safety.
- Will get Graffiti in inchicore removed.
- DCC Housing through CBL is advertised while maintenance is being carried out. This work is carried out by contractors and can be slow.
- DCC will ask Parks section to look at overgrown trees in the Bluebell area.
- DCC work closely with AGS on safety issues within the community.
- DCC are aware that there is a dispute going on in relation to use of the all-weather pitch, will enquire about more community access for the local children.

AGS

- AGS are aware of the hazardous parking and have handed out tickets for illegal parking at Community Centre, they have also linked in with football clubs and the community centre about the issue.
- Will take on board all the feedback form meeting tonight.
- Extra Gardaí on bikes will happen in a few months.
- AGS have patrols on luas, they meet with Transdev and will bring issues raised in relation to ASB and overcrowding on Luas.
- The 999 calls are handled by dispatchers in call centre who prioritise the calls, sometimes there may be only 1 or 2 cars for the whole district.
- Positive drugs raids yield small finds but discommodes dealers to other areas.

Email address for DCC and Gardaí for anyone to who wishes to make a confidential report.

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