



**Public meeting**  
**Canal Area Community Safety**  
**Forum**  
**St Andrews Community Centre**  
**Rialto**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024**

**Attendance:** Supt Dave Butler, Inspector Ian Lambe, Sgt Pat Culhane, (DCC), Frank Murphy (DCC), Pat Smith (DCC),

**Present:** Cllr Amar Ali

**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?**

- Garda response time has improved.
- New playground linear park
- Walkway at the side of James hospital has been upgraded and reopened.
- Positive engagement/initiatives in the Community such as Multicultural Day, Rialto Arts Festival.
- Clean up days.
- Upkeep of public spaces.
- Community Garden Reuben Street.
- Increase of residents using Doorbell cameras.
- Neighbours looking out for each other/Community Spirit.
- Tenants Groups.
- Watts app groups.
- Local Action Groups - Inchicore For all Group.
- Collaborative work between Youth Services.
- Kayaking On Canal.
- Grattan Crescent Park

## What are the issues in your area re Community Safety?

- Open ongoing drug dealing day and night at Linear Park and surrounding areas. ASB/Intimidation. Residents are plagued by drug activity.
- Limited Garda response, lack of Garda visibility.
- Residents in Herbeton experiencing huge amount of ASB in hallways and outside of apartment blocks. Locks on doors broken, fobs cloned, post stolen.
- Residents in Inchicore Suites experiencing ASB in hallway.
- Nightly car break-ins in Bulfin estate area, residents told not to approach the offender.
- Racial verbal incidents, delivery drivers abused and attacked.
- Lack of respect
- Wildflower garden at Linear Park has to be removed to try address drug dealing.
- Mature trees cut down
- ASB on Luas
- Illegal parking, residents blocked in.
- E – Scooters speeding on paths
- Lack of public bins
- Illegal dumping Clarke Terrace / Mallin Avenue.
- Donore Community centre still closed
- Dog fouling

## Suggested solutions

- Litter warden to engage with schools.
- More ring doorbell cameras.
- More Gardaí resources for Linear Park/Herbeton and surrounding areas.
- Transdev/James hospital should be invited to Public meetings.
- Can builders park in the newly built carpark while building works are ongoing in Hospital?
- Can we use the opening of the new Hospital to push for more Gardaí resources?

## Responses from Gardaí and DCC

### DCC

- DCC are aware of issues in Herbeton and have been liaising with Management Company. There is a mixed tenure of social and private units within the complex.
- New signage campaign in relation to dog fouling is being rolled out.
- Illegal dumping can be reported on citizen's hub, if people want to give specific locations after the meeting DCC will pass on the information to public domain.
- Donore community centre to open early 2026.
- Unfortunately due to GDPR CCTV cannot be placed in all public areas. DCC can install CCTV in their complexes.

### AGS

- AGS are aware of issues in Herbeton and along Linear park, have met with residents and area
- Due to GDPR installation of CCTV is complicated, this is under review.
- AGS are conscious that ASB can increase over the summer months, are aware of hotspots and constantly trying to maximise impact and will deploy resources where needed.
- Priority is high visibility units ,commitment to community safety
- Drug unit is very active and have had great successes
- Confidential police line
- Happy to hear Garda response time has improved.
- 10 new Gardaí for the district.
- New call system is challenging but issues are being addressed, call 999 for emergency.

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

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