



Public meeting

D12 Community Safety Forum

Mourne Road Hall, Drimnagh

19th June 24

Chair: Cllr Pamela Kearns

Present: Insp Rob Smithers, Sgt Ciaran Wynne, John McEilly (DCC) , Pat Smyth (DCC).

Apologies: Superintendent Paul Maher

In attendance: Cllr Daithi Doolan, Cllr Ray Cunningham.

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?

- Gardai working well with Youth services.
- Garda response to shooting in the area.
- Gardai response in dealing with people with Mental Health issues
- Community Groups such as Tidy Drimnagh, Ladies Club, Men's Sheds, Women's Shed, G Force Fitness, Dynamic Drimnagh.
- Family support, Youth services, Tag programme
- Bosco, Our Lady's Hall.
- Good community spirit.
- Brickfield Park run.
- Improvements to Brickfield Park changing rooms.
- Community Watts app groups.
- Proposed Library
- Proposed Primary Care Centre
- Planters and extra bins.
- Sundrive park is a good example with services and facilities.
- GAA pitch bunting Road
- Lansdown valley park is dog friendly.
- Diversity of people living in the area

What is not working well in the area

- Drug Dealing in the area and parks.
- Gun crime, recent incident very frightening for residents and not acceptable .
- Use of Nitrous oxide is concerning.
- Dangerous dogs unmuzzled and off lead in parks.
- Area feels unsafe for residents.
- Racial incidents.
- Lack of Garda visibility
- New housing construction - lack of facilities /resources, poor planning and no community consultation.
- Allocation of Vulnerable tenants.
- House burglaries.
- Poor Public Lighting.
- Illegal parking on Galtymore road, Curlew Road.
- Illegal scooters and scramblers.
- Speeding on Davitt Road
- Dog fouling.
- Lack of bins.
- Illegal dumping

Suggestions

- More resources and facilities.
- More resources for youth initiatives particularly the Bosco, Gap in services for young men.
- Community consultation re housing ie facilities / traffic management
- DCC to reinstate vacant houses to housing stock.
- Bigger participation from sports clubs.
- Bollards outside Crumlin hospital to stop illegal parking.
- Clean streets more bins needed.
- To tackle racism could DCC circulate flyer debunking myths ?.
- Demand more garda resources for the area.
- Recognise the work and contributions of local volunteers to the community .

DCC Response

- Most housing allocations is done through Choice Based letting Scheme (CBL) . There was a huge demand from the recent new units in Eleanora Court. This will be managed by Respond.
- Turn over of empty units is a slow process, DCC employ contractors to do some of this work.
- Issues with Public lighting / parking can be passed on if people give specific roads/areas at end of meeting.
- DCC animal welfare officers are working closely with AGS on the issue of dangerous dogs.
- The national development plan decides how many car parking spaces should be assigned to each new housing build.
- DCC will look at the suggestion of distributing leaflet with an aim to address myths about new communities.
- DCC/SDCC hold award ceremonies for volunteers.

Cllr Daithi Doolan prided the local community on how they supported each other on the night of the recent incident on Knocknaree Road. It showed a great community spirit amid the tragic event. He commended the Gardai on the fantastic job they do and the need to demand for more resources for the area. He will raise the issue along with asking for clarity on the timeline of the new Primary Care unit and the library .

Gardai Response

- Number of operations are ongoing in the area to tackle drug dealing; the Drugs units is very active and have has a lot of success.
- Community Response is a specific team to target ASB and can be deployed wherever needed.
- Operation Irene is to counter anti-social behaviour in parks and open spaces.
- Gardai in Crumlin and Sundrive stations have finite resources, but the staff are dedicated and professional and are doing their best for the area.
- There is a dedicated Cour Order unit who monitor bail conditions of offenders.
- Report crime to 999 , it will be logged and managed and the response is monitored.
- Community Gardai have been assigned to setting up local neighbour watch schemes
- AGS with DCC anima welfare officers have had joint days of action in relation t dangerous dogs, fines have been issued.
- 5 new gardai for the area in July which 3 will be in Sundrive station.
- Gardai are working very closely with youth services such as Solas /Clay with an aim to divert young people away from crime.
- Crumlin Garda Station are holding an Open day on Saturday 22 nd June at 12 to 3pm.

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