



SWIC Public Meeting

St Catherines Thomas Street.

6th June 2024

Chair Evan Moore

Present Superintendent Dave Butler, Inspector Aine McCarville, Linda Fanning (DCC), Frank Murphy (DCC).

In attendance Bernie Lillis (DCC), Cllr Maire Devine .

Feedback from issues that were raised at the last public meeting on 14th March 2024

DCC

Street Lighting - Public Lighting Section is in the process of upgrading units with LED bulbs. They hope to have 70 streets completed by September.

Shortage of street bins – there are 12 public bins along Thomas Street/Meath Street. Some bins were removed due to illegal contraband being stored in them, some business don't want bins outside their premises.

Dangerous Dogs – Animal welfare officers have carried out days of action in DCC complexes and parks and issued some fines.

Engagement with DCC issues can be reported through the DCC portal, DCC email addresses are also available from table at end of room.

High visibility units for hotspot ASB areas has been rolled out and working well.

AGS

Dangerous Dogs -AGS with DCC Animal welfare and have carried out days of action on 24th Aril /15th May based on complaints re Dogs.

Drug intimidation leaflet is available after the meeting. Gardaí will be doing a leaflet drop in various areas to encourage people to reach out for support through the email address provided.

GardaSAFE - Gardaí recognise there may be small issues with the new call and dispatch system, there is work going on to improve this.

Community Events -Gardaí are involved in various positive initiatives events such as Liberties 5k, Africa day, setting up business watch group for Thomas St area.

Bernadette Lillis (DCC Litter Prevention Officer) gave a brief update on dog fouling awareness campaign. She will bring issues to the management related to cleanliness that were voiced by residents .

Issues raised

- Open Drug dealing and Open Drug taking on every street and laneway.
- Drug and Crime.
- Drug dealing linear park, Herbeton apartments.
- Grooming of young people to get involved in the Drug trade.
- Serious ASB happening from a property, this has been reported to DCC and AGS with no consequences.
- Dangerous Dogs without muzzles or leashes in complexes and parks leaving people terrified. Dogs being used as tools of intimidation.
- More Garda presence needed on streets. The Tenters area has noticed good Garda presence during the day, but not at night.
- Violent incidents in Weaver Park Square.
- Incident of over forty cars vandalised on Donore avenue/Weaver Park.

- Lack of DCC Senior management present at meetings.
- Overflowing bins/not enough street bins.
- Filthy streets. No public toilets in the area
- Clean up seems to happen before meetings.
- Dog poo -suggestion of giving free bags to residents.
- Horse poo-who is responsible to ensure owners have bags.
- Poor street lighting.
- No public meeting for Canal CSF.
- DCC do not hold clinics from offices in their complexes like years ago.
- Robbery in local shop – no Gardai response.
- Wait time at public counter in Kevin Street Garda Station.
- Suggestion -To hold a meet and greet for residents to meet Community Gardai.
- There are many positive things happening in the liberties area, a lot of tourism area plea for the streets to be kept cleaned.

Responses

Chair

The purpose of the meetings is to focus on **Community Safety** issues. The Community safety issues raised are brought to the Four Forums where they are discussed. If they cannot be resolved at that level, they are escalated to the Joint Policing Committee. There are 4 Community Safety forums in the Dublin South Central area, South West Inner City (SWIC), Ballyfermot /Chapelizod, Canal Area and Dublin 12 . All public meeting minutes and dates of upcoming public meetings, in relation to these forums can be found at dscforums.ie.

Dog poo /Horse poo etc are not Community safety issues so DCC waste management will not be in attendance at these meetings.

DCC

- Legislation re horse/carriages does not give power to DCC.
- Residents can call to front desk of local office Eblana House to make a complaint or enquiry. There are weekly clinics held by DCC project estate officers.

AGS

- AGS priority is Safety in the Community and work closely with DCC and other agencies to make sure ASB is addressed so residents can feel safe.
- Investigation is ongoing regarding crime in Donore Avenue area
- List of Community Gardai is available for everyone.
- Residents are encouraged to report all crimes this can be done phone or email address also provided at the meeting.