



Public Meeting
DUBLIN 12 LOCAL POLICING FORUM
Clogher Road Sport Centre, Crumlin
Tue 30th April, 2019

Chair: Cllr. Pat Dunne

Attendance: Superintendent Frank Ferry, Inspector Paul Sargent, Chris Butler (Dublin City Council), Andy Lane (South Dublin County Council)

Minutes: Rea Lavelle

Chair opened the meeting by welcoming the audience and introducing the officials present, including Superintendent Frank Ferry, whose recent appointment was welcomed. The audience was asked not to film any of the proceedings, to protect the public in attendance, and not to mention any names; Garda and Local Authority personnel would be available for anyone to talk to on a one-to-one basis after the meeting.

Garda Update

Inspector Sargent gave a report of current crime statistics and their comparison to the same week in 2018. Burglaries have come down, which was thought to be due to noticeable checkpoints; otherwise, no major changes in the statistics.

Drug Sergeant Report

Drug Sergeant Karl Moriarty gave a comprehensive presentation of his team's recent work. There has been an increase overall in drug captures (for sale and supply) this year, with heroin supply to the area almost completely cut off late last year. Around 50% of sale and supply drugs caught tends to be cannabis; 40% cocaine, and the rest tablets, which include illegal prescription drugs and ecstasy. A crystal meth laboratory was also discovered last year. There have been 101 captures this year of drug possession for personal use, most of these for cannabis and cocaine, including crack cocaine. The drug-unit actively targets around 30 people at any one time, and are also active around parks. Around 1800-2000 stop-and-searches are performed each year, and around 160 dwellings or premises are searched on a yearly basis.

Dublin City Council Report

Chris Butler informed the meeting that the changes planned to the electoral areas, due to take place immediately after May 24th Local Elections, mean that some new areas will be included in the DCC Crumlin office's remit. The public was reminded to check the register to make sure they were registered to vote in the Local and European elections.

The Crumlin DCC office have investigated 30 complaints made against their tenants this year, some of which were serious, involving alleged drug –dealing for example. DCC work with Gardaí and issue tenancy warnings; please contact DCC Crumlin office in confidence if you wish to make a complaint about anti-social behaviour associated with a tenant.

Questions/Issues Raised by the Public

Issue/Question	Response	Action
<p>Anti-social behaviour in parks, for example at Landsdowne Valley, was a concern for many of those present. It was claimed that gangs of youths are advertising park gatherings on social media. Drinking and intimidation of park users/residents takes place. A young person had also been maced at a park only yesterday.</p>	<p>Superintendent responded that he appreciates and will act on the information received from the public on this and other matters raised.</p>	<p>Superintendent will target parks to prevent ASB getting even worse in the summer months.</p>
<p>A new playground adjacent to Stannaway Road had not been fenced, which made it dangerous as a child can wonder onto the road very quickly.</p>		
<p>Those present felt strongly that not enough youth intervention was taking place in Dublin 12, and not enough visible or community policing.</p>	<p>Increase in Garda numbers is finally being seen on the ground, and community policing will also improve with civilians taking some of the paper-work burden off on-the-beat Garda personnel</p>	
<p>The (swing) park gates of Sundrive Park (Eamonn Ceannt Park) should be closed at night to stop the anti-social element accessing the park. As DCC was not able to commit to opening and closing the park daily, a member of public suggested that local Resident's Associations would be able to do this</p>	<p>The gates had not been locked to allow easier access for Gardaí in and out of the park, however the matter will be brought to the Parks Superintendent</p>	
<p>A resident on Sundrive Road reported that her and her elderly neighbour's front garden wall had been damaged 3 times by stolen cars crashing into it. Bollards had been requested but with no result.</p>	<p>Chris Butler will bring the request for bollards to the relevant DCC traffic department.</p>	
<p>Further CCTV cameras were requested, and the role of the new mobile CCTV unit was questioned; should the money have been spent on permanent cameras instead?</p>	<p>CCTV is installed at DCC flat complexes, however not monitored 24/7. Expensive to install and now also subject to the new data protection rules. Mobile unit currently used to monitor litter hotspots.</p>	<p>More CCTV is still being installed.</p>
<p>Litter and dog waste, as well as illegal dumping are a problem in many areas; CCTV alone will not solve this issue if there is no follow-up of the footage.</p>	<p>Extra money has been allocated to public Domain to catch litter/illegal dumping offenders.</p>	
<p>Public consultation was requested with allocations of DCC tenancies. A resident of Rutland Grove also said the road had been 'thought the mill' when at one point a DCC manager had told them that 15% of houses there had been allocated to families evicted</p>	<p>Chris Butler can arrange to meet with relevant resident's associations to discuss allocation procedures; however existing residents will</p>	

from other properties for anti-social behaviour.	not be able to pick new allocations.	
Concern was expressed over the large size of the congregating groups of youths ; some are coming from Dublin 8, as there are no green spaces there. More resources for youth outreach (such as the TRY programme based at Donore Avenue, Dublin 8) were called for, as well as a general increase in youth work resources in the area. Outreach projects have had success in other areas such as Ballyfermot and Clondalkin.	Gardaí have a case management system and will refer youths/gangs to their Youth Liaison Officers. BRU Youth Service in Crumlin village also due to start outreach work soon.	
The point was made that some of the young people involved in gangs or ASB are themselves from very chaotic homes and therefore have nowhere to go; they have a need for support but may feel their communities also do not want them around.	Recently set-up Drimnagh Task Force has asked youth projects in the area to join them to come up with solutions.	
Other anti-social behaviour reported included 12-13-year olds kicking in elderly neighbour's doors in the Landsdowne area, and the recent attacks on the SPAR at Clogher Road , where bottles had been thrown at passers-by, as well as threats of stabbing made. Break-ins were also reported having taken place.		
Joint-up efforts between different Garda districts was called for to tackle youth gangs (who sometimes organise to fight each other), as well as Garda monitoring of social media. Pro-active instead of reactive policing needed.	Gardaí review the operations around known hotspots for ASB on a daily basis. Preventative actions are also carried out.	
Swimming pool in Crumlin has closed again, and needs to re-open for the community, as well as to give young people somewhere to go.	Currently the pool is being re-tiled and resources are being sought to ensure that it will open 7 days per week in near future.	
St. Kevin's Gaelic Club had supported young people for decades, but now is under threat to lose 3 out of its 5 pitches.		