

Minutes of meeting 14th September 2013

**Present: Ruairi O'Dulaing Fingal County Council,
Operations**

Ann Lorrigan Fingal County Council, Housing

Inspector Michael Lynch, Gardaí

Sergeant Vincent Connolly, Gardaí

Gda Niall Behan, Gardaí

Phillip Keegan (Chair)

Philip Jennings (Facilitator)

**You said...the barbed wire on Corduff
Shops is an eyesore that makes the place
look filthy**

Response

The owner of the shops feels that it is both a financial and security issue. With residents now living there it was for their protection. It was acknowledged however that this has been an ongoing eyesore and bone of contention for many years in the area and still no satisfactory outcome.

Safer Blanchardstown to follow up

**You said... The wet grass on paths after
cutting last year was slippery, dangerous
and filthy looking**

Response

This now seems a distant memory as it was not an issue this year due to the excellent summer. Machines don't facilitate gathering the grass and in light of the many acres the council has to cut collecting and disposing of such large quantities of grass is an impossibility

3. You said...Derelict Building on Old Corduff Road is attracting a lot of ASB

Response

This issue has been resolved with the house now knocked, the site levelled and secure fencing in place

4. You said... Used needles found in the area

Response

The Mulhuddart/Corduff Community Drug Team stated that there were seven calls outs re needles being found in the D15 Area over the last couple of years. Some time ago it was reported that needles had been found at the Corduff shops. The CDT investigated this, and followed up with a search of the area at 7:00am on Monday morning. Apart from evidence of alcohol use there were no drug paraphernalia found.

Needles were found at the name stone for Corduff Grove/Park however these were dispensed with within an hour by the community drug team on being contacted by resident. Resident was happy with this response

5. You said... There is an increase in Smoking of Weed by young people in the area and this is a cause of grave concern

Response

One of the Garda responses is to stop and search individuals to try and interrupt the movement of drugs in the area. A couple of non-locals were found in possession of cannabis herb. The consequences for young people found in possession of cannabis are that parents are informed. This could then be followed up by arrest or informal caution. It was acknowledged that Corduff Drug issues were no greater or less than other communities.

Open day in Garda Station a great success

6. You Said... Parking at shops and in the estate by ITB students and staff still remains an issue

Response

Overspill into locality largely due to an increase of some 200 students. Discussion took place; Issues of clarity need to be sought with regard to what's legal and not. Suggestions re pay and display were thought not to be feasible in the long run as was double yellow lines. Local councillors and community reps are still liaising on the matter

7. You said... The speed of House turnaround is very slow

Response

There are 9 vacant boarded up houses at present in Corduff. Residents need to be re-assured re transparency and clarity of Fingal County Councils housing policy as residents are not aware of what the policy is, this leads to feelings of disenfranchisement. The fear locally is that this will lead to Racism with Racist Graffiti already emerging. The residents association feel that clustering of non-Irish nationals by F.C.C was not a good idea.

Some initiatives are being worked on at the moment with regard to integration by a local integration group established to reduce isolation and increase inclusion and participation

8. You said...Selling of illegal cigarettes.

Response

Gardaí followed through on this but there didn't appear to be an issue.

9. You said...Green Space at Sheephill/Westway re community Garden

Response

This issue has been resolved by the initiative being transferred to Corduff Resource Centre where a garden will be established on the grounds of the Centre. Roisin Devoy B.A.P gave input for plans for the Garden. This will involve local volunteer gardening enthusiasts' planting veg, fruit trees etc. on the grounds of the centre with the

aim of having affordable accessible and sustainable food for all and promoting the idea of community gardening.