



Shangan Newsflash

Rejuvenated Shangan Neighbourhood Forum Defends the General Interest of the Community

Welcome to the first edition of the Shangan Newsflash, produced by Shangan Forum in association with The Ballymun Neighbourhood Council.

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform the residents of what is going on in their area with regard to Regeneration Projects, Estate Management issues and other interesting stories.

Shangan Forum meets monthly and has the following volunteer representatives from the community and residents associations:

- Denis Kennedy - Chairperson
- Linda Murphy - Secretary
- Linda Farrell
- Liz Johnston
- Marie Cooper
- Olive Ryan
- Paddy Connolly
- Willie Meredith

The forum has now established a Regeneration Affairs sub-committee who meet once a month with BRL to bring issues of concern and find out the latest updates on the projects.

An Estate Management sub committee has also being set up to enable the forum to bring issues to DCC that are affecting the area and get updates on what DCC are doing in the Shangan area. This meeting will also take place on a monthly basis.

All of the Ballymun Neighbourhoods are in transition as the high-rise flats are being replaced by low-rise housing. The transition period is painful but few will argue that the regeneration is not necessary.

Issues To Be Dealt With

- **Anti-Community Behaviour.** Some residents believe that drug dealing, vandalism and intimidation by gangs of youth or even children have gotten out of control because the Ballymun estate was not managed properly by the Dublin City Council.

Shangan Forum believes that this is only correct up to a point. The forum also recognises that other issues such as parental control and peer pressure cannot be ignored. Garda resources are also seen as being insufficient to deal with the problem.

- **Regeneration Issues.** Undoubtedly the regeneration of Ballymun will bring many benefits to the community in the long-term. However, unless the community works together to get a balance between new housing and rejuvenation of the existing houses plus proper recreation space, no-one will win.

Shangan Neighbourhood Forum will work with local groups and statutory agencies to achieve this aim.

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Shangan Forum office will be open on Monday mornings from 10 am to 12 noon. Come and talk to us.

Regeneration Updates

Neighbourhood Centre

Following the Planning Departments decision to grant planning permission for the Neighbourhood Facility, an appeal was subsequently lodged. The current status is that Bord Pleannala have upheld the decision, subject to certain amendments e.g. there can be no off-licence facility with the Public House.

A copy of the planning judgement can be inspected in the Shangan Forum office on Mondays 10 am to noon, or contact Ballymun Regeneration Ltd at Ballymun Civic Centre

Tel: 6755660

Shangan Park

Work on Shangan Park started in September and the contract period is approximately sixteen weeks.

Shangan Road & Longdale Terrace

Residents of Shangan Road and Longdale Terrace were very concerned at the speed motorists are doing on these roads as it could lead to another injury or even a fatality due to the amount of children in the area. Longdale Residents Association requested immediate action and Dublin City Council conducted speed checks during the day but the residents say that the worst time is in the evening. Gardai have agreed to do random checks during the day and evening.

Shangan Nursery

Shangan Nursery was granted planning permission on the 29th July 2003 but due to planning objections the building area has been reduced by 15% which will also

mean a 15% reduction in the number of childcare places. The design team are currently making changes to comply with this condition.

Demolition

As you can see, no demolition has occurred yet; we are told the delays are due to insurance. Shangan forum have raised a number of concerns with BRL regarding the safety of children now that schools have returned and also to find out when the Shangan Avenue block that has been de tenanted and hoarded up for a number of months will actually be coming down.

The forum have requested that follow up Health & Safety information sessions be organised before the demolition will begin to ensure that everyone knows what will be happening and when and also to answer any questions they have around Health & Safety Issues.

Shangan 4 housing

The Shangan 4 housing site between Shangan Gardens and Shanliss Way, has been submitted for planning and you should see planning notices around the site.

The environmental improvement works to Shangan Gardens are all at design phase and should be carried out in advance of Shangan 4 construction beginning.

Whiteacre Park

Whiteacre Park is being developed as part of Shangan 4 housing scheme and is currently being designed and costs estimated. Ballymun Regeneration Ltd will make a presentation on this project to a public meeting, the date to be issued shortly.



The graphic above shows the front of the Shangan Centre facing on to Shangan Road.

On the right (top) shows rear of Centre at No. 19 Shangan

On the right (bottom) shows rear of the Centre at Shangan Green



GAP says; “Flowers, like these children, grow best when treated with care and love”.

GAP (Global Action Plan) Ballymun was established in 2001 to increase environmental awareness in Ballymun and help local people develop solutions to environmental issues in their communities. GAP operates in over 25 countries in three continents.

GAP Ballymun, gave residents throughout the estate plenty to smile about in Spring 2004. 10,000 daffodil and tulip bulbs were distributed, free of charge, between **22 September and 28 October** to anyone who was interested in bringing a little flower power to their garden.

Bulbs were available on a first come, first serve basis and volunteers were available on distribution days to help residents plant bulbs.

If you are interested in the environmental activities of GAP, contact Orla at 862 5846.



Whiteacre junior 'volunteers' waiting for Dublin City Lord Mayor Cllr. Royston Brady, gather at the award winning garden of Lynda Ward and Peter Lewis, Whiteacre Crescent.

New GAP Green Wheelie Bin Project (Extract from GAP press statement)

“As Ballymun's population begins to move from high rise to low rise style housing, residents are now being expected to take responsibility for their own waste,” said Jo Faulkner, Project Manager for GAP Ballymun.

“This new responsibility has created the potential for a public education and awareness initiative such as the Green Wheelie Bin Project. Our hope is that residents will not only reduce their household's waste, but also develop a keener awareness about the importance of recycling. If this is successful, we hope to roll this programme out to other areas in Ballymun.”

Contact Orla at 27 Shangan Road, Ballymun, D.9.

Anti-Social Behaviour Becoming Intolerable for Residents

It has been noted that all over Ballymun anti-social behaviour is on the increase with the perception that very little is being done by the authorities. Residents' report that calls to Gardai about a stoning incident in Woodhazel went unanswered and this has become a regular nightmare for the people that live there. The forum has been informed about reports of intimidation and residents have spoken of their fear of even going outside after dark. People have become so disillusioned by the Gardai attitude toward them that they are reluctant to even call them.

Dublin City Council Response

Ann Smith who is a new Estate Officer for Dublin City Council attended the October forum meeting and spoke about the procedures and the level of preparation needed to ensure that a case for anti social behaviour could be brought to court. Ann said that “in preparing cases for court eyewitness statements and irrefutable facts are needed.

Complaints should be submitted consistently to point to a pattern of anti-social behaviour and ideally they should monitor the situation and give DCC feedback on whether the situation has worsened or improved after the warnings have been received.”

Ann also reminded the forum that when people make complaints it is important they know it is totally confidential and that the following information is vital:

- Who was involved (Names, ages, descriptions)?
- What exactly happened?
- What were the times and dates of the incidents?
- Do you have an independent witness who could substantiate the allegations?

Telephone Numbers

Complaints or information in confidence to:
Ballymun Gardai: 01-666 4400
Garda Confidential Line: 1800 666111

or

Dublin City Council: 01-6755698 / 01-6755699

Shangan 4 Housing Goes For Planning Approval



Ballymun Regeneration Ltd have lodged the design for new housing to be built on a site between Shangan Gardens and Shanliss Way, Grove and Avenue.

- The development (illustrated above and below) will be a 69 unit residential scheme, consisting of 42 three-bed units, 16 two-bed units and 11 one-bed units. The proposed development includes associated external work, play areas and a park.
- The development also includes the provision of a swale in the park as part of the Ballymun-wide surface water attenuation strategy.



Shangan Park Nears Completion



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TO THIS PARK