

Residents Meeting with City Council 30th May 2019

Present for the City Council:

Ann Doherty - CEO

Noel Murtagh - Environment

Tony O Sullivan - Environment

Fearghal Reidy - Planning

Gerry O'Beirne - Roads

Adrienne Rodgers - Community, Culture & Place Making

Valerie O'Sullivan - Environment, Community, Culture & Place Making

Present for Resident's Association:

Catherine Clancy

Aidan Cahill

Rose Walsh

Residents thanked the Chief Executive and her team for giving the residents the opportunity to meet and also for the progress made on some issues.

The residents then outlined the following issues that required action:

Environment:

We asked that the litter and street cleaning regime introduced earlier in the year be made permanent. This was agreed to by City Council.

City Council Litter Dept. are to do a regular blitz on rented properties in the area to combat the overflowing bins especially in Magazine Rd., Highfield Ave., Highfield West, and Glasheen Rd. At our request this will begin around mid September.

We asked that with the introduction of the new litter laws/policy, how will landlords/tenants be informed of their obligations and fines/penalties? Is there a template of new policy available? City Council will send out templates to residents association. City Council to again contact Country Clean with a view to changing collection days especially with the new litter laws in place.

City Council are to re-engage with UCC on extending their Green Campus into surrounding areas including improving the public realm and encouraging students to use public transport?

The Council have agreed to have the outside of the Horgan's Buildings Centre cleaned and painted along with some signage.

They are also to follow up on Liam Casey's recent visit to the area with a view to improve the area between Pres. Fields and Bendemeer Pk. with some planting of trees shrubs etc. They will look to get sponsors(Bons, UCC & Hayfield Manor) for some of this work.

Roads:

Residents requested the installation of speed ramps on Magazine Rd. between Coolgarten Park and Bendemeer Pk. City Council agreed to look at this problem

again and will carry out further traffic surveys in September/October (timing is at our request).

Traffic surveys in Coolgarten Pk will also be carried out in Sept/Oct. and in the meantime they have agreed to move the recently placed speed sign at the Magazine Rd. end, which is too close to the corner.

Residents asked that the recently repaired footpaths on Magazine Rd. be protected by bollards and this will definitely be looked at positively.

We asked that traffic wardens hrs be extended to cover the increased parking hrs permitted. Ann Doherty replied that this would have a major cost impact but that into the future it would have to happen.

Traffic speed signs also requested for Glasheen Rd. and this is to be looked at again.

Asked if progress had been made on line painting parking spaces on Sheraton Court on Glasheen Rd. Mr O'Beirne stated that because they would have to line it to minimum legal requirements it would likely reduce the number of spaces available that are there at present.

We raised the problem of parking permits again and asked that some new criteria be looked at which would give preference to long term as against transient residents. We cited a recent survey which showed that 65 rented houses would be entitled to 260 permits in an area with 30 parking spaces. However Mr O'Beirne repeated that they cannot discriminate between permanent and short term residents but that they would look at ways of making it more difficult to obtain permits.

Work on changes to the exits of Coolgarten Park is still planned for but no definite date given. This would involve widening the footpaths on Magazine Rd and Glasheen Rd and the installation of bollards close to the exits.

We raised concerns on the proposed road traffic changes planned for Wilton Rd and the impact on our area. However we were assured that the aim of the plan was to actually alleviate traffic all over this area.

Planning:

Residents alarmed over the volume of PBSAs built or planned for the area. We asked that all future PBSA's be moved further out from our immediate area. Despite Council agreeing that we felt overrun with this type of development, we couldn't get any firm commitment for the future

We asked if any progress been made on ours and City Council's request to have planning permission be made a requirement for change of use of single occupancy dwellings to a multi-occupancy dwellings? Mr Fergal Reidy from Planning stated that this was still at government level and unlikely to be acted on in the short term future.

Meeting then concluded