

Minutes of Residents Meeting 9th May 2022

Chairperson opened the meeting with 28 residents in attendance along with Garda Trish O'Riordan, Nóirín Breen UCC, Dan Collins MTU and Deputy Colm Burke. Apologies received from Garda Sgt Mick O'Connell, Cllrs Thomas Moloney, Mick Finn & Colette Finn (all attending full City Council Meeting).

Garda Trish gave an assurance they Gardai have taken the increased level drug dealing and drug taking very seriously. Gardai have increased resources in the area especially around Wicherly Terrace and the Church grounds. Gardai have also increased patrols in the area and are penalising motorists for illegal after hours parking with a strong emphasis on targeting cars abusing disabled parking spots.

Nóirín Breen, UCC gave the meeting a detailed briefing on how she sees her role developing and building positive relations with residents. She is in the process of putting together a Neighbourhood Forum where she will engage with all stakeholders(residents groups, Gardai, City Council, students and UCC itself).

She has a series of events planned(Art classes, use of Mardyke etc.) over the coming months and urged residents to participate - details to follow. The Chairperson thanked Jo for her work with Nóirín in organising a Think Tank meeting with some residents with a view to sharing ideas.

Dan Collins, MTU informed the meeting that MTU are working with UCC on a common complaint system, which is expected to be in place before September. Dan also informed the meeting that he himself is taking a year long sabbatical later in September but gave assurances that MTU will have a replacement appointed before he leaves. This job spec. will include engaging with the various residents groups impacted by MTU.

Deputy Burke will brief the next meeting on the new RTB regulations.

Some residents expressed their anger at the new increased parking permit charges and found it difficult to understand how there are lower charges for Douglas and Ballincollig.

The Chairperson asked that with the increased charges and also the increased hours of permitted parking, traffic wardens should operate between 8am and 8pm. This is to be raised with our local councillors.

The increase of residential houses being purchased by landlords was highlighted, with concerns expressed that it was leading to the demise of a

residential community. Residents were asked to make complaints to the planning authorities at any indication of unauthorised extensions.

The Chairperson thanked Lima Lawn residents for their €100 contribution to the residents association.

The Chairperson also thanked residents for the recent successful Spring Clean.

The Chairperson thanked all for their attendance and stated that the next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 7th June at 7.30pm.**