

## **Minutes of Residents Meeting held on June 7th 2022**

Chairperson Catherine Clancy opened the meeting and welcomed the 27 residents in attendance along with Deputy Colm Burke TD, Cllrs. Colette Finn, Dan Boyle, Sean Martin & Mick Finn. Also in attendance were Sgt Mick O'Connell, Nóirín Breen, UCC, Dan Collins MTU and Norma Brown Programme Coordinator with Learning Neighbourhoods.

Apologies from Gary Mulcahy UCC, Cllr. Thomas Moloney and a number of residents who were unable to attend.

Residents raised their concerns at the ongoing difficulties with illegal after hours parking on Magazine and Glasheen Roads at the exits and entrance to Coolgarten Park and Horgan's Buildings which results in little or no access for Emergency Services. Cllr Mick Finn and Cllr Martin stated that extra funds had been provided for the double yellow line painting and they would highlight our concerns to City Council Roads Dept.

The Chairperson said that having extended the parking permit hours to 8pm in this area, City Council needed to extend the traffic warden patrols of the area to cover these extended hours. Cllrs agreed to raise this issue with City Council officials.

Cllr Colette Finn agreed to again clarify the starting times for the former Ryan's Garage Development. Local Cetti engineers claim that they have permission to start 7.30am and residents have been advised it is 8am.

Cllr Colette Finn to ask City Council to monitor the road junction changes at Denroche's Cross to ensure they comply with has been agreed with City Council.

A number of residents expressed anger at the increased parking permit charges. Cllr Dan Boyle stated that the increase in charges in addition to the limit of permits available to each property would discourage students from bringing their cars into the city.

The Chairperson thanked all the Cllrs. for their continued support.

Deputy Colm Burke outlined the new legislation on rented properties, which includes an obligation on all landlords to register their properties on an annual basis. The legislation also states that landlords can only collect one month's rent and one month's deposit in advance. They can no longer demand rent for the full college academic year(Sept. to May). Deputy Burke stated that he would forward the full details of the legislation changes to the Chairperson. The Chairperson said that while welcoming the changes, the ongoing lack enforcement by the RTB remains the main issue. Deputy Burke agreed to raise this issue again with the RTB.

Norma Brown then gave a brief outline on what Learning Neighbourhoods was all about. She explained the benefits it has already brought to a number communities

in the city, with an emphasis on life long learning. It would be community driven and it would be the community that would decide what it wants. The Chairperson thanked Norma and it was agreed that she would come back to us at a later date with a presentation.

Nóirín, UCC then gave an update on the events she is putting together over the summer months for the benefit of residents. Residents were again encouraged to join Nóirín's mailing list.

Nóirín outlined the reintroduction of the small grant scheme and asked the meeting to nominate a resident to be part of the Appraisal Group who would consider grant applications.

Nóirín also highlighted the expected shortage of student accommodation for the upcoming academic year and asked residents to consider taking in students.

Dan Collins, MTU stated that the university has finally put a full disciplinary policy in place, which includes a complaint system for residents. Dan stated that MTU will have a dedicated staff person looking after this area from August. MTU will acknowledge and follow up on all complaints and will keep the complainant updated on the progress of any investigations.

The Chairperson thanked Dan and MTU for this new policy.

Sgt Mick O'Connell then spoke and stated that it has been a quiet year in the area compared to the previous year, but that they very aware of an increase in drug dealing and as a result have put extra policing in place.

The Chairperson thanked all who helped to make our water station at the City Marathon a great success. Despite the inclement weather it was acknowledged that it was a very enjoyable event for both the residents and the runners. Thanks to Nóirín for attending on the day and for helping with water supplies.

**The Chairperson announced that we will hold a Community Day for residents in Wellington Square on 9th July from 11.30am - 1pm. Thanks to Aisling and the residents of Wellington Square for facilitating this. Light refreshments will be available on the day and following last year's successful event, the Chairperson encouraged all our top class bakers to bring all along some of their goodies.**

**Next Meeting 4th July 7.30pm.**