

## **Minutes of Residents Meeting 5th Sept 2022**

Chairperson Catherine Clancy opened meeting and welcomed 24 residents along with Sgt Mick O'Connell, Garda Laura O'Connor, Gary Mulcahy and John Warren both UCC.

Apologies from: Cllr Paudie Dineen and Keith Ricken, MTU.

Introduction to Garda Laura O'Connor our new Community Garda. Garda Laura thanked everybody for the welcome and promised hands on and full engagement with residents on any issues that arise.

Introduction to John Warren the new UCC Neighbourhood Support Officer. John thanked everybody for the welcome and gave details of his past community work and how he would work at improving community relations between residents, students and UCC itself. Residents encouraged to call in to John.

Update from Gary Mulcahy and Sgt Mick O'Connell on UCC new academic year including information on Sophomore Week - Freshers

UCC 2nd years to post Grad. return on 12th Sept - official Sophomore Week events will be held on site, Students Union doing night patrols along with the erecting of appropriate street signage in the area.

Sgt O'Connell assured residents that Gardai will have extra foot patrols on duty throughout the week, starting on Sunday 11th Sept.

UCC 1st Years return on 26th September - no Freshers Week. Freshers Ball scheduled for 27th Sept. at a venue in town.

Community Booklet and refuse collection arrangements being distributed to all houses in the area over the next two weeks.

Residents represented at Neighbourhood Forum Meeting 22nd Aug. inc. - info on the UCC new academic year, intro from John Warren. Parking issues highlighted again. Students to be encouraged to use public transport rather than bringing cars into the city. Costs to customers using private transport now being reduced so UCC to look at policies that reduce carbon footprint, eg. subsidised bus travel for students. Govt funding is available for these type of initiatives. Students Union President to follow up on this with UCC authorities.

MTU new Appointment - Keith Ricken, Student Services Officer who will liaise with residents on relevant issues. He has asked Catherine and myself to meet, which we plan to do in the next week or so.

Denroches Cross Development now almost complete with tree planting in place. Footpaths widened all around the area with Cllr Mick Finn asking Chief Executive and Assistant Chief Executive to examine road changes and possible future traffic holdups in the area.

Roadworks this week should complete the project. These works will result in night time road closures in the area.

Chairperson requested our Cllrs to ask City Council to resurface the the badly worn footpath from Centra to the former Ryans to match the upgraded footpath on the other side of the road(Annie Macs to Croaghtamore).

Thanks to our Cllrs especially Colette, Thomas and Mick in ensuring the work adhered to the plans and for ensuring the residents request for tree planting to soften the public realm was implemented.

We hope meet with NIDO who manage the site. Accomodation is fully booked at this stage.

Residents continue to have concerns with the Ryan's Garage Development, especially with regard to early starts and noise despite regular engagement. Also concerns expressed at apartments overlooking properties on Glasheen Rd. Cllrs to be contacted for clarity.

Frustration and anger expressed by many residents at the lack of any improvements by City Council to the public realm and to health and safety issues in the area, despite the issues being highlighted regularly by residents and councillors. This also despite the large contributions paid by developers to City Council in the area.

Ongoing issues with the RTB and the non registration of properties continue. Chairperson thanked Mary Doherty for her work on putting together an updated files on the registration status of rented properties in the area. 36.8% of privately rented properties remain unregistered. Chairperson still waiting on a reply from the RTB Director to her letter (including files) sent last February. The committee will now use Mary's updated file in their correspondence with RTB.

Chairperson congratulated resident Tara O'Hanlon and her family on her winning silver at the recent European Rowing Championships.

Chairperson thanked all who participated in a very successful Community Day in July - special thanks to Aisling and Wellington Square residents for the use of their beautiful area for the event. Special thanks also to UCC for supplying seating and tasty refreshments which were enjoyed by all. Also thanks to Deputy Colm Burke and Cllr Colette for their attendance

Thanks to Cllr Paudie Dineen for his contribution of €150 to the association from his ward funds.

Following suggestions from residents at the meeting, that because we haven't met physically as a group for almost two years, residents should consider making a small financial contribution to the association to cover any contingency that may arise. The Chairperson agreed and left it open to residents to contribute any amount they wished and said they could drop any contributions to our Treasurer, Rose Walsh or any member of the committee. As always, all contributions will be receipted.

Chairperson thanked all again for their attendance and closed the meeting.

**Next Meeting 7.30pm on Monday 3rd October**