

Minutes of Residents Meeting 3rd October.

Chairperson Catherine Clancy opened the meeting and welcomed 24 residents along with Sgt Mick O'Connell, Garda Laura O'Connor, Cllr Dan Boyle, John Warren UCC, Deirdre Creedon Academic Administrator, Keith Ricken Student Services Officer & Deirdre Falvey Student and Accommodation Services all MTU.

Apologies from: Cllrs Colette Finn, Thomas Moloney and Mick Finn. Apologies also from residents Rose and Janice Walsh, Noel and Mary Doherty.

Secretary apologised for the late start to the difficulties with the zoom link.

The Chairperson expressed her condolences on behalf of all, to Jo O'Halloran and her family on the recent death of her mother.

Sgt O'Connell, Garda Laura and John Warren, UCC gave an update on the recent Sophomore Week and Freshers events. It was agreed that both weeks went off almost trouble free with little or no house parties or antisocial behaviour. The Chairperson thanked all involved, and especially Gardai for their high visible presence in the area throughout. Garda Laura and John Warren were commended for their proactive contribution.

The Chairperson did raise the unacceptable queuing on the public footpath at 8am outside Annie Macs pub. She stated that this was not acceptable in a residential area.

The Chairperson then welcomed the MTU personnel to the meeting. Having met in September she was confident that the association will build a strong relationship with MTU similar to what is there with UCC.

Deirdre Creedon and Keith Ricken then outlined their future plans in engaging with residents and UCC to achieve the MTU mantra of **One Community**. With 30% of their students living in this area and sharing houses, they will continue to engage with UCC and their own students union in developing these policies and relationships. The Chairperson thanked MTU for their positive engagement and looked forward to working with them into the future.

The Chairperson stated that the committee had met with Michelle O'Connell, Administrator NIDO Student Complex, Denroches Cross. Following a tour of the complex, Michelle outlined how the complex operates inc. 24hr onsite security. Green planting area outside the complex is to be maintained by NIDO.

Discussion then followed on the continuing serious issue of illegal parking. Cllr Dan Boyle to ask City Council to extend the hours of the traffic wardens to cover the new extended parking hours restrictions in the area.

Cllr Dan also briefed the meeting on the BusConnect forum meetings taking place with a view to increasing public transport accessibility and a reduction in car traffic in the city. Residents Noel, Fergus and Aodhán, thanked for their input and submissions into this project.

UCC and MTU agreed to examine the possibility of providing subsidised transport for their students.

City Council to be asked to reline the road markings in the area especially in Lima Lawn, where the present lines are barely visible. City Council also to be asked to line the parking area on Glasheen Rd between the top of St Finbarrs Park and the top of Hartlands Ave. which would ensure maximum parking spaces are available.

The Chairperson stated that following our recent press release and correspondence to the RTB on unregistered properties, she received a reply and an apology for not replying to our correspondence back in February of this year. There was also a commitment to reply to the issues raised which included a list of unregistered properties. Mary D and Mairead Harrington thanked for their work on this and special thanks to Niamh Hennessy who ensures our Press Releases get publicity.

Cllr Dan Boyle thanked for his Ward contribution as were the residents including Lima Lawn residents for their contributions to our Treasurer Rose Walsh.

The Chairperson stated that the two UCC CARL Projects, where residents collaborated with two UCC students are now completed. Iesa's Masters dissertation in particular throwing up some interesting statistics,.

John Warren stated that the Art classes are starting again in the next week or so and he is working on making Gym membership and Yoga Classes available to residents.

The Chairperson is to engage with John Warren on holding a Social Evening for residents in UCC on 22nd November - time and date to be confirmed.

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

Next Meeting scheduled for 7.30pm, Mon 7th November.