

Minutes of Residents Meeting 7th Nov. 2022

Chairperson, Catherine Clancy opened the meeting and welcomed 22 residents along with Garda Laura O'Connor, John Warren UCC, Deirdre Falvey & Keith Ricken MTU, Cllrs Colette Finn and Thomas Moloney.

Apologies from residents, Phyllis, Bob, Tom and Sadie, and from Sgt Mick O'Connell, Cllrs Dan Boyle, Paudie Dineen and Sean Martin.

Update from Garda Laura - Little or no antisocial behaviour issues reported. Main issues now is illegal parking (especially night time). Gardai issuing tickets now on a regular basis.

During business hours, residents advised to contact Traffic Enforcement(021 4924382) who will promptly dispatch traffic wardens to illegal parking issues.

Residents expressed serious concerns at the recent increase of traffic in the area, which results in holdups and with motorists speeding and mounting footpaths to make up for lost time. Speed Cameras suggested.

Cllr Finn stated that City Council are examining the traffic situation around Coolgarten exits, which will in turn examine the traffic levels around Magazine And Glasheen area.

Residents suggested, that as all PBSAs do not allow parking for students, parking permits should only be issued to long term residents, as is the case in cities throughout Europe. This would also be beneficial to the new BusConnect traffic corridors project.

Chairperson congratulated John Warren on the recent marriage to Louise and wished them both well.

John gave an update on UCC issues. John and Asha(Students Union) are working on an initiative to get the country bus system up and running as before. Buses would be made available on Fridays & Sundays to bring students to and from homes.

KARL project - John meeting with Iesa and Patricia to discuss their projects, which are due to be published in just over 2 weeks time.

Art and Yoga classes along with Gym membership for residents all now up and running. Interested residents should contact John directly.

Next Neighbourhood Forum meeting scheduled for 18th November.

Keith Ricken gave an update on new MTU initiatives, which include:

Shared booklet with UCC for agreed for Autumn 2023

Student Discipline Policy hasn't been approved by Governing Body yet but is very much in progress. Code of Conduct however has been approved.

Keith has discussed residents concerns and social responsibility with MTU Class Reps.

All students have been emailed re Community awareness and One Community ethos.

Keith will email all MTU students re Christmas Jumper event scheduled 24th Nov to again remind students of their social responsibilities.

The Chairperson stated that MTU, despite numerous attempts had failed to engage with residents positively for a number of years. She thanked Keith and Deirdre and also Deirdre Creedon for the tremendous progress made over the last two months and trusted that this engagement will continue into the future.

Cllr Colette Finn has made contact with the Planning Office in City Council on the provision of completed drawings of the former Ryans site and will talk to the residents who have concerns on the future overlooking issues.

The Chairperson thanked Cllr Finn for the recent walkabout with the committee with a view to improving the public realm and urged UCC to become proactive in extending their Green Campus out into the community.

The Chairperson thanked Cllr Moloney for his €300 ward contribution to the association and for his continued support on all issues.

Serious concerns were raised at a planning application for the building of a bungalow in the rear garden of no.10 St Claires Ave. At present the house itself is undergoing a major rebuild including an extension. Residents urged to make submissions on this application. Cllr Moloney to get info on the plans and forward same to residents.

Waiting on a detailed response from the RTB to our complaints on non registration of privately rented properties.

Residents Social Evening scheduled for 6pm to 8pm approx Wed 23rd Nov in UCC Student (Scolaire) Centre. Light refreshments/finger food etc will be available. With COVID and Zoom meetings, this is the first opportunity for some time for residents to meet-up for an informal chat, so all welcome.

A Cork Community Safety Forum meeting for this area is being held in the UCC Student Hub at 7.30pm on Thursday 24th November. Senior Gardai, City Council Officials and City Cllrs will be in attendance. It is an ideal opportunity to listen and air views on all aspects of safety in the area and we urge residents to attend.

No meeting in December

Next meeting scheduled for 7.30pm, 9th January 2023.