

## Minutes of Residents Meeting 7th March 2023

Chairperson Catherine Clancy opened the meeting and welcomed 22 residents along with Garda Laura O'Connor, John Warren UCC, Deirdre Creedon and Deirdre Falvey both MTU and Cllrs Sean Martin, Colette Finn and Mick Finn, Apologies from Sgt Mick O'Connell and a number of residents.

John Warren and Garda Laura both gave a review on a successful and trouble free Rag Week. They thanked all stakeholders especially the Students Union, the SCS patrols and students. The Students Union raised over €30,000 for the nominated charities.

Residents thanked John Warren and Gardai and remarked on the success of the event stating it was the quietest Rag Week for many years.

Special mention was made of the part played by Superintendent John Deasy in getting all stakeholders together in Anglesea Street prior to the event.

Deirdre Creedon MTU gave details on how the University is now engaging with UCC on many common issues. Deirdre also stated the the MTU Disciplinary Procedures (both on and off campus) are reviewed on an annual basis and that the residents recent submission on the Code of Conduct will be taken into account at the next review.

Deirdre Falvey told the meeting of an MTU Student Race Day event in Mallow on Thursday 23rd March. Students attending that event are likely to return and socialise in the city that evening. Garda Laura noted same.

Parking issues were again raised and Cllr Mick Finn stated that he had requested City Council to do a blitz on the every increasing illegal parking after 4pm. The Chairperson acknowledged there would be a cost involved but stated that fines issued in one hour would more than cover any costs. Cllr Martin has also raised this issue at Council level.

Deirdre Creedon, MTU suggested that this was an area that MTU and UCC could work together on in a joint effort to encourage students to use public transport in getting to and from university.

The Chairperson along with the Cllrs stated that there are grants available to encourage the use of public transport and that both universities should avail of the funds so as to discourage their students in bringing cars into the city.

Neighbourhood Forum update: Following a request by residents at a previous meeting, UCC stated that they would finance and install a defibrillator in the area. A suitable site will be identified over the coming weeks.

Resident representative requested UCC to extend their Green Campus in the neighbouring communities and highlighted areas where this could be done.

Terms of references for Forum are being examined with agreement that it should be an action forum where issues can be raised and if agreed would be progressed and reviewed at subsequent meetings.

Cllrs Colette Finn and Sean Martin stated that the Local Area Committee are looking at the greening of the area and that there are funds/grants available (City of

Welcome Fund). Cllrs agreed to ask Martin Dineen CCC to contact the Chairperson with a view to progress this work. UCC also requested to participate in this work. John Warren to liaise with his contact in CCC on this.

Chairperson stated that new correspondence has been sent to RTB and local politicians on the continuing non registration of local privately rented properties. New Press Release to be issued in the coming days. - Thanks to Mairead and Niamh for their support on this issue.

Chairperson thanked residents who had made submissions to An Bord Pleanála on the proposed construction of a bungalow in the rear garden of 10 St Clares Ave. Further correspondence sent to City Council on the extension to the main house at the same address.

Chairperson stated that the annual Spring Clean is scheduled for Sat 15th April 10am-12 noon.

Chairperson thanked all for their attendance.

**Next Meeting 7.30pm on Tue 4th April.**