

## **Minutes Residents Meeting 4th April**

Chairperson Catherine Clancy opened the meeting and welcomed 23 residents along with Sgt Mick O'Connell, Garda Laura O'Connor, John Warren UCC, Keith Ricken and Deirdre Falvey both MTU and Cllrs Thomas Moloney, Dan Boyle and Mick Finn, Apologies from Cllrs Colette Finn and Paudie Dineen and a number of residents unable to attend.

John Warren outlined details of UCC study exam schedules with most students finishing by 2/3 week in May. John thanked for his initiatives such as prizes for students keeping their houses and garden respectable and asked to keep a check on these issues as students leave for home.

Deirdre Falvey MTU had no reports of antisocial and their study and exam schedules are similar to UCC with closure on 3rd week of May. Keith Ricken then gave details on how MTU connect with their students on a regular basis to ensure that they are constantly made aware of their responsibilities towards the neighbouring communities. This ongoing connection also assists students with their own mental wellbeing.

Sgt Mick O'Connell and Garda Laura reported that there were no antisocial issues in this area in the last two months but will continue their patrols.

The ongoing illegal parking issue was discussed at length, with the general belief being that there are too many cars coming into the area. The chairperson stated the issue was the main issue discussed at the recent Safety Forum meetings in Nano Nagle complex and SMA in Wilton which was attended by a team of Gardai including Superintendent Deasy and Superintendent Kennelly. Gardai will continue to do an after hours blitz with fines for illegal parking. City Council traffic division also thanked for the regular attention by the traffic wardens in the area.

Cllr Moloney has requested City Council to extend the traffic warden hours and awaits a reply.

UCC and MTU requested to engage with Bus Eireann and City Council on the provision of subsidised transport for students. The chairperson suggested to both universities that they introduce a pilot scheme from one rural town on a trial basis. This will be raised at the next Neighbourhood Forum meeting in UCC. Cllrs Boyle and Moloney supported this.

Criticism was levelled at Cork City Council at their complete lack of engagement on improving the public realm of the area. Despite residents and local councillors persistent lobbying City Council since 2017, there is no evidence of any improvements.

Comparisons were made with neighbouring areas such as Togher, Ballyphehane and Bishopstown. Cllrs to raise issues again with the Council.

The chairperson gave details on the recent meeting residents held with the Louise Loughlin Deputy Director of RTB.

RTB have agreed to come back to residents with the results of their investigation into the most recent file of unregistered private properties in the area. However residents were disappointed with the outcome of the meeting, when informed that RTB are not organised internally to do active investigation of unregistered properties and they continue to depend on landlords to self register and do enforcements only on third party complaints(from tenants, residents, local authorities etc.). Despite a new RTB Strategic

Objective being introduced in June 2023, there will be no short term fix to the current policy.

Confirmation given that the 216 bus service will continue into the future, with a change to the route proposed under the BusConnect transport system. No change is proposed to the route from CUH to city centre.

Fergus Hurley and Tom Roche will attend the upcoming BusConnect Forum meetings on behalf of residents.

Residents Association have been contacted by the organisers of this years Cork City Marathon and have agreed to have their usual water station for the event on Sunday 4th June.

Residents will hold their annual An Taisce Spring Clean on Saturday 14th April 10am to 12 noon. Meet up at Horgan's Building Centre.

The Chairperson thanked all for their attendance with the next meeting scheduled for 7.30pm on Tuesday 2nd May.