

Minutes Residents Meeting 2nd May 2023

Chairperson Catherine Clancy opened the meeting and welcomed 17 residents along with Sgt Mick O'Connell, John Warren UCC, Deirdre Creedon and Deirdre Falvey both MTU and Cllr Colette Finn.

Apologies received from Cllrs Dan Boyle, Thomas Moloney, Sean Martin and Mick Finn. and residents Bob Buckley, Mai Looney and Tom Roche.

John Warren detailed the following:

UCC exam schedules with most finishing 2nd week of May.

Neighbourhood Forum will run through the summer months, which will include attendance by the newly elected officers of the Students Union.

Bedsheets hanging from student rented properties removed.

Ongoing work being done on front of house litter issues especially 2 Ardculen, Magazine Rd.

Discussion ongoing with all stakeholders on the Student Booklet for the new academic year.

Update from Neighbourhood Forum held earlier:

Defibrillators being installed in Connaught Avenue and Sheraton Court with a third planned for lower Magazine Rd.

UCC to write to Country Clean with a request to change their collection day to Wednesday to avoid bins being on streets over weekends.

Increasing numbers of students with the additional cars coming into an already overcrowded area raised. Discussions on pilot transport scheme for students. JW will make contact with bus companies.

Deirdre Creedon MTU gave following details:

Exams running from 8th to 18th May.

No progress on a Student Booklet. they hope to engage with UCC on the possibility of a joint booklet???

No major change to the officers of MTU Students Union, who have to date been engaging positively with all other stakeholders.

UCC and MTU requested to give residents a calendar of events that are likely to impact on local communities.

Because of the successful policing of RAG Week and following a request by residents, Sgt Mick O'Connell committed to similar policing of Student Sophomore/Freshers Weeks and Christmas Day events, with Gardai working with UCC and all other stakeholders in advance.

Heated discussion followed on the ongoing parking issues in the area. Sgt Mick advised that vehicles can be towed if causing an obstruction (ie. preventing access for emergency services). In this instance, residents should contact Anglesea Street. However he did state that it would not be possible to tow away every vehicle parked on double yellow lines. Despite the demand on limited Garda resources, Sgt Mick stated that he would highlight the issue with the Traffic Section.

Cllrs Finn & Moloney thanked for their contribution from their ward funds to the RA. The Chairperson stated the RA, despite having funds cannot proceed with any improvements

to the area, without the approval of City Council. Cllr Finn to progress this with the Council.

Following residents request to fit frosted glass to the windows facing into Mount Finbarr at the Social Housing development on Glasheen Rd, Cllr Finn stated that she will again request the City Council engineer responsible to examine the request and make contact with concerned residents. Resident has tried unsuccessfully to make contact with this official. There was also a complaint that the developers had worked past midnight recently which is outside planning approval conditions. Again Cllr Finn with raise this with the appropriate City Council official.

Waiting on promised visit by City Council engineer to the area, with residents stating that this engineer rather than doing a walkabout, should drive in and around the junctions to see how dangerous and difficult it is in getting access to and from the area.

The Chairperson stated that following our recent meeting with the Deputy Director of RTB, we are waiting on a promised substantive response.

No decision from An Bord Pleanala on the development at 10 Dunavon, St Clares Avenue.

Under the BusConnect Plan, 216 Bus route from CUH to city centre to stay but will then proceed to train station rather than Monkstown as it does at present.

Chairperson thanked those residents who have attended the BusConnect/TFI forums.

Chairperson thanked everyone for the very successful and enjoyable recent Spring Clean.

Residents will have their annual City Marathon water station on Sun 4th June 8.30am to 1pm approx. Station will be at the junction of Magazine Rd and St Clares Avenue. Residents encouraged to come along to what is usually a great fun day.

Annual summer social get-together planned for Wellington Square(thanks to the residents there) on Saturday 24th June 11am to 1pm. Teas, coffee and light refreshments available All baking/goodies contributions welcome. All welcome, which will be our last get-together before the summer break.

Chairperson thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting.

Next Meeting scheduled for 7.30pm Tue 6th June