

Minutes Residents Meeting 6th June 2023

Apologies expressed for IT glitch with the zoom link, which resulted in the meeting starting a few minutes late, with difficulties experienced by some inc. Garda Laura in logging on.

Chairperson Catherine Clancy eventually opened the meeting and welcomed residents, Cllr Thomas Moloney, Cllr Colette Finn, Cllr Mick Finn, John Warren UCC, Keith Ricken and Deirdre Falvey both MTU.

Apologies from Cllr Dan Boyle. Also apologies from residents Aodhán(recovering from op.) and Kitty and Tim(family bereavement) along with a number of other residents unable to attend.

Update from John Warren on UCC:

New Students Union in place:

John available to meet or call to residents over summer.

Student Booklet ready by August.

John plans to meet all first year students in person in Sept.and then to meet smaller groups of students along with some residents in the areas where they are staying.

Thanks expressed to Garda Laura and her colleagues for their Community Engagement Event, where residents met with her along with John Warren and Colm Foley, the new Student Union President. Thanks also to the residents who attended - great idea to meet and greet.

MTU Update:

Originally planned to have a joint booklet with UCC and were disappointed that it didn't happen. Keith Ricken and Deirdre Falvey detailed how they engage with all students and the work being done on updating their community engagement.

Thanked the RA for their positive suggestions in progressing a new student community booklet.

In line with MTU engaging with local communities, it was stated that among the new Vice Presidents being appointed to the University, one of these positions will be Vice President, Community and People.

The Chairperson thanked MTU for this positive development and also for recent meeting and looked forward to ongoing engagement.

Cllr Moloney updated meeting on his ongoing discussions with City Council engineer re possible traffic solutions at the Magazine Rd and Glasheen Rd junctions with Coolgarten. Cllr Moloney, Cllr Finn and City engineer to revisit area in the coming weeks to discuss possible options. Chairperson thanked both Cllrs for their work on residents behalf.

Cllr Colette Finn will request City Council to upgrade the tarred area at the junction of Glasheen Rd and Hartlands Avenue(outside INMO office). Need of a serious upgrade.

Cllr Mick Finn agreed to the Chairperson's request that City Council make improvements to the roundabout at the bottom of Magazine and College Rds, which is in a very poor state especially as it is one of the the main approaches to UCC from the west.

Neighbourhood Forum Update: meeting 6th June:

New Student Union Officers introduced to the Forum.

RA thanked by the outgoing student officers for their work in highlighting issues of unregistered landlords with the RTB.

Residents representative requested that UCC undertake an impact study on the effect their annual increasing student and staff numbers are having on the locals areas and communities with particular emphasis on the increased number of cars coming into an area with very limited parking availability.

Pilot Transport Scheme to and from rural areas being looked at as just one option.

Residents met with Paul Finn, site engineer with Cetti(developers of the Ryans site), who outlined the progress on the development and how the completed development will look. Unfortunately nearby resident's properties to the South West and West of this development will be overlooked with most of the apartments having outdoor balconies.

The Chairperson then thanked residents for the very successfully run water station at the Cork City Marathon on Sunday last.

It was a great family occasion for all, including the young children, while also ensuring there was a plentiful supplies of water, oranges, bananas and jelly beans for the athletes who very much appreciated the effort.

Thanks was expressed to Lima Lawn residents who once again made a contribution the RA.

Our Annual Summer Social morning is planned for **Saturday June 24th 11am to 1pm** in Wellington Square. All families are welcome and light refreshments will be available. As in previous years any refreshments and/or home baking donated by residents will be greatly appreciated. Thanks to the residents of Wellington Square for facilitating the event.

Next Meeting 7.30pm Tuesday 5th September