

Minutes Residents Meeting 6th February 2024

Chairperson Catherine Clancy opened the meeting and welcomed residents along with Garda Laura, Cllrs Orla O'Leary and Dan Boyle, John Warren UCC, Keith Ricken and Deirdre Falvey both MTU.

Apologies from Sgt Mick O'Connell, Cllrs Thomas Moloney, Colette Finn, Mick Finn and Paudie Dineen.

Chairperson expressed condolences to Marie O'Connell and family on the death of Ursula our local pharmacist who has been serving the local community since 1964
Condolences also expressed to Garda Laura on the death of her grandmother.

Chairperson thanked John Warren UCC for facilitating our Christmas Social Evening and also the holding of a very successful Coffee Morning last week.

RAG Week:

Update from Gardai, UCC & MTU on RAG Week 11th-15th February including invite to Residents Association rep. to attend stakeholders meeting in Anglesea St with Supt. John Deasy.

MTU Park & Ride trial a big success. long term plan to extend to 24hr facility. MTU encouraging all students to participate in activities nightly 8pm to 10pm.

Neighbourhood Forum Meetings Report:

Review of Student Christmas Day event:

Thanks expressed to Garda for ensuring it was generally trouble free, no early morning queues, no house parties etc.

Residents concerns raised on behaviour of a minority of students - drinking and urinating on street especially early morning.

Disappointment expressed that some publicans refused to participate in Students Union ticketing system.

Illegal parking again highlighted as a Health & Safety issue as well as being an antisocial issue - suggested that UCC walk the area at night to witness same.

Defibrillators in UCC - waiting on delivery of Outer Cover Boxes - areas have been selected. Training available for those interested.

Request made that City Council rep. attend Neighbourhood Forum meetings. Cllrs Orla O'Leary and Dan Boyle to address this with City Council.

UCC and City Council asked to recognise the huge increase in student and staff numbers over the last ten years and that there needed to be an study done on the impact these increased numbers are having on the residential area.

Chairperson asked that a survey be done by both UCC and MTU on how students travel to and from college, how many own cars/use public transport etc.

Serious after hours illegal parking issue - Cllrs requested to ask City Council that this area be included as part of any pilot project on extending the hours of Traffic Wardens. It was also requested that parking disc requirement hrs signage on parks off Magazine Rd especially Coolgarten Park be changed to 20.30hrs similar to Magazine Rd itself. Cllr O'Leary agreed to raise this with City Council.

Ongoing issues with Cetti on Hartlands Square(formerly Ryans Garage). Cllr Dan Boyle stated that Cllr Colette Finn has been given assurances that City Council Planning will ensure that the development, which is nearing completion will comply with all the planning conditions inc. retention of boundary wall and fitting of window screen on west side..

Residents/Owners in Mount Finbarr and houses at Magazine Rd side have been consulted on these issues.

Cllr Finn also given assurances on upkeep of green spaces and signage at Denroches Cross area.

Chairperson welcomed Cllr Orla O'Leary to the meeting, stating that Henry Cremin her former party colleague was a big supporter of residents in the Association's early days.

Cllr O'Leary thanked residents and stated she was aware of the issues in the area and would support and raise these issues with City Council.

Resident Aodhán, thanked Bob Buckley for organising the Christmas street singalong for Horgan's Building Residents - great evening had by all.

Spring Clean - date to be decided before next meeting.

Chairperson thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting.

Next Meeting - 7.30pm 5th March