

## **Minutes of Residents Meeting 9th April 2024**

Chairperson Catherine Clancy opened the meeting and welcomed residents along with John Warren UCC, Keith Ricken MTU, Cllrs Dan Boyle, Thomas Moloney and Mick Finn, Sgt Tim McAuliffe and Garda Laura.

Apologies from Cllrs Colette Finn and Paudie Dineen along with a number of residents.

At the outset the Chairperson wished a speedy recovery from his injuries to resident Barry Looney.

As Cllrs Thos Moloney and Mick Finn are coming to the end of their terms and will not be seeking reelection, the chairperson thanked them for all their great work and support on residents behalf since we started back in 2016/7.

Sgt McAuliffe addressed the meeting and stated that there was a new high visibility Garda unit in place and also assured residents of action on illegal parking. He urged residents to keep in touch with Garda Laura on any concerns. He also stated that residents with concerns should contact Bridewell Garda Station 021 4943330.

Chairperson reported that Sgt Mick O'Connell sent email thanking residents for their good wishes in his new role and for their support to him during his time as Community Sergeant for the area.

John Warren UCC gave a brief outline of UCC activities with most students preparing for exams. New Students Union due to take over in June. He gave a summary of the Neighbourhood Forum meeting earlier in the day including the agreement by Stephen Koch, Commuter Manager UCC to meet up with two residents(Bob & Mick) to walk the area and discuss the parking issues.

Keith Ricken outlined activities in MTU, again with students preparing for exams. He stated that they regularly email students with reminders on respecting neighbouring communities. He stated that their Park & Ride project has been a huge success to date.

### **Council Issues and Updates:**

Chairperson thanked Cllr Paudie Dineen for his €250 ward contribution to the RA.

Chairperson thanked Cllrs Orla O'Leary and Colette Finn for sourcing information on €70k grant for specific changes re safety at junctions on Mag Rd & Glasheen Rd. The proposed changes will depend on further analysis and detailed design. Grant can only be spent on this project.

Likely to be public consultation on changes??? - so 2025 at earliest

Speed bumps project are now part of a Section 38 process which has to be passed at full City Council Meeting. We are asking local our Cllrs to get support from their colleagues in other areas to support this - likely to be Q4 at earliest.

Cllr Colette Finn and residents reps met with Emer O'Callaghan Grounds Section, Cork City Council to discuss improvements to the green areas at Denroches Cross. Originally installed poorly by the developer, now being completely redone by CCC, with works due to begin end of April. Chairperson thanked Cllr Finn for including residents at that meeting.

Cllrs asked to request Environment Dept to do litter inspections on rented properties in the area over the coming weeks especially with students preparing to leave these properties. There is an annual issue of the front of these properties being left littered at this time of year.

Some residents expressed dissatisfaction with the current resident parking permit applications. Cllr Mick Finn stated that in efforts to curtail abuse of the permit systems(6/7 permits per property), and also following complaints from RA on the abuse, CCC have attempted to curb the abuse by introducing restrictions.

Cllr Dan Boyle to get an update on traffic warden extended hrs pilot project inc. if this area is part of the project.

#### Housing Project:

Cllr Mick Finn indicated that the Cetti development at the former Ryans Garage is due from completion towards end of April/early May with City Council doing regular inspections.

Garda Community Safety Forum for the area scheduled for 23rd April 7.30pm at Nano Nagle (Evergreen Rd entrance). With senior Gardai and City Council present, Chairperson stated that it is an ideal opportunity for residents to raise any safety issues(law & order, illegal parking, blocked gullies, footpath conditions etc.). Residents encouraged to attend.

Annual Spring Clean scheduled for Saturday 13th April - usually a great turn out by residents. Light refreshments available at Horgans Buildings Community Rooms.

City Marathon 2nd June: Cllrs gave the meeting contact names in City Council with a view to supporting our successful water station.

Summer Social scheduled Wellington Square for 22nd June; Chairperson thanked John Warren & UCC for supporting this event and offering their Hub as an alternative venue in the event of bad weather.

**Next Meeting 7.30pm on 7th May**