

Minutes Residents Meeting 5th March 2024

Chairperson Catherine Clancy opened the meeting and welcomed residents along with Garda Laura, John Warren UCC, Deirdre Creedon and Deirdre Falvey both MTU. Residents from nearby McCurtain Villas were also welcomed.

Apologies from Sgt McAuliffe, Cllrs Orla O'Leary, Thos Moloney, Colette Finn, Dan Boyle as well as a number of residents.

Chairperson stated she was disappointed that for the first time since our early days in 2017, we had no councillors in attendance and she hoped that this was just a one off. She reiterated how important it was to have our local councillors support us.

The meeting was informed that Sgt Mick O'Connell has transferred to the Crime Prevention unit. The Chair congratulated and thanked him for all his work in supporting residents especially when antisocial behaviour was having a serious impact on the health and wellbeing of residents. Sergeant Sgt Tim McAuliffe is the new Community sergeant working with Gda Laura and her colleagues..

Rag Week: John Warren, Garda Laura and Deirdre Creedon gave a review of the weeks events with residents agreeing that it was quiet week overall. The Chairperson thanked all who contributed to the success of the event. The Chairperson also thanked resident Noel Doherty for expressing residents positive experience in a letter to the Evening Echo.

McCurtain Villas resident asked that SCS extend their hours to 6/7am to prevent early morning noise and upset.

Chairperson thanked CCC Street Cleaning Dept. for the excellent work done throughout the week with extra crews on duty, including outside normal business hours.

MTU: Deirdre Creedon stated that they had no on campus events during their student's Rag Week and that instead, MTU students had most likely attended the UCC events. Deirdre also informed the meeting that MTU students would be holding their annual Race Day event on 21st March in Mallow with buses leaving MTU early am. and returning to the city by bus 6pm approx and she hoped that there would not be any issues for residents..

Deirdre Falvey informed the meeting that MTU had plans and had the land to build future on campus accommodation but funding needed for this to proceed.

Neighbourhood Forum: Secretary gave residents an outline of what the work of the Forum entails and those who attend.

Residents from McCurtain Villas encouraged to get involved.

Main items discussed at the most recent forum were: Review of Rag Week,- over €30,000 raised for local charities, generally trouble free week.

Installations of defibrillators in the area(Sheraton Court, Connaught Avenue and waiting on Hayfield Manor to select site for third unit). John Warren to organise Training for interested residents. Meeting thanked Pat Cotter UCC for his work on this project, which was originally suggested by a local resident.

Illegal parking raised again as a Health and Safety issue for residents, with John Warren requesting that Stephan Koch, UCC Commuter Plan Manager meet with residents representatives.

Illegal Parking and the traffic volumes in the area. Discussion followed with residents along with McCurtain Villas residents, agreeing it was now the most serious issue for residents. Various suggestions were made and residents were encouraged to lobby their councillors on the issue. Chairperson thanked residents Bob and Mick for meeting with John Warren to discuss how UCC can assist the community on this.

Council Issues raised: details of proposed funding, parking permit applications, extension of traffic warden hrs, parking signage time changes etc, extension of manual street cleaning in the area.

However with no Cllrs in attendance, residents were encouraged to lobby all candidates in the upcoming Local Elections. Flyers available for residents. Cllr Moloney thanked for his ward contribution to the RA.

Cetti to be contacted for an update on works at the apartment development on the former Ryans Garage, Glasheen Rd.

Annual Street Cleaning registered with An Taisce and scheduled for Sat 13th April 10.30am to 12.00 noon.

Dates for residents calendar:

City Marathon Sun 2nd June - water station on Magazine Rd as always.

Annual Summer Social Morning Sat 22nd June.

Chairperson thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting.

Next Meeting Tue 9th April 7.30pm.