

Minutes of Residents Meeting 7th May 2024

Chairperson Catherine Clancy opened the meeting and welcomed residents along with John Warren UCC, Deirdre Creedon MTU.

Apologies from a number of residents and also Sgt Tim McAuliffe, Garda Laura(Holidays) and Kate Moriarty UCC.

Apologies also received Cllrs Colette Finn, Orla O'Leary, Mick Finn, Thomas Moloney and Dan Boyle.

The Chairperson explained Cllrs absence, informing the meeting that last night was official Poster Night for the upcoming elections and that all Cllrs would be busy and unavailable to attend.

Cllrs were thanked for their great support to residents over the past 5yrs and wished them well along with all the other candidates in the elections.

Cllrs Colette Finn, Orla O'Leary, Thomas Moloney, Dan Boyle and Paudie Dinneen were thanked for their ward contributions to the RA.

The secretary explained that as we don't have annual fees/subscriptions we depend on and are very grateful for these voluntary contributions.

They fund the associations various activities eg. Spring Clean gear, maintenance and planting of green areas, City Marathon Water Station, Summer Community Morning, Christmas Community Evening, Zoom A/C. etc.

UCC update: John Warren stated that exams were ongoing, officially ending on 18th May.

Students Union have circulated clothes bags for the Irish Cancer Society for students who wish to discard some of their clothes.

This facility is also available to residents for the next 2 weeks. Clothes bags available and can be returned to John's office.

Chairperson asked residents to contact City Council Environment(Litter Dept.) if they come across any overflowing bins or rubbish in front gardens of rented properties over the summer months.

John thanked residents for the success of the monthly Coffee Morning and plans to keep it running over summer.

Chairperson and John thanked Bob Buckley for walking the area with Stephan Koch, Commuter Mgr UCC to highlight the traffic volumes and the huge number cars parking in the area at evening/night time.

Stephan is now looking at the possibility of running a pilot country bus project during the next academic year.

New Student Union officers taking over in June and John will engage with them asap. John and the Chairperson thanked the outgoing SU officers for their great work and connection with permanent residents.

MTU update: As with UCC, Deirdre Creedon explained that MTU exams were ongoing inc. Saturdays and are scheduled to finish on 17th May.

New Students Union taking office in June with a 3 week handover from the outgoing officers. Deirdre also had high praise for their outgoing SU officers. Deirdre highlighted the success of their park 'n ride scheme which has finished for summer months.

Keith Ricken was thanked for sending info to RA on MTU's request to all of their students on behaviour code and to leave their rented properties in a clean and tidy condition.

Chairperson thanked both John and Deirdre for their universities continued positive engagement with the Residents Association.

Garda Community Safety Forum: The Chairperson stated that it was a very successful meeting with a large attendance of residents from all the neighbouring areas. An ideal forum to raise residents concerns with senior Gardai and City Council in attendance.

Issues raised included serious levels of drug taking and dealing, illegal parking and traffic volumes.

Cllrs Update:

The meeting was informed that that the traffic warden extended hours pilot project is in operation but clarity required if this area is included. If so, request to be made to City Council to change the disc parking traffic signs times from 18.30hrs to 20.30hrs.

With Cllrs not available it was decided to leave the council issues until after the local elections.

Hartlands House Update: Complaint made to Cetti following residents issue with all day extremely load noise with no prior notification. Cetti responded with explanation.

Project near completion and RA have been advised by Cetti of possible disruption as hoarding/machinery etc. being removed along with footpath upgrades.

Spring Clean: Very successful community morning with a great turn out as always. Nice get together after the clean up with thanks to Barbara for the tasty home baking and Rose W. for supplying all the goodies. City Council thanked for taking away all rubbish/litter collected.

City Marathon Sun 2nd June: We will have our annual water station as always at our usual spot just below Wellington Square and as always we are hoping for a big

turnout of residents. It has always been a great community morning with support, banter and sustenance for the athletes. Updates to follow
Waiting on positive response from City Council re. water supplies etc.

Annual Summer Community Morning: scheduled for Saturday 22nd June 11am to 1pm in Wellington Square with the Hub in UCC(thanks to John Warren) available if weather is bad. Updates to follow.

The Chairperson informed the meeting that Mary Doherty has agreed to take on the Secretary's role in September. Will arrange handover during summer months.

Next Monthly Meeting: With the local elections scheduled for 7th June it has been decided to postpone our next residents meeting to Sept. when we hope to have the re-elected/new councillors attend.

The Chairperson thanked all and closed the meeting