

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING TUESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2024

Apologies: Paudie Dineen, Shane O'Callaghan, Laura Harmon, Ena Foley, Joe Lynch, Albert Deasy, Catherine Clancy, Superintendent John Deasy, Claire & Noel Spillane

- Aidan Cahill chaired the meeting in Catherine's absence. He welcomed all present.
- Unfortunately we did not have many of our regular invitees from outside the residents' group. Meeting call sent to Councilors but we didn't have any attending on the night. Items from last months meeting will be reviewed again in November. Any update/progrerss from Councillors on the following :-
 1. Traffic Wardens
 2. Speed Ramps
 3. Signage (20.30 parking times)

FOR REVIEW AT NEXT MEETING

- Freshers Week was discussed and John Warren gave a report on same. Some small parties occurred but the Garda presence and the presence of Student Community Support helped to keep things under control. Frank Keating said some disturbance in McCurtin Villas. There was damage to house property. Garda were not called. Garda Laura said on all occasions residents should ring her and even if she is off duty she will pass it on to Garda on duty. This will 'nip things in the bud' early on and students will know what to expect. D. Falvey (MTU) didn't have any negatives to report on Freshers Week. Deirdre will forward copy of the MTU communications sent to all students during their first week back.
- John Warren said Booklet will be issued to all within the next week. And he also has completed Inductions will all students, emphasizing the connection with the local community. He also stated that more students are asking about the parking fines they are receiving. John confirmed that the need for students to be aware of their neighbourhood obligations is prominently displayed in handbook.
- Aidan Cahill thanked Scholarlee for facilitating Aodhan in parking his tricycle.
- There is a Safety Forum scheduled for 14 November in Nano Nagle Place (TBC)
- Garda Laura asked for any issues re parking/traffic accidents to be forwarded to her so that she can include for Garda meeting with City Council. Garda Laura said she will look into accident at Glasheen Road for more information.
- John Warren said he is planning a Forum meeting next week, probably 8 October next. He said he has had some communication with Sandy (City Council) re possibly putting pressure on Bin Providers to change days of collection. He will follow up.

- Car parking was discussed. Incidences like students parking in front of residents entrances and dangerous parking is unacceptable. If UCC parking spaces were open overnight it may lead to more security being necessary, and places not being vacated for the following day. J. Warren said this may not work. A strategic overview of parking needs to be undertaken.

FOR REVIEW AT NEXT MEETING

- Mick Monk stated that Bus Timetables are changing temporarily for Bus 208, 220 and 205 which will probably have a detrimental effect on student community and residents. He also stated that he felt there are less students on bikes than before.
- Aidan Cahill stated that Parking seems to be the No. 1 problem that is affecting us at the moment. There does not seem to be an easy solution but something needs to be done. Aidan said it was a pity we could not progress the items relating to the City Council, due to absence of Councillors. The following items will also be up for discussion at next meeting:
 1. Bollards on right hand side of Glasheen Road, coming out from Coolgarten Park
 2. Traffic lights for Tara Lawn, near bus stop
 3. NIDO and Den Roches X, upkeep of flower beds – City Council assistance required

FOR REVIEW AT NEXT MEETING

- Rose O’Sullivan said that she saw Wardens giving a ‘warning’ to students who parked in a disabled space. She felt that Tickets should be given for this without exception. Garda Laura stated that Garda will automatically issue ticket for this offence.

COFFEE MORNING next Friday 4 October 2024 at 11.00 a.m.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5 2024 AT 7.30 P.M.

Christmas Social scheduled for Tuesday 3 December 2023. Time to be confirmed.