

Minutes of Residents Meeting 5th November 2024

Chairperson Catherine Clancy opened the meeting and welcomed residents, Supt John Deasy, Garda Laura, Keith Ricken & Deirdre Falvey both MTU and John Warren UCC.

Apologies received from Mary & Noel Doherty, Sadie O'Mahony, Cllrs Fergal Dennehy and Joe Lynch.

The Chairperson expressed condolences on behalf of all to resident Sinead Hanley on the death of her father Mark, who for many years had a local shop on Magazine Rd.

Supt Deasy and Garda Laura outlined their policing plans for the upcoming Student Christmas Celebration Day on 21st November and assured residents of high visibility policing from early morning.

The Supt and Garda Laura are liaising with John Warren, Students Union, residents and owners of licensed premises.

Students Union in positive discussions with publicans on having ticketed arrangements in place, which should prevent large scale early morning queuing.

Student Patrols will operate from 2pm - 10pm. the consensus being that the event petered out around 9pm-10pm.

With MTU students almost certainly joining their UCC colleagues, Keith Ricken will be meeting MTU Students Union and also Class Representatives to emphasise standards of behaviour expected.

Ongoing illegal after hours parking raised again and remains one of the main concerns for residents. Many residents expressed anger at cars being parked at junctions, double yellow lines and disabled spots on a nightly basis.

Supt Deasy assured the meeting of a renewed strong enforcement on this issue.

Residents also raised the highly dangerous practice of cars being driven on the footpath on Magazine Rd from Wellington Square to Coolgarten Park. With very narrow footpaths this is extremely dangerous for residents leaving the properties, many of whom are elderly. This highly dangerous practice is common place on this stretch of road from 3.30pm to 6.30pm each weekday.

Chairperson asked that this be raised by residents at next weeks South City Safety Forum Meeting which is being held in Nano Nagle Building(Evergreen Rd entrance) on Tuesday next 12th November at 7.30pm. With Gardai and City Council officials in attendance, residents encouraged to attend

Chairperson thanked Cllr Laura Harmon for her recent ward contribution to the RA and stated that it will be used to finance the purchase of planters for the area of Magazine Rd at the top of Highfield Ave just across from Sicilian Delights Cafe.

Residents raised the very poor condition of the green areas at Denroches Cross. Chairperson agreed that they are badly overgrown and not being maintained as promised. She will contact Emer in City Council to address this issue.

With no Cllrs in attendance due to election canvassing, it was agreed to leave outstanding City Council issues until after the general election.

Chairperson stated that we are hoping for a big turn out for the annual Christmas Social Evening which will be held in the Student Centre in UCC on Tuesday 3rd December. Lord Mayor Dan Boyle has indicated that he will attend. Gardai and Cllrs to be invited.

Thanks expressed to UCC for facilitating the event.

Next Meeting will be held in early 2025 prior to RAG Week.

The meeting was cut short due to a technical issue with Zoom.