

MRRRA Minutes of Tuesday February 4th 2025 Meeting

Apologies : Cllr. Albert Deasy, Cllr. Niamh O'Connor

Catherine Clancy chaired the meeting.

We had 27 people in attendance on Zoom meeting, including Lord Mayor, Dan Boyle.

- COMMUNITY SPACE Catherine spoke with the Lord Mayor in relation to Community space in Horgan's Buildings. Lord Mayor said this premises is not allocated yet and that he was in communication with Rebecca Loughry (CCC) regarding same. We would be happy to meet with representatives to 'walk' the space.

For Review at Next Meeting

- RAG WEEK Rag week is 17 February to 21 February, and it unofficially starts on Sunday night, 16 February. John Warren, Students Union and Security Staff have been preparing for this. John Warren has said if any residents have issues re parties or noise they should ring him immediately. Superintendent John Deasy and his Gardai have also been preparing for this. Garda Laura has been calling on all pubs in the area in preparation. There will be a meeting of all parties involved, including local vintners, in Anglesea Street on Monday 10 February. Rubbish collection will be enhanced during the week, Gardai will be aware of potential parking issues. Aidan Cahill stated that the high visibility of Gardai and SU patrols does curb mis-behaviour during this week. Keith Ricken (MTU) stated they had RAG week last week and had no bad reports.

For Review at Next Meeting

- DEFIBRILATOR TRAINING - John Warren endeavouring to organise this for residents. And he will possibly place Defibrillator in Chemist, Magazine Road. John's monthly Forum meeting includes residents, SU, MTU SU and other interested parties.
- COUNCILLORS It is very disappointing that we did not have any Councillors attend our meeting. We had 2 apologies. It is imperative that Councillors would attend and assist residents in the ongoing issues that need representation at Council level. We have had very effective representation from existing and previous Councillors and residents really appreciate the impact of their input.

Ongoing review

- PARKING Parking problems are an ongoing issue for residents. These problems include illegal parking on 'double yellow lines'. In some instances this would prevent emergency vehicles accessing areas such as Coolgarten Park, Magazine Road, Horgans Buildings. Catherine Clancy stated that there is no Traffic Management on behalf of UCC in relation to its 22k students and 3k staff coming into the area. Aidan Cahill stated that survey in relation to Traffic Plan should be conducted by UCC. There is Traffic Calming happening in Coolgarten Park, approved by CCC. Hopefully it will happen early in the year. List of areas of particular concern to be sent to Super. Deasy

Ongoing review

- PLANTERS Catherine Clancy said that the Residents will be putting 2 Planters in open kerb space opposite Sicilian and 1 Planter in Horgan's Building space to enhance the public realm. The ward funds given to the Residents from Councillors will go towards some of this expense. Assistance is being given by SU members UCC. Thanks to Rose Walsh as Treasurer of the Residents Association for managing the income.

Will happen by end of February

- ISSUES FOR COUNCILLORS
- Maintenance of Den Roches X shrubbery
- Traffic Wardens – needed after 6.00 p.m.
- Ramps in Coolgarten
- Roundabout College Road/St Clares Avenue
- Pedestrian Crossing Tara Court

On going

- RESIDENTS PARKING ISSUES

Some Residents gave examples of problems they have experienced in last few weeks, including stolen cars, cars being broken into, cars parking on footpaths.

Superintendent Deasy stated that overall Cork City is safe. We have to be weary but generally it is safe, said Super. Deasy Catherine Clancy said people need to be aware and to report any issues immediately to Gardai.

On going

- Aidan Cahill mentioned that a resident has applied for some small retention issues in his house and that he received 5 objections from Landlords relating to his application. He has since received almost full approval from CCC. However, he felt that this was targeted by the Landlords, which is very disappointing.
- Planning at Dunavon, St. Clares Avenue did not have enough information included by Landlord, so observations from Residents will proceed at a later stage.

NEXT MEETING 4 March 2025 at 7.30 p.m.