

Minutes of Magazine Road Residents Association Tuesday 1 April at 7.30 p.m.

Apologies: Cllr. Paudie Dineen, Cllr Niamh O'Connor, Aodhan Quinlan

Catherine Clancy chaired the meeting. (26 participants)

Catherine Clancy began the meeting by sending condolences to MTU Staff and Students on the recent loss of one of their students, Darragh McCarthy.

Catherine asked Superintendent Deasy if there was any update on extension of traffic warden hours to cover the evening after 6.00 p.m. when most of the traffic issues begin in our area. Superintendent Deasy stated that he has been in contact with City Council outlining the issues. It has obviously a financial impact. As Catherine Clancy stated she does not want the Garda to have to deal with these matters on every occasion, when a Traffic Management Plan would be most beneficial and would bring solutions.

SPRING CLEAN: Our Annual Spring Clean will be 12 April next at 10.00 to 12.00. We don't have access to Horgan's Buildings, however, we will meet outside Horgan's Buildings as usual. We have plenty of bags, high viz vests and gloves for everyone. We hope to set up tab with Sicilian for resident to drop in there and have a coffee/tea during/afterwards.

RAMPS in Coolgarten Park: There is a noticed slowing down of traffic. We want to thank all Councillors, old and new, for making this happen. Much appreciated. It is now safer to get cars out of driveways and safer to walk through Coolgarten.

THANKS to Cllr. Joe Lynch for visiting with Aidan and Mary and taking the time to walk around our locality. Bollards at both ends of Coolgarten would be beneficial in lieu of yellow lines. Cllr. Lynch has sent 'list' of what would be useful to City Council and hopefully some progress will happen in next few months.

Cllr. Niamh O'Connor had information re Magazine Road/College Road, in absentia. Council will carry out upgrade works to improve visual amenity for residents. Council has said this will review existing lining. Central area is not suitable for planting. Under the Bus Connects proposals it is proposed to upgrade to a signalised junction. Works deemed appropriate will be added to the roads programme and undertaken subject to priorities and available resources.

Also, update from Cllr. N O'Connor re flower beds at Den Roches Cross. The Parks Department said it would assist local residents in clearing beds and supplying plants with a view that Residents Association would be responsible for maintenance afterwards. We refute this as Aidan Cahill, Mary Doherty and Colette Finn met with Emer O'Callaghn and stated we did not have resources for this. Cllr. N. O'Connor will keep this motion open with the Council.

REVIEW AT NEXT MEETING

Cllr. Joe Lynch had previously reported that works on Glasheen Road, to incorporate improved pedestrian facilities and a crossing facilitating residents to Tara Lawn, is likely to be worked on in second half of the year. Mai (resident) is in regular contact with City Council regarding same.

REVIEW AFTER SUMMER

NEW SERGEANT: Congratulations to Sgt. Elaine Gallery on her promotion in Anglesea Street. Thanks for attending our meeting and we wish you well in your new post.

Welcome to Mairead Enneguess Community Garda in Bishopstown area. Happy to have you at our meetings.

Superintendent Deasy said to contact Anglesea Street or Bridewell if residents have any issues.

It was noted that apartments in Den Roches Cross (Hartlands Square) should have no access to parking permits.

Catherine C. asked Councillors if they would work on issue that tenancies of less than 12 month duration would not obtain parking permits from City Hall. This would be one possible way of reducing the parking requirements in the areas.

REVIEW AT NEXT MEETING

Perer Gosnell, resident in Magazine Road, stated that a large number of cars are parking on double yellow lines in Magazine Road. This is making it difficult to access/egress from houses. Peter should report any illegal parking etc. to Garda. He stated that he is doing this. He stated that bollards were ripped out of the ground in this area.

Catherine Claney suggested that Peter meet up with Councillors to explain the difficulties. She also said he could contact the housing development in City Council.

REVIEW AT NEXT MEETING

John stated that he is submitting a report to his superiors and he will include the issue of parking in this report. Stephen Koch, Commuter Plan Manager in UCC would be helpful in assisting with parking issues.

Catherine Clancy suggested items like longer hours of parking in UCC car parks and other ideas would be very helpful to discuss at high level meeting which should include all parties concerned, e.g. Garda, UCC management, City Council management and Residents.

Superintendent John Deasy said that if student numbers and staff numbers are increasing in UCC in next few years that parking needs to be seriously considered and concerns addressed. Superintendent stated that he read about private parking space was for sale for 25K Euro in Cork recently. Catherine Claney stated that this item should be seriously considered by the City Council, as it could have implications regarding, Planning and possible change of use. This would affect houses in residential areas as once parking is sold on and separated from house, then houses would be less likely to return to domestic use in the future.

REVIEW AT NEXT MEETING

Cllr. Ciara O'Connor said that there is a motion pending in City Council regarding the sale of parking spaces.

COFFEE MORNING; John Warren invited residents to coffee morning next Friday 4 April at 11.00 a.m in UCC Hub. All welcome.

Sadie (resident) highlighted an issue she has with double yellow lines outside her house which prevents her, and her family members from parking there. These yellow lines were a mistake made by City Council contractors in years gone by. Sadie is finding it hard to contact anyone responsible in City Council. Superintendent Deasy said that these lines should not be outside parking area in private house. Sadie gave her address details so this can be followed up.

Sgt. Elaine Gallery gave a short summary of her role and she will be happy to assist us through her Community Garda in the area. Garda Mairead Enneguess also introduced herself at this, her first residents meeting. Catherine Clancy reiterated that Community Garda were a gamechanger for us residents in the past number of years, including Garda Laura, and Garda Trish and Garda John in the past.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 6 MAY AT 7.30 P.M. ON ZOOM LINK

SEE YOU AT THE COFFEE MORNING ON FRIDAY 4 APRIL AT 11.00 AM.