

Chair's Report

The Chair welcomed the members to this, the first AGM of Roebuck Residents' Association. It was just one year ago that the association came together for the first time on 22nd September 2015. That evening, as a first step, the Constitution (proposed by the volunteers who had developed it over the summer) was adopted. While doing so, it was also agreed that the Committee should review and refine it in the coming weeks. With a small number of changes, the Constitution was finally published on the website in December. As a second step, your Committee was elected and thirdly, a subscription was agreed of 20 euro per annum per member household.

The Chair then drew attention to the aims of the Association, in particular the emphasis on "community and social interaction", adding that the Committee had been conscious of this during the year. In this regard, the events held, the work of the Tidy Districts Group, and the establishment of the Neighbourhood Watch group were the most outstanding achievements.

The Committee itself met 11 times during the year, with an average attendance of 7 (out of 8). Early on, specific leadership roles, in addition to the Officer roles of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, were agreed, as follows:

- Environment: Garrett Robinson
- Planning : Una O'Shea
- Communications : Gianfranco Butera and Una O'Shea
- Neighbourhood Watch : Maire O'Donohue
- Events: Helen Maher(co-opted).

As time passed, the Committee agreed to establish sub-committees to give greater focus to additional activities that would benefit the neighborhood, as follows:

Neighbourhood Watch (10 Road Coordinators)

Tidy Districts (5 members)

Playground (3 members).

The Chair thanked all those involved to-date in what was a massive team effort, and looked forward to the individual reports which would be presented shortly by the leaders of each of these sub-committees, and by each Committee member.

The Chair noted the critical importance of the creation of the Association website, as the focal point of all our communications, and thanked Una O'Shea for building it.

Externally, the Chair reported that the Committee had developed good working relationships with many DLR County Council officials, local representatives, the Gardai and other residents' associations in the wider area. We had recently registered formally with the County Council through its Public Participation Network. We continue to participate in "Imagine Dundrum", a group of associations coming together to promote the creation of a "Civic, Community and Cultural Space" in the second phase of development in Dundrum.

If re-elected, the Chair, on behalf of the Committee, promised to continue the great work for another year, to do what we are already doing better, and to take on some new ideas and opportunities to further the aims of the association.

