

## **Roebuck Residents Association AGM**

### **Environment – Commentary**

**3/10/16**

Hard to believe it has been a year since the last AGM. The environment role involves a very wide variety of issues. Given the wide brief it was decided to prioritise a few objectives to try and deliver results on specific issues.

One of the issues that we focused on was the green triangle in front of the shops. Nothing much has changed in this area since the Roebuck Estate was built in the 1950s. We had numerous discussions between committee and tidy district sub-committee on what could be done with this area. It was agreed to improve the landscaping and amenity value of this area to encourage community and social interaction for the benefit of members and their families. We believe that rejuvenation of this area would improve communication between all neighbours young and old.

It was decided to seek professional help to assist us in preparing a plan to rejuvenate the Roebuck Green. A landscape architect, Tim Austen of Austen Associates, was commissioned to prepare a draft plan for the rejuvenation of the green. We will be in touch on this matter over the coming months to engage with the residents on a draft plan. Indeed we will engage also with DLRC on the matter also over the next few months.

There have been extensive footpath and road repairs on some roads (Friarsland Road in particular). Other footpaths have been repaired also. In fairness DLRC have repaired a number of footpath in the wider Goatstown area during the year. However the issues of kerb and drainage repairs are harder issues to resolve.

The road gullies have been cleared a few times this year and once the leaves fall it will have to be done again. It has been difficult to make progress on road drainage flooding at Farmhill Drive/Larchfield Road junction. The road gully and gully connection has been cleared a few times. Hopefully progress on this issues can be made in the year ahead.

The 'Reclaim our Footpaths' campaign received a good response from residents to clearing overgrown verge grass and trees/scrubs from the footpaths. However there are still issues with vegetation from resident's gardens blocking the footpaths and causing obstructions to pedestrians. I ask that everyone please clear the footpath of all vegetation obstructing the footpaths. In fairness to Durkan at the Grove development the footpath and entrance to the school from Friarsland Avenue has been greatly improved.

We finally received mapping for the drainage and water services in our area from DLRC and Irish Water. These are on the Roebuck Residents website (See 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 update) and I have a copy here if someone wishes to see the services. In the coming year we hope to get ESB and Eir service maps for our district.

There were a number of other issues that arose like dressing rooms at Rosemount pitches and new railings at end of Larchfield Road to sports field. Car parking arose again as an issue this year and we were successful in getting additional yellow lines at some of the road junctions.

The Tidy Districts sub-committee will advise on more detail on the verges and green areas in the district. This sub-committee have completed enormous work had another award winning year this year.

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