



ROEBUCK

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the AGM 2016

The AGM of the Roebuck Resident's association took place on 10th October 2016 at 8pm in The Goat Grill. It was attended by 45 members with representation covering every road in the Association area.

Greeting and Welcome

The Chairman of the Association welcomed all the attendees and gave a brief summary of how the association had been drawn together last year and how it had worked over the past year to develop awareness of local issues and bring residents in the area together. He mentioned a number of contributions made by individuals and by organisations in the area which had made the year interesting and effective.

1. Reports:

Each of the members of the committee made reports on their area of interest

2. Environment and Tidy Times:

Garrett Robinson reported on the developments and plans for the Environment of the area. He covered items such as the planting of trees by the DLRCC and our growing relationship with various important contacts who we will work with to improve the general environment. He spoke about the state of the footpaths in the area and the Larchfield Road/Mount Carmel Road Junction which is a point of concern. He handed over to Susan Kennedy who reported on the who reported on the huge amount of work done by a number of dedicated residents to beautify the area, which has led to the District winning a prize from the DLRCC in the Tidy District Competition. (The report of the Judges can be found on the website.

3. Communications

Una O'Shea reported on the growth in communications within the association. The website has proven to be a major success for getting information out to most of the members. Una spoke of how we collated and record members' details. She pointed out that there were some members who did not have, or had not given us an email address and how they currently needed to be contacted by individuals. Derek Dunne of Mount Carmel Road asked about our status under Data Protection legislation. It was agreed that we would look into this as a matter of importance.

4. Planning

Una, supported by Gianfranco Butera reported on various planning issues which have been important to the area over the past year. A major concern when the Association came together was the Irish Glass Bottle grounds and though there is no conclusion there it is still very much an area of concern. Una told the meeting about dealings with the developers of The Grove development.

Gianfranco reported on the work being done to develop a children's playground in the area. He explained about the search for an appropriate site and the involvement of both the DLRCC and other local groups. John Mullins of Mount Carmel Road asked if the Committee was aware of the opposition to the possibility of a site in Taney being selected. As reported the Council will have to do their own canvass of local residents before any work on a site might be considered.

5. Neighbourhood Watch

Maire O'Donohoe reported on the development of the Neighbourhood Watch. She outlined the street representative structure and how we had invested in the Text Alert system and mentioned the cooperation she has received from the Gardai

6. Events

Paddy Ryan reported on the three major events where people came together to enjoy each others company and to meet other members in the area. There was a pre- Christmas get together in front of the Shops, a Spring gathering on the Green, both of which were organised by members and special thanks was made to Helen and Tony Maher who made both of these successful. The third major and very successful event was the End of Summer Party this was organised by Janine Billings and Joanne Morgan who thanked for their commitment and hard work.

(Copies of all reports will be available on the website.)

7. Proposed Amendments to the Constitution.

The Chairman introduced this item and explained that the amendments were being introduced to make the working of the association both more effective and less costly. He introduced Damien Fields, who is a registered Auditor. Damien explained how the wording of the constitution made life very difficult for the Committee and imposed an artificially difficult and expensive constraint as the Association did not raise or possess the financial resources to merit that level of oversight. Peter Carr of Larchfield Road raised the notion of an Honary Auditor position. John Mullins suggested the idea of possibly having two ordinary members to overview the finances. These ideas were discussed and it was decided to go ahead with the amendments as published.

- a) The Chairman proposed the amendment to Paragraph 5 of the constitution. Damien Fields seconded the proposal. The meeting passed the amendment as written.
 - b) The Chairman proposed the amendment to Paragraph 4 of the constitution. Pam McHugh of Farmhill Drive seconded the proposal. The meeting passed the amendment as written.
 - c) Sean Behan of Farmhill Drive proposed the amendment to Paragraph 7 of the constitution. Susan Kennedy of Farmhill road of Farmhill Drive seconded the proposal. The meeting passed the amendment as written.
 - d) Alan Cox of Larchfield Road proposed the amendment to the duties of the Treasurer. Cyril Byrne of Mount Carmel Road seconded the proposal. The meeting passed the amendment as written.
 - e) The amendment to the duties of the Treasurer was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Paddy Ryan. It was considered passed as written.
- (For the new wording of the articles concerned please see the proposed amendments published. The constitution is available on the website.)

8. Treasurer's Report:

The Honorary Treasurer outlined the income and expenses for the year October 2015 to end August 2016 (See treasures report on the website). The newly amended constitutional changes will enable the Treasurer to publish the accounts as of the end of the Financial year being the end of December. There were 210 paid members (Households) of the Association as of the end of August. John Mullins of Mount Carmel Road suggested that as the major outgoings appear to relate the events organised by the Committee, they should look at possible ways to raise more money. The Chairman responded that while we will take the suggestion and look into this it is hoped that we will be able to more fully engage the businesses in the area in supporting and sponsoring some of these event. Sean Neville proposed acceptance of the Financial report, Peter Carr seconded it and offered the meetings thanks to the Honary Treasurer for her work. The Report was accepted by the meeting.

9. Election of Officers:

The Chairman indicated that all the members of the current Committee had indicated that they were prepared to continue in their current roles. The meeting unanimously agreed. The Chairman asked for continued support from members for the committee's efforts during the coming year.

10. Any Other Business

No other Business issues were raised at this time.

11. Closing Comments

Stan McHugh drew the meeting to a close, thanking all those who had attended and participated in the meeting. He also offered thanks to The Goat Grill for donating the room and systems to the association for the meeting.