

## **Annual General Meeting**

**21 October 2019, 8pm**

**Venue: Upstairs Room, The Goat Bar and Grill**

Present: Members of the Committee, Members from Farmhill Road, Farmhill Drive, Mount Carmel Road, Larchfield Road, Larchfield Park and Friarsland Road

Apologies: Shaun Saurin, Rosemary Fox, Máire O'Donohoe, Jack and Barbara Kearney

Minutes: The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting (which are available online) were formally adopted.

Introduction: Úna O Shea as rotating chair introduced the evening, welcoming members. As Stan McHugh stood down as Chair at the last AGM nobody has been in a position to take the role. As such the role of Chair has been rotated around the committee during the year with great success. The Chair acknowledged the success of the Goatstown Community Games which had started as an initiative of the Residents Committee two years ago and the tidy districts team who were named as runners up in the DLR competition in September.

Four members of the committee met with DLR CoCo in September as part of a Deputation where issues in relation to infrastructure, road safety, overhanging vegetation, illegal parking, drainage and road sweeping were discussed. A further deputation will be held next year as a follow up to this. John Foody of Larchfield Road has recently joined the Committee. Shaun Saurin has stepped down from the committee but will continue to help with events. Garrett Robinson will also step down after four years on the committee, Garrett's contribution to the infrastructure in the area was acknowledged. The full Chairperson's report can be found on the website.

Members of the committee responsible for various functions reported on activities during the year (reports are available on the website)

### a) Environment

Garrett Robinson delivered his report on Environment which covers build environment including drainage, paths, roads etc. The council has carried out a CCTV investigation of

the drains at the junction of Farmhill Drive and Larchfield Road and further investigations are underway to resolve the issue. The upgrade of the green area was mentioned, the council has been requested to improve the footpath on the green, replace the existing bench and add more benches and flower beds. Trees are being replaced at the moment in consultation with the council.

b) Tidy Districts

Susan Kennedy delivered the report on Tidy Districts. This was the fourth year the team have entered the competition and they were runners up in the category. Thanks to a small core team and the grass cutters. Thanks to everyone who tends to their own area. Any help is always appreciated. If any member of the association has any environmental initiative (or any initiative) to get in contact through the email address or any committee member.

c) Communications

Úna O Shea maintains the website and sends out some emails on behalf of the committee. She also directs incoming emails to the committee members. This year there were 238 paid up households, 288 paid up from last years. We have 286 emails addresses for residents. This year 20 group emails have been sent and two neighbourhood watch alerts. Banking details have now been put online and members can transfer online or set up a standing order. Card reader also on trial.

d) Planning

Liz Quinn gave the following updates in relation to work carried out during the year

- IGB

Dept of education are now the sole owner of the IGB site. They plan to house a new primary and secondary school in the site. The new primary school opened in September in a temporary location in Sandyford and the secondary school will open in September 2020. At present only 40% of the IGB land can be built on. In order to accommodate two schools a change of zoning will have to be made. We believe a change of zoning can only be made at the change of county development plan which is due in 2022

- OLG

Planning granted in March for the hockey pitches. The current owner and property developer Durkan applied for planning for 132 houses via. After an appeal to An Bord Pleanala planning was granted for the development despite DLR CoCo rejecting the development stating that it contravened the County development plan.

Planning application was made through fast track. Decisions cannot be appealed. The council's opinion was not taken into consideration. The only option is to appeal it in the high court and can only be taken on a point of law. A judicial review is being taken by a resident the hearing will be on 17 December. The judge's decision may or may not be made on this date. The work done by this resident was acknowledged by the committee.

We believe the five story apartment building near the main road that will be completed shortly has been acquired by a fund and will be for rental only.

- Mental Hospital

There were few developments in relation to the Mental hospital this year except for a submission made by the Land Development Agency to the Pre-Draft Dundrum Local Area Plan

- Charles Hurst Site

The former car show room on the Goatstown Road is zoned for housing and has the potential for 75 apartments

During the year there were three submissions made by the committee - Pre Draft Dundrum Local Area Plan Dundrum, the Strategic Housing Development Process and the Dundrum Civic Community and Cultural Plan all of which were published on the website

e) Imagine Dundrum

Stan McHugh gave some details in relation to the Imagine Dundrum project. The Imagine Dundrum project would be hopeful that a civic centre would be built in Dundrum. Stan will continue to give updates to our members in relation to progress.

f) Neighbourhood Watch

Stan McHugh delivered the report in relation to Neighbourhood watch. Five new road co coordinators have joined and four have retired. Links with the Gardai have not been great but the team will continue to work with the information they have. Three cars were recently broken into in Belfield Downs.

g) Neighbourhood Friendly Initiative

The neighbourhood friendly initiative was set up to develop a way to involve more elderly in the area. There was one coffee morning held in conjunction with Taney Residents Association. It is hoped that there will be another coffee morning in Sam's on Farmhill Road.

h) Events

Stan McHugh delivered the report on events held during the year Christmas event, Summer Ceili and BBQ, Coffee morning for the Hospice. If anyone else has any other ideas for any other event or art project for the community please make contact through the email address or any committee member.

i) Finance

Seán Neville reported on the accounts for the year. Thanks for Peter Carr for feedback on same. There has been a reduction of subscriptions for this year. In order to counteract this we are currently having a trial of members paying via standing order. Sum up which is a card reader is also on trial at the moment. The committee were also successful in receiving a number of grants during the year from DLR CoCo which helped to cover the cost of the Christmas party and running costs. A donation to the Goatstown community games of €400 was made by the Association during the year. Seán acknowledged the work done by all members who collect subscriptions.

**Election of Committee and Officers (Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer)**

Five members of the committee have agreed to stay on the committee Stan McHugh, Úna O Shea, John Foody, Seán Neville (Treasurer) and Susan Kennedy (Secretary)

John Mullins of Mount Carmel Road, Darren Reddy and Anne Collins of Friarsland Road have agreed to join the committee.

**Subscriptions for 2018/2019**

Subscriptions for the year are to be maintained at €20 per household.

**Open Session**

There was a question from the floor in relation to any update for planning for Uncle Tom's Cabin. Two new initiatives men's shed and first responders were noted by a member of the Association.

**Any Other Business**

With no further issues raised the meeting was closed at 21.10. The next AGM will be held in October 2020 in line with the constitution of the Association.