

## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT, AGM, OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup> 2019

Hello everyone, and thanks for coming this evening. As you may remember from last year, Stan stepped down as Chair, after 3 years in the role. Nobody was in a position to take over from Stan in this role, so we decided to have a rotating Chair instead. It's worked out very well during the year, and so far the Association hasn't suffered as a result. Stan, in his time as Chair, encouraged a very democratic approach to things, and so the running of the Association works well on a communal basis. We may go back to having a fixed Chair in the future, if someone wants to take it on. But meanwhile it's working well, and this is why I will be chairing the meeting this evening, and next year, someone else will do it.

To give you a summary of where we stand and what we've done during the year:

- We are in a good financial position, based on annual subscriptions and various grants.
- We held two very successful all-community events during the year - at Christmas, and the Céilí during the summer.
- We held 2 Coffee Mornings as part of our Neighbourhood Friendly Initiative, both of these were held in conjunction with Taney Area Residents' Association.
- Thanks to the great group of people behind the Goatstown Community Games we did very well at the Community Games this year, with two young residents winning silver and gold medals in the Dublin finals.
- We have a very active Tidy Districts team, and we were runners-up in our category in this year's Tidy Districts' Competition. We're all looking forward to all the bulbs that'll be coming up in the Spring.
- We are constantly in touch with the County Council about various issues.
- Four of the committee went to a deputation meeting with the Council last week, where we discussed issues relating to drainage, traffic, infrastructure, etc. We'll be following up on these issues by email and phone, and we intend to have another deputation meeting next year.
- We keep our website updated with information and photos, and we have a good system for contacting members through email, leaflets and posters.
- We have a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in place, based on road co-ordinators, WhatsApp, and text alerts
- We have a supportive business community at the Green, Lynam's in particular, whose contributions have a positive impact on many of our activities.
- We keep an eye on planning issues, especially those at Our Lady's Grove, the IGB, and at the Central Mental Hospital.
- We also make submissions to any relevant council and government public consultations. This year we made submissions on your behalf to 3 different public consultations.

This year sees two of our Committee members stand down. We'd like to thank Shaun Saurin for his contributions during the year, and we're very happy to hear he will be continuing to help out with our social events. We'd also like to thank Garrett Robinson for all his very hard work over the last 4 years, and we're relieved to hear he'll still be helping out a bit in an unofficial capacity. Garrett has been absolutely invaluable in the areas relating to the built environment, drainage, roads etc. John Foody joined our committee recently, and we're delighted to have him. We still need new members on the committee, so if you're thinking about it, please don't hesitate, we'd love to have you.

This is our 4<sup>th</sup> AGM, and I think you'll agree that the Association is continuing to do great work in the area. So, thanks to the rest of the Committee, and to everyone else involved, for all their work over the last year.

Úna O'Shea, AGM Chair 2019