

Annual General Meeting
19 October 2021, 8pm
Venue: Google Meets

Present: A total of 30 paid up members attended the call

Minutes: The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were formally adopted.

Introduction: Stan McHugh as rotating chair introduced the evening, welcoming members.

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

a) Finance

Seán Neville reported on the accounts for the year. Thanks to Peter Carr for feedback on same. There was a slight increase in membership this year, membership is now available to pay online via Stripe. There were a number of grants received, leaving us with a healthy bank balance at the end of the year.

b) Communications

Úna O'Shea maintains the website and sends out emails on behalf of the committee. She will be stepping down from the communications role this year.

c) Environment and Tidy districts

Anne Egan delivered the report on Environment which covers built environment including drainage, paths, roads etc. Unfortunately, again there were no Tidy Districts competitions this year but work by the team continued where it was safe. A grant of €350 was awarded by the council for taking part in an environmental consultation process. The main focus this year was the work carried out on the green space in front of the shops. A new path and benches were installed in March. We are currently tendering for work on planting to be completed in this space however it is proving difficult given the lack of availability of landscapers at the moment. Thanks to all the planters, grass cutters, weeders and painters that help to keep it in such good condition. A new bench was installed in Friarsland Green and the bench that had been on the green was moved to Belfield Downs. A further grant was received from the council in relation to Belfield Downs for environmental planting which will be completed in the next few weeks.

d) Events

Liz Quinn delivered the report on events held during the year. The cycling Santa was a great hit last Christmas, we hope to do something within the Covid guidelines that will be in place this Christmas. A gift was delivered to the seniors of the area by the Neighbourhood Friendly group over Christmas, and again, we hope to do the same this year. An event is planned for this Halloween on the Green and a big thanks to Laurie Easterby who is coordinating with the committee. An email will go out in the next few days. We contributed prize money to the kids' bake-off competition at Easter, organised by Marie Ryan, and judged by Sam's Cafe. We also had the Halloween walk in Oct 2020. Big thanks to Dave O'Loughlin for all the help with props for the Halloween events. The Coffee Morning for the Hospice unfortunately could not take place again this year due to

restrictions. The Hospice Coffee morning could not be held this year, but the Association contributed €335 to the collection boxes placed in the shops, bringing the total raised to €1,000. Thanks to Mairead Joyce for organising once again.

e) Planning

Úna O'Shea spoke about work carried out by the Association during the year, focussing on OLG, IGB, Dundrum Village, The Goat, Vector Motors, submissions made on behalf of the Association regarding planning applications, and also regarding submissions made to various public consultations put forward by the Council.

John Foody gave an update in relation to work carried out during the year by the Association in respect of the LDA's plan to develop the Central Mental Hospital site.

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

Seán Neville (Treasurer), Liz Whelan and John Mullins all wish to stand down from the committee. Cathal Cavanagh, Tim Hewson and Maura Young were appointed to the committee. It was decided that the Officers of the Association be decided at the first meeting of the new committee members. All other members will stay on the committee (Stan McHugh, Anne Eagan, Úna O'Shea, John Foody and Susan Kennedy) We would also be delighted to welcome new committee or subcommittee members. Please get in contact if you have any ideas.

Subscriptions for 2021/22

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

Any Other Business

With no further issues the meeting was closed at 8.45. The next AGM will be held in October 2022 in line with the constitution of the Association