

TERENURE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – for AGM 11th MAY 2017.

This report is a brief account of our activities during the past year.

We continue to hold monthly committee meetings and have had regular dealings with Councillors and Council Officials as required. We are affiliated to Terenure 2030 which is an umbrella body for the Residents Associations in the immediate area of Terenure Village as well as the Terenure Traders.

Terenure 2030

There are no developments on the VEC grounds all weather pitch situation. I spoke to Lesley Moore at DCC last week and he assured me there was no change and I would be informed immediately when plans are available.

Bushy Park market is now well established and is providing an excellent service and focal point for the area. From now on we will enter the Tidy Towns and other District initiatives under the umbrella of Terenure 2030

Dublin City Council

Terenure as a whole has received a very significant support from DCC over the last year and in recognition of this I have invited Rob Chester, Senior Community Officer, at DCC to outline plans for the coming year, and an update us on the main achievements over the last twelve months.

Our Web Site

The website is maintained and kept right up to date by John Grant. The excellence of the web-site makes it a stand-out forum due to its content and style. The constant stream of relevant information updates and user-requests reflects how well it is received by our residents. As a consequence, we receive regular enquiries from other Resident Associations for advice on setting up sites suitable for their areas. Because new items and useful information are posted regularly on the site noticeboard we are as always looking for old photos of the area, so if you have any please pass them on to us.

Garda Liaison Officer

Barbara our Liaison Officer meets with the Gardaí every month and reports back to the Committee. As in previous years the level of crime in Terenure is low but to maintain this situation we must always report any incidents to the Gardaí. Over the coming months the number of Gardaí will be increased by 8-10.

Sergeant John Duffy and Garda Tom Kennedy, both long serving Community Gardaí in Terenure retired during the year and we presented them with a small gift in recognition of their help and support to us over the years. Superintendent Colm Murphy has been recently appointed to Terenure and we look forward to working with him in the future. Also, four new Community Gardaí are to be appointed. The phone number of Terenure Garda Station is 016666400.

Dublin City Neighbourhoods and Tidy Town Competitions

Terenure scored 286 points in this year's National Tidy Towns Competition which was two more than last year – so still a lot of scope for improvement. In the Dublin City Neighbourhood Competition our Association Area received a Certificate of Commendation. Well done to all concerned.

Social Evening

Jim O'Callaghan and Claire O'Connor, to whom we were very grateful, gave a talk on Wills, Power of Attorney, Inheritance Tax, Capital Gain Tax, and Property Freehold. This event was extremely well attended and there was very positive feedback from our members. Other Resident Associations have contacted us with the intention holding a similar event. We would hope to host another social evening next year, so if anyone has ideas on relevant topics of interest please let us know.

Planning Officer

Our Planning Officer Jim Dowling has provided a full list of applications and decisions in our area over the last twelve months. Jim will be happy to discuss any queries tonight that may arise.

Dublin Bus

We have requested more Real Time Bus Information especially on Rathfarnham Road (outside The Enterprise Centre). This work should be carried out over the next few months involving upgrade of bus shelters and the addition of Real Time Bus Information.

Terenure Road and Traffic

Ben Costello will provide an update on traffic, footpaths and roads in our area. Ben has been working tirelessly over the last 12 month on these issues and I would especially like to thank him for all his efforts.

New Committee Members:

As ever we would love to have some new members from the roads not presently represented so please let me know if you are interested. New faces and fresh ideas are always welcome.

Up-dates

We have achieved a number of initiatives this year; a number of footpaths have been repaired but a many remain in a sorry state and are in a very dangerous condition. Street lighting is very poor especially on Greenmount Road, Wasdale Park, Wasdale Grove and parts of Bushy Park Road. DCC has agreed to survey the area and where needed, replace existing bulbs and fittings. A number of lampposts have been painted and hopefully more will be completed in the near future.

When contacted over the winter months DCC has cleared gullies and removed bags of leaves gathered by residents etc. They are happy to help in any way they can, so please let us know if a problem exists on your road.

Residents on Lakelands Park were surveyed for their opinion on double yellow lines on the lower left hand side, the result of which was to leave things as they are. DCC have agreed to prune the trees on Lakelands Park and have placed Children at Play signs on Olney Crescent and Lakelands Park. One of the big events in Terenure this year was the Family Fun Day in Bushy Park, where a number of our Committee members helped out and contributed to its success.

I would like to thank you all for your presence here this evening; our committee for their work and support and especially Carol our Secretary for all her help. Also I'd like to thank the Gardaí and our public representatives for their help during the year and of course DCC. A special thanks to Terenure Enterprise Centre for accommodating our committee meetings and St. Joseph's Hall for this evening's facilities. Please join us for a glass of wine after the meeting and let us hear your views and suggestions.