

**TERENURE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Minutes, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

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**Outgoing Committee**

**Chairman:** Fionnuala Blake, Greenmount Road  
**Vice-Chairman:** Christine Hughes, Rathfarnham Road  
**Secretary:** Carol Walsh, Templeogue Road  
**Treasurer:** John Grant, Wasdale Grove  
**Roads/Traffic:** Ben Costello, Rathdown Drive  
**Planning/Env:** Jim Dowling, Lakelands Park

**Committee**

Barbara Atkinson, Cormac Terrace  
Leila Byrne, Rathfarnham Road  
Frank Harrison, Westbourne Road  
Aaron Trant, Rathfarnham Road  
Ciaran Hancock, Wasdale Park  
Rioch McElinn, Rathfarnham Road  
Ann Whelan, Bushy Park Road  
Patrick O'Hagan, Rathdown Drive  
Margaret O'Shea, Bushy Park Road  
Birgit Schmidt, Westbourne Road

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The annual general meeting of the Terenure Residents' Association was held in St Joseph's Hall, Terenure on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017, with Fionnuala Blake in the Chair. There was a large attendance which included committee members, four public representatives and two members of An Garda Siochana. Also in attendance was Rob Chester from Dublin City Council.

The public representatives in attendance were Cllrs Mary Freehill (Lab), Ruairi McGinley (Ind), Claire O'Connor (FF), and Paddy Costello (GP). Apologies were received from Eoghan Murphy TD (FG), Jim O'Callaghan TD (FF) and Anne Feeney (FG).

### **1. Welcome**

Fionnuala Blake welcomed everyone present and thanked them for their attendance.

### **2. Minutes of the AGM, 2016**

The minutes of last year's AGM were taken as read and signed.

### **3. Chairman's report, 2016-2017**

The Chairman's report was distributed (see attached). A few additional remarks were made concerning several topics and thanks were given to Terenure Enterprise Centre for facilitating the Committee's monthly meetings.

### **4. Garda Representatives**

The AGM was attended by Superintendent Colm Murphy and Sergeant Brendan Kelly. Supt Murphy addressed the meeting and gave a brief summary of his broad experience in the Gardaí. He acknowledged the Chairman's work and the effectiveness of the monthly meetings with the Committee's Garda Liaison person.

He stated that five new recruits had arrived the previous week and that would allow increased Gardaí patrolling or on foot in the Terenure area. Supt. Murphy also noted that that Traffic Divisional Headquarters were stationed in Terenure and that recently five new members allocated to traffic functions.

Sergeant Brendan Kelly spoke about levels of crime within the area over the last year.

He highlighted the continued theft of cars which is facilitated by leaving car keys on hall tables and urged residents to be aware of the practice of "fishing" for keys through letterboxes. He advised residents, particularly the elderly, to be wary of people calling to the door and attempting to gain access by bogus means. He also mentioned that there had been several attempted handbag snatches in the last few months and several garden sheds broken into with garden equipment and bicycles taken.

Several local residents raised a number of issues within the area with the Gardaí, in particular anti-social behaviour within Bushy Park. Sgt. Kelly and Supt. Murphy stated that they were aware of all these issues and were monitoring the park on a weekly basis with patrol cars driving through it daily.

Other issues which were addressed to the Gardaí were the potential for 30kmslow lanes within the area, the issue of cyclists cycling through Terenure traffic lights and the fact that the 'no left turn' into Wasdale Park was being ignored. Graffiti, dog fouling and noise from house alarms were also raised.

The Gardaí asked that residents contact them if they concerned about anything or see anything unusual within the area, they stated that residents should not assume they always know what is going on within the area.

### **5. Rob Chester DCC**

The AGM was attended by Rob Chester from DCC. He provided an overview of the work and involvement by DCC within the Terenure community. He stated that the Community Team provide support for a number of key Community Projects and Groups in the Terenure area including; I Love Terenure 2030, Evergreen Club, St. Joseph's Parish Hall, The Terenure Men's Shed, Terenure Tidy Towns, Terenure Parent and Toddler Group, Terenure Trader's Association, Residents' Associations and Bushy Park Market. He provided a hand-out highlighting upcoming events happening within the area during the summer.

## 6. Roads and Traffic

Ben Costello presented the Roads and Traffic report (see attached). He spoke about the progress made in the last couple of months in relation to Roads and Traffic within the Terenure area. He stated that a major submission had been made to DCC in March requesting a meeting with officials. Owen Keegan, CEO of DCC, has now agreed a number of items to be completed in the area including improving footpaths expected to be completed in October 2017 and further meetings with the City Manager and Area Engineer are to take place in the coming weeks.

## 7. Planning Report

Jim Dowling presented the Planning Officer's report (see attached) and a few additional remarks were made. He stated that there had been very few applications relating to our area in recent weeks and advised the meeting that the Committee does not object to applications unless approached to do so. He discussed in detail the development of the planning permission which has been granted at the site of 85 Templeogue Road.

## 8. Public Representatives

CLlr Freehill (Lab) discussed staffing issues and resources within the DCC. She stated that staffing had been cut by 2000 people since 2008. Also that three engineers had left in January and had not been replaced. She also discussed no toilets in Bushy Park and that all parks should have public toilets. She also addressed the issue of cyclists cycling on the footpath and that it was illegal to do so.

CLlr O'Connor (FF) similarly noted the traffic concerns and stated that she had been working and supporting Ben Costello on the traffic issues within Rathdown and she has made several submissions in connection with traffic and roads amendments within the area.

CLlr McGinley (Ind) also addressed the meeting on a number of matters and highlighted his ongoing support for the work of the Committee.

Paddy Costello (GP) thanked all those who were in attendance at the AGM. He addressed the issue of dog fouling within the area and said that this issue was not being addressed enough. He stated that in the period 2012-2014 only 10 people had been fined.

### *From the floor*

Comments were mainly in relation to the potential development of the VEC grounds and the impact it will have on local residents with regard to parking and bright lights late at night coming from proposed all weather pitch. Other comments were mainly in relation to Bushy Park and the anti-social behaviour that has been going on up there in particular to a recent fire that took place there.

## 9. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report (attached) was distributed. It was noted that the current annual subscription has been €5.00 since 2002 and would remain at this same level for 2017/2018.

## 10. Election of Officers and Committee

The following were re-elected to the committee, having been duly proposed and seconded:

**Chairman:** Fionnuala Blake; **Vice-Chairman:** Christine Hughes; **Secretary:** Carol Walsh;

**Planning:** Jim Dowling; **Roads/Traffic:** Ben Costello; and **Treasurer:** John Grant.

**Committee:** Barbara Atkinson, Leila Byrne, Ciaran Hancock, Frank Harrison, Rioch McElinn, Patrick O'Hagan, Margaret O'Shea, Birgit Schmidt, Aaron Trant and Ann Whelan.

## 11. Election of Honorary Auditors

Niall Byrne and Company were proposed and seconded as the honorary auditors of the Association's accounts.

## 12. Any Other Business

Committee member Mr Aaron Trant addressed the floor on the matter of Fair Value Property Prices and its relation to paying property tax. He stated that two of his neighbours had been asked to produce such values on their houses. This had caused a lot of concern amongst his neighbours as it was their understanding that the next revalued until 2019.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed and refreshments were served.