

## **TERENURE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

### **CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – for AGM 24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018.**

This report is a brief account of our activities during the past year. We continue to hold monthly committee meeting 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**

The Men's Shed is now up and running with two new sheds in the grounds of the Evergreen Club. The group meets every Wednesday afternoon and is always seeking new members. The Evergreen Club run Art/Bridge and Exercise classes every week as well as Mother and Toddler groups. Lunches are served on Mondays and Wednesdays for elderly people. The Evergreen Club can be contacted at 01-490 3330 for more information. Special event Tea Dances are held 3/4 times a year. The next one is the Blooms Day Tea Dance on the 15th June 2-4pm. The Tidy Town Group are always looking for help so if you have any spare time please look up our TRA or the I Love Terenure web-sites for dates and times of meetings. Our Annual Dog Show will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> June at 12pm, and our Annual Family Fun Day is on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September from 11-4pm; both of these events will be held in Bushy Park. We are always seeking volunteers to help at these events so please contact us if you're available to help.

#### **Dublin City Council**

Again this year Terenure has received huge support from Dublin City Council (DCC) and in recognition of this I have invited Rob Chester, Senior Community Officer at DCC, to outline plans for the coming year. He will provide an update on the main achievements over the last twelve months. I would like to pay a very special thanks to DCC for all their help over the last year. They supplied us with brushes, bags, gloves, and pickers which we distributed for the collection of leaves etc. Over the winter period, DCC responded on every occasion within a few hours of a call to collect the bags of leaves and clear blocked drains which were reported to them.

#### **TRA Web Site**

The web-site is maintained and kept right up to date by John Grant. We post new and useful information regularly and now find that it is the go to place for many people to find out what's happening in their area. As always we are looking out for fresh and relevant information about Terenure for listing, so please contact us if you have anything that might be of interest.

#### **Garda Liaison Office**

Barbara our Liaison Officer meets with the Gardaí every month and reports back to the Committee. The Gardaí have asked that any crime no matter how small be reported to them. Crime in Terenure continues to be low and this is mainly thanks to the efforts of our local Garda. The phone number of Terenure Garda Station is 01-6666400 and is active 24 hours a day.

#### **Dublin City Neighbourhoods and Tidy Town Competitions:**

Terenure scored 286 points in this year's National Tidy Towns Competition which was the same score as last year – so still a lot of room for improvement. In the Dublin City Neighbourhood Competition our Area received first prize in the Business category and progressed to the finals of the

Pride of Place category held in Donegal in December. Despite the sterling efforts of all concerned, sadly we were unsuccessful.

#### **Planning Officer**

Our Planning Officer could not make it to this evening but has circulated a full report of applications and decision in our area over the last year. I will try to answer any queries tonight that may arise.

#### **Terenure Roads and Traffic**

Ben Costello will provide an update on traffic, footpaths and roads in our area. Ben has had meetings with Eoin Keegan and DCC over the last 12 months and will give a full report at this evening meeting.

#### **Dublin Bus**

We have received a number of complaints about the bus service in Terenure. We also hope to persuade Dublin Bus to start some early morning buses from the village to allow as there are times when all buses are full when they reach Terenure. We have been asked by the Rathgar Residence Association to join up with them and all surrounding associations in their efforts to organise an action plan to increase the pressure on Dublin to bring back a service of buses to the Stephen Green and Trinity area. I would like to thank Mary Freehill and Claire O'Connor for their efforts to have the buses rerouted back to St. Stephens Green.

#### **New Committee Members**

As ever we would love to have some new members from the roads not presently represented to ensure inclusivity. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month excluding January, July and August. New faces and ideas are very welcomed so please let me know if you are interested.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your presence here this evening, our committee for their work and support. I would like especially like to thank Carol and Christine who are both retiring this year due to other commitments. Also I'd like to thank the Gardai and our public representatives for their help during the year and of course DCC. A special thanks to The Terenure Enterprise Centre for accommodating our 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.