

## **TERENURE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – FOR AGM 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019**

This report is a brief account of our activities during the past year. We continue to hold monthly committee meeting and have regular dealings with Councillors and Council Officials as required. We are affiliated to Terenure 2030 which is an umbrella body for the Resident Associations in the immediate area of Terenure Village as well as the Terenure Traders.

Rioch McElinn – Our long time Committee Member Rioch sadly passed away in February, his enthusiasm and humour will be greatly missed by us all. R.I.P.

#### **Dublin City Council**

We continue to receive huge support from DCC for any requests we have for support. I have invited Rob Chester who is the Senior Community Officer for our area to give an update on the main activities and achievements over the last twelve months. This year we have had a fantastic response to the bagging of leaves from the various roads throughout our area. The provision of brushes, bags, and gloves by DCC has made this possible. They have also responded promptly to requests to have blocked drains cleared quickly or broken branches removed after storms.

#### **TRA Website**

We now have a very professional looking web-page which is kept up to date by John Grant. This year especially it has proven very useful in helping us inform residents about planning applications and bus connect issues.

#### **Garda Liaison Office**

Our Garda Liaison Office Barbara receives up to date information from our local Gardaí every month which she reports to our Committee. As always, the Gardaí request that any incident no matter how small be reported to them. The phone number for the Terenure Garda Station is 01 6666400 and is active 24 hours a day.

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

Terenure received 297 points in the Tidy Townes Competition this year, up 11 points on last year. This is progress but lots more needs to be done; there will be regular clean up events in the village which will be advertised on our web site. If any road would like to organise their own clean up, please contact me for disposal bags which will be collected by DCC when filled. A new bench is to be placed beside the old AIB building on Rathfarnham Road. We will be replanting our planters around the village, so if you live near one please water them particularly during the warm summer days.

It has been agreed to prioritise the planting of pollinator friendly plants in all planting areas where possible. Also, it is hoped to run a Recycle It Day for residents to be held in the car park on Terenure Rd North during the summer. They are also looking for a suitable safe place for bee hives in the area, so if you have any suggestions they would be very welcomed. All information will be on our web-site.

## Terenure 2030

There are now a number of annual events happening in Terenure – The Bushy Park Market, The Annual Dog Show, Family Fun Day, and the International Food Market which takes place in Bushy Park during the summer months. The Annual Christmas Market and Lighting of our Village Christmas Tree is held in the Car Park on Terenure Rd North. All these receive great support from residents and DCC, for which we are very grateful.

The Evergreen Club on Terenure Rd North host Bridge Classes, Art Classes, Extend Exercise Classes, Men on The Move, and Lunches. The Men's Shed meetings are held there every week. The Evergreen Club is always looking for new volunteers and members so please drop in and see what's going on there.

### Planning Officer

Our Planning Officer Jim Dowling has provided a full report of all applications and decisions over the last twelve months. The main application this year was for the development of the former Rathdown Motors site. The application was initially refused but an appeal has been lodged.

Jim is available this evening to any question on planning matters in our area.

### Terenure Roads and Traffic

Ben Costello has provided an update on traffic, footpaths, and roads in our area, and is also happy to answer any questions.

### Bus Connect.

The Bus Connect project is well underway. I must first thank Jim Dowling and Ben Costello for the enormous amount of work that they have undertaken on behalf of our residents. In addition, they have provided a list of suggestions to help residents and businesses in making submissions to the NTA about bus connect. They will be happy to answer any relevant questions during our meeting.

### New Committee Members

As ever we would welcome 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 always welcome, so please let me know if you are interested in joining us.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your presence here this evening and the Committee for all their work and support. As ever, we welcome and are ever grateful to the Gardi and our public representatives for their help, support, and contributions 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.

We would be delighted if you would join us for a glass of wine after this evening meeting.