

TERENURE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Minutes, 25th April 2013

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Outgoing Committee

Chairman: Jim Dowling, Lakelands Park
Vice-Chairman: Birgit Schmidt, Westbourne Road
Secretary: Christine Hughes, Rathfarnham Road
Treasurer: John Grant, Wasdale Grove

Committee

Barbara Atkinson, Cormac Terrace
Fionnuala Blake, Greenmount Road
Leila Byrne, Rathfarnham Road
Ben Costelloe, Rathdown Drive
Peter Duffy, Olney Crescent
Joan Finkel, Rathdown Park
Leon Flanagan, Wasdale Park
Rioch McElinn, Rathfarnham Road
Jin O'Reilly, Bushy Park Gardens
Margaret O'Shea, Bushy Park Road
Frank Traynor, Rathdown Park

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The annual general meeting of the Terenure Residents' Association was held in St Joseph's Hall, Terenure on Thursday 25th April 2013, with Jim Dowling in the Chair. Forty-five people attended, including eight committee members, five public representatives and one member of An Garda Siochana.

The public representatives in attendance were Cllrs Mary Freehill (Lab), Ruari McGinley (FG), Jim O'Callaghan (FF), Michael O'Sullivan (Lab), Oisín Quinn (Lab) and Edie Wynne (FG). Apologies were received from Cllrs Dermot Lacey (Lab) and Henry Upton (Lab).

Apologies from committee members: – Barbara Atkinson, Leila Byrne, Ben Costello, Leon Flanagan, Joan Finkel, Jim O'Reilly and Frank Traynor.

1. Welcome

Jim Dowling welcomed everyone present and thanked them for their attendance.

2. Minutes of the AGM, 2011

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

3. Chairman's report, 2011-2012

The chairman's report was distributed (see attached). A few additional remarks were made concerning several topics.

4. Garda Representatives

The AGM was attended by Garda Des Currie who sent apologies on behalf of Superintendent Wheatley. He reported that crime figures for Terenure continue to compare favourably. Several trends were outlined. Cars are being stolen "to order" and thieves are using fishing rods to steal keys from hallways, "cash for gold" schemes have led to jewellery-related thefts, electronic items and mobile phones are also of interest to burglars, and such items left visible in cars are being stolen. Residents were advised to keep car keys elsewhere, to hide jewellery "creatively", and to place valuables out of sight in unattended cars. The presence of accumulating junk mail and telephone directories may indicate that a house is unoccupied so residents were advised to ask neighbours to remove these items or to avail of An Post's mail holding service.

Comments from floor to the gardai covered fines to deter graffiti, fouling by dogs, the use of sturdy locks to prevent bike thefts, the "Switched On" campaign aimed at addressing cycling without lights at night, and rowdy behaviour in certain locations.

5. Public Representatives

Cllr Ruari McGinley reported on the central control of traffic movement at Terenure crossroads and further improvements required before commenting on continuing traffic difficulties at Rathfarnham Bridge and Springfield Avenue. He also spoke about the impact of falling numbers of passengers on the progress of the Quality Bus Corridor (QBC). He indicated that refurbishment of the sports pavilion and two existing tennis courts in Bushy Park would begin in September and that the Padel court proposal has been scaled back to two courts. He also stated that additional funding has been allocated to the removal of graffiti. Cllr McGinley expressed a preference for retaining the existing City Council boundary while acknowledging that the boundary is likely to change in line with recent changes to the constituency boundary, which re-united Terenure village.

Councillor Michael O'Sullivan supported the proposed change to the existing Council boundary. He then proceeded to elaborate on the need for a regulatory regime to enhance current bin collection problems while pointing out that all refuse collections in one area must take place on the same day. He noted the apparent lack of deterrents and enforcement of deterrents to graffiti and dog litter.

Cllr Mary Freehill indicated her support for the redrawing of the Council boundary and for a regulator of refuse collection services. She referred to a proposal for a roundabout at the Rathdown Motors junction (Terenure Road West, Templeogue Road and Terenure Place) which had not been agreed and to plans in Dublin South-East for a

survey on attitudes to dog fouling and for raising awareness about graffiti. She also mentioned planned legislation in relation to cycling on footpaths. She noted that water pipes were being renewed on Terenure Road North and roads nearby.

Cllr Jim O'Callaghan praised the Association's website and noted its value as a means of interaction between representatives and residents. He supported the redrawing of the Council boundary but did not approve of the increased number of Dublin City Councillors (up from 52 to 63). He noted the reduced crime levels. He advised residents to contact their councillors about waste collection difficulties and stated that there was a need for a broader strategy (including personal responsibility) in relation to such matters as graffiti and dog litter. He made reference to Dublin City Council's competition to name the new public transport bridge over the Liffey and events to commemorate the respective centenaries of the 1913 lock-out, the outbreak of war in 1914 and the Easter Rising in 1916.

Cllr Oisín Quinn congratulated the Association on its level of attendance at the AGM and its work. He spoke in support of the redrawing of the Council boundary and of the increased number of councillors. He noted several projects of benefit to residents, namely the Dublin bike scheme, the canal pathway, free Wifi and the refurbishment of swimming pools. He noted that complaints have been made to Labour ministers concerning the implementation of the Local Property Tax and advocated the delegation of power to local areas in relation, for example, to planning.

Cllr Edie Wynne indicated that works at the Lidl site would commence mid May and that discussions about the location of a post office in Terenure were still in progress.

From the floor

Comments were made in relation to specific householders' difficulties with refuse collection by Greyhound, parking near Bushy Park and its impact on local residents, dogs not on leads in Bushy Park, putting bedding plants on the roundabout in Rathdown, spraying of weeds, and concerns about the impact of Lidl on Beechlawn Way.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report (attached) was distributed. John Grant outlined the reasons for the deficit in the assets, namely, a fall in the number of committee members available to collect subscriptions, expenses relating to the recent social evening, the cost of setting up the website, etc.

7. Election of Officers and Committee

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

Chairman: Jim Dowling; **Vice-Chairman:** Birgit Schmidt; **Secretary:** Christine Hughes; and **Treasurer:** John Grant.

Committee: Barbara Atkinson, Fionnuala Blake, Leila Byrne, Ben Costelloe, Peter Duffy, Joan Finkel, Jin O'Reilly, Riach McElinn and Margaret O'Shea.

The following were elected to the committee, having been duly proposed and seconded: Ann Mahon (Bushy Park Road), Frank Harrison (Westbourne Road) and Patrick O'Hagan (Rathdown Drive).

The retirement of Rosaleen Sharpe, Frank Traynor and Leon Flanagan was noted.

8. Election of Honorary Auditors

Michael Mahony and Dick Blake were confirmed as honorary auditors.

9. Any Other Business

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