

Terenure Residents Association Committee 2019-20

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Ben Costello....our Roads and Traffic Officer has resigned from the committee. We owe a great debt of thanks and appreciation to Ben for all his hard work over many years in helping to make Terenure a better and more pleasant place to live in....

We would like to welcome .Lorna Callanan, Rathfarnham Road, Frank McGee, Wasdale Park, and William McElinn Rathfarnham Road to the committee. We would very much welcome members from areas not already served especially Terenure Rd.West , Olney, Rathdown Park, and Avenue.... Contact any of the above members for more details..

The committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month except January, July and August.

Terenure Residents Assoc...AGM. 16th April 2019

The AGM of the Terenure Residents Assoc. was held in St.Joseph's Hall on the 16th April 2019 with Fionnuala Blake in the chair. The AGM was held earlier than usual to get the views of residents on Bus Connects and that these were used to prepare the submission we made subsequently to the National Transport Authority. There was a very large attendance which included committee members, eight public reps, Mary Freehill (Lab), Ruairi McGinley,(Ind) Cllr Michael Mullooly (FF), Cllr Anne Feeney (FG), Jim O'Callaghan TD (FF), Eamon Ryan TD (Green Party), Tara Deacy. (Social Democrats), Patrick Kinsella (FG)...also in attendance were Sgt. Brendan Kelly, and Garda Shay Kilbride An Garda Siochana, and Rob Chester, Dublin City Council.

Apologies.....Kate O'Connell TD.(FG)

Most of the discussion at the AGM centered round the negative impact that the proposed Bus Connects plans will have on Terenure and the surrounding areas, and the overwhelming preference for an underground metro from Harcourt St, through Harold's Cross, Terenure,Rathfarnham, Firhouse, Knocklyon, and eventually to Tallaght....

Ben Costello advised that Phase 1 of Bus Connects described the bus routes. A submission was made on behalf of the TRA in September 2018, details of which can be reviewed on the TRA website (www.terenureresidentsassociation.com).

Details of Phase 2 were made available for review in February 2019. Corridors 10, 11 and 12 are those relevant to the TRA area. Ben advised that representatives from the TRA met with the National Transport Authority (NTA) on 26th April 2019.and they gave an outline of the timeline for the Bus Connects programme, Proposals to be finalised in 2019, review by An Bord Planeala in 2020 followed by revisions to the scheme in 2021. The tendering phase would follow, with works being undertaken from 2022 to 2027.

Main Concerns Expressed

Loss of front gardens and the destruction of mature trees etc. the fact that protected structures could be lost forever, local villages turned into superhighways...the importance of local residents and residents associations working together to present an united front, the need to get independent professional advice, another resident stated that a road based solution cannot solve traffic issues for a city with complex road layouts, that the Bus Connects solution will result in fewer bus departures for the area than currently exists,

Public Representatives.

All the Public Representatives were in agreement that there is unanimous opposition to the Bus Connects plan, and that they would support the residents in their fight to have these plan overturned.

Terenure village is the 3rd worst hotspot for traffic congestion in the city and that we should exert as much pressure as possible on local politicians,i.e. Minister responsible. Shane Ross to have these plans reversed, the fact that the Metrolink did not get the go ahead for Ranelagh was due to the extent of political pressure that was applied.

Overall it is clear that there is almost unanimous opposition to Bus Connects and a very strong desire and need for an underground Metro from Harcourt St. to Terenure and beyond.....

Other issues

The recycling banks in the Terenure Car Park are going to be camouflaged as they are an eyesore.
Terenure to get a Primary Care Centre on some of the Terenure Road North car park Merrick Home, will be involved.
Senior citizens housing will be included on the site. DCC will be undertaking a rebuild of the library, there is also the desire to retain car parking for the village.

TRA Committee was congratulated on the work undertaken on planning applications and on Bus Connects.

Garda Report.

Sgt. Brendan Kelly outlined a brief summary of crime in the area for the past year. Burglaries increased in 2018, however the volume of car break ins has decreased this year by almost 50%. car keys are still being obtained through letterboxes. There is an increase in assaults (both minor and serious). Extra Gardai have been allocated to the area, 4 Inspectors, 2 Sergeants and 7 new Gardai.

The Sgt. advised the gathering of the Garda Youth Awards. 2 local girls from Terenure were Group Award Winners at a recent awards ceremony in Tallaght, for their voluntary work in Cheeverstown. They will go forward to the National Finals in Tipperary..... Please contact Sgt. Kelly if you know of any young people aged 13-21 who are worthy of being nominated.

Rob Chester. Dublin City Council Community Officer... gave a brief summary of some of the key community projects and groups which they support in the Terenure area, most notably, Evergreen Hall..Men's shed, Tea Dances, various classes etc.I Love Terenure 2030, Terenure Tidy Towns, Traders Assoc, Terenure/Rathgar Dog Show in Bushy Park, Bloomsday celebrations in the village, Terenure Family Festival Day in Bushy Park, various weekly walk and talk activities, Bumper Christmas Market and Tree Lighting Ceremony, and many more. He also encouraged all to stay in contact with their councillors, as they work very closely with DCC.

Bus Connects and Metrolink update.

TRA recently made a strong submission voicing our concerns to the NTA regarding the Bus Connects project. You can read the submission here. terenuresidentsassociation.ie

TRA are supporting resident's protests against Bus Connects. You may have noticed yellow ribbons and posters on gates and in shop windows. If you would like a poster for your gate or yellow ribbon for your tree, please get in touch.

TRA recently joined with 15 other neighbouring residents associations to make a submission to the Metrolink Project requesting that the feasibility of constructing a metro to the South West of the city is assessed.

Committee member Lorna Callanan, has volunteered to act as the TRA representative dealing with the Bus Connects and Metrolink projects. Feel free to contact Lorna via TRA if you have any comments or ideas.

Roads and Footpath Repairs.

A large number of footpaths are still badly in need of repair, we are currently compiling a list to forward to DCC.

Garda Liaison and Security

Sgt Brendan Kelly gave the TRA an update on some recent crimes and incidents...

Shoplifting at Aldi 03/05/19 and Lidl on 23/05 and 24/05/19 all during the day.

Pedal cycles stolen outside Lidl 07/05/19 circa 5.30pm, the area around Aldi, Lidl Centra and the coffee shops are hot spot for such incidents.

Car broken into in Wasdale on the 19/05/19 overnight, window smashed and coins that were visible taken.

Burglary on Bushy Park Rd.26/05/19 at approx.8pm, side door forced.(owners away on holidays)

Aggravated burglary on Templeogue Road.

Female arrested for begging / collecting money outside Lidl.26/05/19.

Organised fighting between schools taking place in Tymon and Bushy Park, increased patrols in the area.

Bogus Tradesmen.....an increasing number of incidents already this year..do not allow strangers into your home under any circumstances.....

If you see people going door to door in your area offering these type of services, or anything else suspicious then please contact Terenure Garda Station... 01-6666400. or in an emergency – 999

If you need to get some work done, phone **Age Action** local care and repair group - Martin Laffan, 01-4059819
See our TRA website for updates and more info.

Dog Barking

An increase number of complaints received of a dog barking for long periods, day and night in the Rathdown area, the Gardai have been notified and corrective action will be taken,

Remember if you own a dog it is your responsibility to make sure that the dog is not left unattended for hours in the back garden, causing a nuisance and interfering with the peace, comfort and convenience of other people...
To report fouling...phone 1800-251500.

New Local Traders

Welcome to Byrne Jewellers, Damascus Gate Restaurant, and Circa Restaurant, all on Terenure Rd., North.
Please support our local traders as they are the lifeblood of the community.

To find out how you can support other developments visit
Terenure 2030 website for more information.
www.terenure2030.com

Our Website

The TRA website is proving a great success for people in our area. For access just Google. Terenure Residents Association.ie items of local interest such as planning and environmental issues, crime and security and the latest updates on any upcoming events. You can also find contact details for Dublin City Council and elected public representatives.

Planning Matters

Following refusal by An Bord Pleanála for three houses at **Riversdale**, the Board also refused permission for rebuilding the Barn on the same site.

Permission was granted to demolish the house at **59 Bushy Park Road** and build 8 houses on the site. This decision has been appealed.

An application to build a six storey apartment block on **The Rathdown Motors** site was refused but the decision has been appealed. There was an unprecedented response to this application with 142 objections lodged by local residents. Cllr. Mary Freehill organized a public meeting to highlight the impact of this application

Permission was granted to demolish the bungalow at **62 Rathdown Avenue** and to build a large two storey house.

A decision is awaited on an application to build a house in the rear gardens of **38 and 40 Rathdown Park**. Objections have been lodged.

Permission was granted for domestic extensions and alterations at:

6 OlneyGrove
50 Rathdown avenue
14 Healthfield Road
34A Fergus Road
VEC grounds (relocation of gates)
28 Wasdale Park
34 Terenure Road West
No.3 Town Houses. Terenure Road East
(exemption granted on extension to fire escape)

Environment

Problems such as graffiti, litter, broken pavements, inconsiderate parking, traffic, dogs barking and fouling, anti-social behaviour, generally can be dealt with by the Association liaising with the appropriate organisation.

The Association also makes representations to the City Council, on behalf of residents, on issues such as pedestrian safety, bus lanes, cycle lanes, quality bus corridors, etc. We are also keen advocates of the national Tidy Towns and Dublin City Neighbourhoods Competitions.

Should you have any concerns about any aspect of the environment in Terenure, please contact us. The matter will then be taken up with the relevant section of the City Council or local gardai as appropriate.

Terenure Tidy Towns Group.

Can you spare one hour a month to volunteer in the community.....are you interested in Greening/ Biodiversity....interested in helping to roll out community projects around Terenure, then please contact...terenuretidytownsgroup@gmail.com or **Facebook....www.facebook.com/TerenureTidyTowns/**

Monthly Clean Up....2nd Wed. of each month....June 12,July10,Aug14,Sept11,Oct9....all run from 7-8pm, meet at Evergreen Hall, gloves and equipment provided.....all welcome..

Rathdown Drive Clean Up...

A special word of thanks to local resident Tom Kelly and his children for tidying up the pedestrian access areas to the green area on Rathdown Drive. they collected over 20 bags of waste material which was subsequently collected by DCC....

We wish all our residents a safe and enjoyable summer

TRA subscriptions for 2019-2020 are now due.
A designated committee member will call soon
to collect the 5 euro sub.