

Annual General Meeting

The date and time for our AGM has been set (see the front of this Newsletter). We will cover other issues of concern to residents at this meeting – planning, graffiti and the Dart Station development.

Each year the Residents Association committee needs up to 9 members to carry out it's work. New committee members are always needed. If you feel you can attend a meeting once a month (for an hour or so) then PLEASE put your name forward - we would like to hear from you and need your assistance.

The 2008 Committee

Xavier Timmons	37 Middle Third	Chairperson
Clodagh Whelan	14 Abbeyfield	Vice- Chairperson
Shay Nash	48 Middle Third	Secretary
Judy Lynam	45 The Demesne	Treasurer
Brian Fitzpatrick	57 Abbeyfield	
Denise Rushe	27 The Demesne	
John Sheridan	214 Howth Road	

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Committee Nomination Form

Nominee*: _____

Address: _____

Proposed by*: _____

Address: _____

Signature of Nominee: _____

Date: _____

** Only existing members of the Residents Association are eligible to propose and be nominated.*

Please leave your completed form with a Committee member – or bring it to the AGM!

KILLESTER GARDEN VILLAGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Application To

DEMOLISH The LEGION HALL

and build a commercial property up to six times bigger than the current structure has been received by the planning authority who have refused planning permission.

This may now be submitted to An Bord Pleanala or may be re-drafted and re-submitted.

If successful this would force the REMOVAL of 50% of the current Green Area and set a precedent for the development of our green areas while also undermining the Z9 and Z2 zoning.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS.

Other issues in this Newsletter:

- *Traffic issues – current developments*
- *Traffic Camera – Howth Road*
- *Water pressure in the area*
- *Neighbourhood Watch Scheme update*
- *Annual AGM*
- *Committee nomination form*

Residents' Association 2009 AGM.

DATE: Saturday 18th April.

TIME: 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

VENUE: PARISH RESOURCE CENTRE, HOWTH ROAD.

THIS IS OUR COMMUNITY - OUR RESPONSIBILITY

The AGM of the Residents' Association in April last year was very well attended. The major issue was traffic through the area. This year we have a number of new issues that need your attention. Come along and contribute your input to determining the future of our area.

LOCAL ISSUES – LOCAL COMMUNITY – LOCAL DECISIONS – LOCAL ELECTIONS!!

The Committee will provide a full update on all issues. This is your opportunity to participate in directing the future of our area.

The Committee of the Killester Garden Village Residents Association has sent this Newsletter to you. This Association covers the areas of Abbeyfield, Middle Third, The Demesne and parts of the Howth Road.

Planning Application for development at The Legion Hall

As most of you are aware, a Planning Application has been submitted to Dublin City Council's Planning Department in respect of development at the Legion Hall in Middle Third. This Planning Application has produced more than forty (40) objections. To see why – look at the picture below.



This is an artist's impression of the proposed development.

Your committee is pleased to report that following an extensive campaign with the local community and with our local representatives, this planning application has been refused by the Planning department. The majority of our public representatives supported our activities with those listed below actually submitting an observation to the planning authority.

Cllr. Bronwen Maher; Cllr. Naoise O'Muire; Cllr. Aodhan O'Riordan; Cllr. Deirdre Heney; Sean Haughey T.D.

Any further information on this will be presented at the AGM.

With the Local Elections coming in June this year we would urge you to voice your concerns to any candidate that seeks your support - on this or on any of the following issues:

The Traffic issue

As you are aware this is a long standing issue for you and your committee.

The traffic problem in our area involves the 'rat run' from the Artane Roundabout through to the Howth Road. In February 2008 we submitted the Residents petitions to Ms. Celine Reilly of Dublin City Council at the North Central Area offices. During the Summer of 2008, DCC traffic officials monitored traffic levels on the main Abbeyfield road We received feedback from DCC on this in September '08

- Over 700 cars per hour use the 'rat run' during peak times
- The peak hour is 8:00 to 9:00 am (Monday –Friday)
- The average speed is 39 kph.

Unfortunately the Traffic Advisory Group “did not recommend restricting access to Killester Garden Village as this would reduce traffic permeability in the area and increase traffic volumes on neighbouring roads.”

Water Pressure Lets Put the Pressure ON!

As you are aware and as we have all experienced the water pressure in our area is a disgrace. At certain times of the day it is almost non existent. As we enter the summer months this problem becomes a lot worse. What can we do? We have had the water pressure tested at the mains beside the legion hall and it was tested at 50% of normal at 11 am on a weekday. The present claim by the water department is that they are unable to upgrade our water mains due to the fact that all the pipework is located inside the boundary of our properties and they cannot work on private land. This is NOT acceptable. We are entitled to a water service as much as anyone else. You must make this a major issue. With local elections coming tell your representatives BUT more importantly PLEASE start ringing the Water Services Division and complaining about your water pressure. If everyone does this then it will become in their interest to find a way to solve this. Please Ring them on 222 0600 and keep ringing them.

Proposed Traffic Camera on the Howth Road

As you may be aware, Dublin City Council proposed to install a traffic camera at the junction of the Howth Road and Castle Avenue on a 15 Metre pole. Following representations to the local Public Representatives and meetings with them and the traffic officials in Dublin City Council's Traffic Centre to discuss the issue of privacy in respect of this pole, we presented an alternative for consideration.

We have been informed that the Traffic Department have agreed to consider this alternative and reduce the height of this pole to 6 Metres and will provide a radio link to another pole at the junction of Collins Avenue and the Howth Road.

The timetable for this work is not available due to current budget issues and is deferred at this time.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme update

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme representatives from your Residents' Association attended the Area Neighbourhood Watch Scheme AGM held recently in The Marine Hotel in Sutton.

The Community Garda for the Killester and Donnycarney area is Garda Sean Dixon.

The Crime Prevention Officer gave a presentation on current issues affecting all areas.

- Burglaries from houses are still a problem and unfortunately on the increase in these times. Most burglaries occur between 8 am and 5 pm, where the house is unoccupied and does not have a burglar alarm. Fitting a burglar alarm box on the outside of the house will deter potential burglars. You should fit a door viewer and door chain to protect against unwanted callers. Mark your valuables and if you can, place them in a small safe bolted to a wall. The motto here is 'Prevention is better than Detection'.
- There have been problems in other areas with workmen calling at houses, looking to check/fix roofs and perform other jobs. Do not allow them to work on your house. You should ask your friend or neighbour's advice if you think you may need work done.

The overriding message is to be vigilant for yourself and your neighbours.

If you see any activity which is suspicious – don't be afraid to call the Gardaí. It is, after all, their job.

So – don't be afraid to ring 999.

If you have any concerns which should be raised with the Gardaí please ring Raheny Garda at 6664300.