

## **Belgrave Residents' Association**

### **Minutes of AGM held on 17th November 2005 in Beechwood Community Hall, Ranelagh**

The Chairman welcomed those present and gave a brief outline of the work of the Association during the past year.

The Minutes of the previous AGM were read and approved.

Garda Hogarty addressed the meeting and itemised a series of crimes which had been committed in the area. He advised people to report anything suspicious to the Gardai, to hide their car keys and to be suspicious of people calling at the door. Old people were particularly vulnerable and should obtain the alarm available from the Dept. of Social Welfare.

The Accounts for the year ended 14.11.2005 were approved.

The Secretary's Report was read and approved.

The Planning Officer gave a summary of the planning applications made in our area during the last year:

Total no. of applications 50 (17 granted, 14 declared invalid)

6 applications for mews and townhouses

14 " for vehicular access

11 " for reconstruction or building of extensions

The Committee tries only to object to what they feel is not good. Planning decisions seem to be inconsistent. There is over-density in the area leading to loss of parking and gardens. Many people had been concerned at the plans for the 9 cinema complex at the Swan Centre. The Chairman pointed out that we had sought professional advice on the matter before making our objection.

The Environment Committee reported that a Clean-up Day had been held in May.

(More advanced notice of the Clean-up Day was requested with, maybe, a sticker to be distributed.) Other points raised were dog fouling, with a recommendation that signs should be erected, blocked drains in the autumn and the illegal parking of trucks over 3 tons.

A seasonal warning was given by the Crime Committee representative to remind people to be particularly vigilant over Christmas.

Margaret Dillon spoke on behalf of Rathmines Initiative. An illustrated explanatory booklet had been produced. Work should begin in June 2006. Rathmines Initiative will continue to take an interest and ensure that the development becomes a community facility

Garden Competition: No prize had been awarded as no garden had produced a 'Bunch of Flowers', the theme of the competition.

The resolution to include Belgrave Terrace in the roads affiliated to the Association was passed. It was also agreed that Castlewood Avenue should be included as before.

Under AOB mention was made of the need for a collection of household junk, which normally happens once during the year, and unsuitably placed satellite dishes (which should be reported to DCC). (A complaint was made that drivers turned into Ormonde Road off Palmerston Road and down Moyne Road, thus preventing other drivers from going up Moyne Road. The Chairman suggested that Moyne Road residents might agree that Moyne Road should become one-way.) A yellow box was required at the junction of Oakley Road and Dunville Avenue. The new route for the 14A bus along Belgrave Road was considered to be superfluous.

Bringing the meeting to a conclusion the Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Roy Johnston, a founder member of the Association who was leaving the area, for all his hard work over the years. Thanks were also extended to the Chairman, Matthew Ward, and the Secretary, Mary Towers, both of whom were retiring after 3 years in office.