

***Belgrave Residents Association***

***Annual General Meeting  
in  
Beechwood Community Centre,  
on  
October 19th 2018***

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Chair: Mary Crosbie (Chairperson)**  
**Planning Officer: Cliona Buckley**  
**Secretary/ Treasurer: Nicholas Simms**

Apologies: Emmy Morahan, Susan Ward, Edward Kelly, Enid & Tom O'Dowd, Rebecca Coghlan, Elizabeth & Allen Smith, Sarah Coyle, Eamonn Walsh

Welcome from the Chair and Chairperson's Report

Mary Crosbie welcomed those attending and thanked them for their interest. She also thanked the committee members for their work during the year, including the design and layout of the Association's newsletter by committee member Edward Kelly.

She referred to a number of local issues on which the Association had been active during the year:

- The forthcoming traffic experiment in **Mountpleasant Avenue**
- The planning redevelopment of the **Gulistan Depot**, which (thanks to a motion out down by Councillor Mary Freehill) was now to take a wider range of social concerns into consideration.
- Following last year's presentation by the Community Gardaí, a pilot Neighbourhood Watch/ **WhatsApp group** had been set up in Ormond Road and was now working well.
- The plans for the **Metrolink** to replace the Luas Green Line had caused considerable local concern, notably in an overflowing public meeting held last May. A 'Rethink Metro' group covering the roads in Beechwood area together with the Belgrave and Richview Residents Associations had lobbied throughout the summer, including making a presentation to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Transport. The support of all local elected politicians had been secured. It was understood that the next version of the plan to be presented in November might include a proposal for a bridge or an underpass at the Dunville Avenue crossing. While the blocking of Dunville Avenue was an important issue, other concerns continued, such as the interruption of the Luas service during construction, noise and vibration for those living close to the line and the blocking of other crossing points including Cowper Road, Alexandra and Windy Harbour.

Mary also referred to the death during the year of Tom Boland, the 'Weather Man'. The Association had contributed to his headstone. The Association had also contributed to the Ranelagh Arts Festival. Ranelagh Arts was seeking new premises.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017, having been circulated by email and distributed in the hall, were taken as read and approved.

### Treasurer's report

The Association's accounts for the year ending 30 September 2018 (attached) had been previously circulated by email and distributed through the meeting.

Commenting on the accounts, the treasurer, Nicholas Simms, noted The Association had a surplus of € 1,743 in the year ending 30 September 2018, compared with a surplus of €951 last year.

This was mainly due to an increase in subscriptions of €900 (32%). There were 40 new members during the course of the year, which, together with returning members, brought the total number of paid-up members to 195 (up from 155).

28 subscriptions were paid on-line, up from 20 last year.

Nicholas Simms said that the figure of 195 paid-up members could be compared with the 350 who paid in some years and the approximately 800 households in the Association's area.

On the proposal of John Lynch, seconded by Declan Horgan, the accounts were adopted by the meeting.

### Planning Report

The Planning Officer, Cliona Buckley, gave a general overview of planning activity in the Association's area, thanking fellow committee member Eón Ó Cuív for his fabulous work in drafting the committee's observations on individual planning applications.

She said it was good that the former Dagg's site in Church Avenue had finally been developed, even though she was not totally happy with the result. Sales were to begin at the end of the month.

The proposed development of 20 houses between Annesley Park and Killeen Road was to be the subject of a presentation by Susan Healy during the Open Forum.

She welcomed recent commercial developments in the area, including Fallon & Byrne, who were to expand with a new restaurant on the old Ulster Bank site), as well as the Charlemont and Ranelagh hotels.

Eón Ó Cuív summarised the Association's recent observations on planning applications for:

- 47 Dunville Avenue
- Trinity House, Church Avenue
- 14 Dunville Avenue
- 36 Dunville Avenue

### Election of Road Representatives

The following were proposed as road representatives:

Annesley Park	Susan Healy
Belgrave Square/Place/Villas:	Nicholas Simms
Belgrave View	no nominations
Belgrave Terrace	Emmy Morahan
Belgrave Road:	Eón Ó Cuív
Beechwood Park	Nuala MacDwyer, Catherine Griffith
Castlewood Park/ Avenue/Tce.	Eamonn Reilly, Kate O'Driscoll (new)
Cambridge Road	Cliona Buckley
Charleston Avenue:	no nominations

Church Avenue/Lane:	no nominations	
Church Gardens	no nominations	
Dunville Avenue	Danièle Moloney	(new)
Killeen Road	John Lynch	
Moyne Road:	Rex Coghlan	
Oakley Road:	Nicholas Ffrench	
Ormond Road	Mary Crosbie	
Palmerston Court	Susan Ward	
Palmerston Road	Edward Kelly	
Windsor Road	Eamonn Walsh	

There being no other nominations, all those proposed were deemed elected.

### Open Forum

#### Planning application for 20 houses between Annesley Park and Killeen Road

Susan Healy gave a presentation this current planning application, illustrated with PowerPoint visuals. This covered a number of issues such as:

- Heights, with overlooking and shading considerations
- Distances, in relation to the required 20m minimum (window to window)
- Traffic
- Bin collection
- Water table

Two documents were made available:

- ‘*Commenting on a Planning Application, a Practical Guide*, issued by Dublin City Council Planning Department’
- A template for making observations on this particular application, giving addresses and references. A Word version of this was to be available on request.

Elaine Fox of Killeen Road said that she had engaged with a planning consultant to help her submit observations to Dublin City Council. She would like to hear from any other residents of Killeen Road who would be interested in taking part in this exercise.

There being no further business, Mary Crosbie closed the meeting.

A short drinks reception followed.

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## Income and Expenditure Account

Year ending 30th September	2018	2017
<b>Income</b>		
Subscriptions	3,700	2,800
Interest	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>2,800</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Planning	480	250
Newsletter	135	166
AGM expenses	300	230
PO Box	325	295
Room hire	250	250
Committee, Stationery & Printing	243	210
Bank charges	65	43
Subscriptions & Sponsorship	160	162
Garden Competition	0	120
Fair in the Square	0	
Information meeting	0	124
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,957</b>	<b>1,849</b>
<b>Surplus for the year</b>	<b>1,743</b>	<b>951</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
Current Account	2,570	3,532
Deposit Account	6,607	3,607
PayPal account	0	0
Accrued pre-payment	250	295
less Uncashed cheque	-250	
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,177</b>	<b>7,434</b>
Opening Balance	7,434	6,483
Surplus for the year	1,743	951
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,177</b>	<b>7,434</b>

**Prepared by:**  
**Nicholas Simms**  
**Secretary/ Treasurer**