Sandycove & Glasthule Residents Association Newsletter



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RESIDENTS GATHERING

Thursday 29th April 2004

Time: 8 pm

Venue: Presentation College, Glasthule (Entrance to left of Presentation College, opposite St. Josephs church)

Admission charge: 5 euro (to cover meeting expenses)

This will be an opportunity for residents to hear about the latest developments in the area, to ask questions, to express their opinions and to hear a very interesting guest speaker

ALL WELCOME

Speaker

Our guest speaker for the residents gathering is one of our own members, James Howley, a former secretary of the residents association and currently a member of the committee. He will present an illustrated talk about architectural follies and garden buildings with a particular emphasis on examples found in the south Dublin area.

Ten years ago his book entitled The Follies and Garden Buildings of Ireland was published by Yale University Press, to much critical acclaim and a paperback edition has recently been published. This includes a new chapter, which describes how this group of quirky and often eccentric buildings has fared against the rapid development and expansion of the Celtic Tiger years. For those interested, signed copies of the book will be on sale after the talk.



Annual General Meeting '03

The AGM was held on November 6th 2003 and was well attended by 80 members. The Chairperson, Bob Waddell, opened the meeting by welcoming all present.

The meeting was attended by Mary Hanafin TD, Government Chief Whip and Minister of State at the Department of the Taoiseach (Fianna Fáil), Fiona O'Malley TD (Progressive Democrats) who is a local resident and a member of the Association, Councillor Jane Dillon Byrne (Labour), Councillor Helen Keogh (Fine Gael) and Councillor Chris O'Malley (Labour), as well as prospective County Council candidates Brendan Keily (Fianna Fáil), Roger Cole (Labour) and Mary (Progressive Mitchell O'Connor Democrats). Councillor Kealin Ireland (Green Party) had sent apologies.

The Chairman welcomed Minister Hanafin and extended condolences on the death of her husband. The Minister declared her support for the Association, which she said, was one of the best in the area. She referred to the useful newsletter and thanked the Committee for their work.

The report on the AGM for 2002, which appeared in the subsequent edition of the newsletter, was adopted as the minutes of that meeting.

Membership subscription

Following the unanimous decision at the recent residents gathering in April 2003 favouring an increase in the subscription to EU15 per member and EU22 for two or more members who are members of the same household, it was resolved to ratify the new subscription rates.

Financial Report

The Treasurer, Cathy McGovern, delivered a report on the accounts of the Association for the 12 months to 31st August 2003, which disclosed total funds at the year end of EU2,975 with expenditure during the year of EU3,029 exceeding revenue by EU137. The main items of expenditure were the purchase of a bench for the Peoples Park, gardening work at Otranto Place

Gardens, newsletter printing costs and insurance. She thanked John O'Hanlon for carrying out an independent review of the accounts. Copies of the accounts were made available for inspection.

Chairperson's Address

Bob Waddell spoke of the busy year, the regular monthly Committee meetings and the newsletter, which is distributed to 1,700 residences in the Sandycove and Glasthule area. He said more people were needed to distribute the newsletter and asked for volunteers. He wished Ursula Maguire, who has been a tower of strength in organising the newsletter distribution and many other tasks, a speedy recovery from her operation. He encouraged members to ask their neighbours to join the Association.

Cathy McGovern was thanked for her input on a professional looking letterhead and the website www.sandycoveandglasthule.ie which had enhanced the image of the Association.

Bob spoke of the meetings Committee members had held with An Cathaoirleach and other Councillors at which we had tackled them on issues of concern. He said that Councillors will respond if you contact them. The Association had presented a bench made by a local craftsman to the Peoples Park. We were proud that one of the Committee, James Howley, had been invited to join the County's Heritage Plan Committee. The run up to the County Council elections next year would be an excellent opportunity to put pressure on Councillors. Later in the meeting, Bob spoke critically of leaflets from prospective County Council candidates which were devoid of specific proposals. We do not need to be told what is wrong - we need specific proposals about what candidates actually want to happen.

We had been assured that the Parks Department would put a proper fence round the Denis Burton tree, a place where his wife Helen feels at home. The "Mound of Newtownsmith" pile of rocks and rubble was now gone. One of our residents, Imogen Stewart, has kindly agreed to do a write-up on the seafront, which appears in this newsletter. We contributed funds to the pruning of the gardens at Otranto Place and volunteers are now needed to keep this good work going. Bob complimented the children of the area who had volunteered to help on National Clean-Up Day. Bob reported that, following an intervention by him, recesses in the lower level of the seafront promenade, which had been used for anti-social purposes and had been in a disgraceful state, had been sealed up.

The Chairperson referred to the proposed development at Link Road and Newtownsmith which has now been turned down twice. Neighbouring residents, Ted and Valerie Courtney, are having to endure a lot with huge quantities of rubble being dumped in the gardens there.

The developers of the former Forum Cinema site had applied for permission for a fourth storey, but we had objected and the final result has turned out well.

We decided not to get involved in the proposals for the development of Dún Laoghaire Golf Club.

Waste management is a very controversial topic at the moment. We continue to push the County Council in relation to recycling facilities and we may have the Council's environment education officer speak at a future residents gathering.

We are all concerned about traffic. Our request for suggestions produced one contribution. There is a pressing need for an overall traffic plan to be produced by the County Council.

We welcomed the installation by Ulster Bank of an ATM at the Spar shop. We had previously contacted all the major banks on the need for this facility.

We have covered the topic of drugs and drink in the newsletter in an article contributed by one of our Committee members, Wesley Curran. The situation needs to be watched and generally we have found the local Gardai to be helpful. The caravan which was in the car park at Eden Park has now gone.

We understand the structure outside Meadows and Byrne is going to be moved, but in any event it is outside our area.

We have congratulated the County Council on the wonderful Festival of World Cultures.

The Tidy Towns Committee had broken up, which was a great pity, but we should act as if it was still there. We intend to announce a competition for shopfronts and gardens.

Committee

All the current officers and other members of the Committee were re-elected for the coming year. Peter O'Brien was elected to fill the one the vacancy on the Committee.

Public Representatives

The current and aspiring public representatives present were given an opportunity to introduce themselves and speak briefly.

County Development Plan

The Secretary, John Elliot, outlined the main features of the Association's submission to the County Council on the draft County Development Plan. This submission is summarised in this edition of the newsletter.

Residents Issues

A number of important issues and concerns were raised by members, both in open forum and directly with members of the Committee of the Association following the formal part of the meeting. We have subsequently written to the County Manager, with copies to all Councillors for the Dun Laoghaire ward, to communicate the issues raised. The issues are listed in this newsletter in the section titled: RESIDENTS AGM ISSUES.

We told the County Manager that we intend to follow up the issues with our Councillors and relevant County Council officials over the coming months. We trust the issues will receive prompt and helpful attention. We will report progress to the residents through this newsletter, which is distributed to over 1,700 households in the area.

Concluding Remarks

Bob concluded by drawing attention to an excellent book, Streets of Glasthule by Brian Smith.

Ursula's Bits and Pieces

We welcome and wish them success:

Scot Lyons and his partners who took over Café du Journal, Glasthule Road since our last newsletter.

Polly O'Donnell at HALCO Jewellery, 4 Glasthule Terrace.

Continued success to Margaret at SOUL Shoes on her move to 2 Glasthule Terrace.

Contragulations to:

O'Toole, Butchers - Bridgestone Award 2004

Caviston's Restaurant – Routiers Award 2004

Continued success to Fiona Barton at Eminence on her move to 52 Sandycove Road.

Special Awards

Special awards Will be presented each year at our A.G.M. for the best:

a. Front Garden

b. Shop Window



Tidy Districts Competition

Details and entry forms available from County Hall, Dun Laoghaire, Phone 2054700. Think about getting your area interested.



Unveiling of new Park Bench presented to the Peoples Park by Sandycove and Glasthule Residents Assocation

Residents AGM Issues

1: Dún Laoghaire Baths

A wish was expressed for the Association to make stronger objection to commercial development of baths, which should be developed as public baths. Residents asked what will be the price for admission of a family to the baths? It is believed that access will not really be public unless the admission prices are low. There was a call to restore the baths for local people. Views were expressed that if the County Council does not have the money it must do what is necessary to obtain the money and that there is a lack of will on the part of the County Council even to try to get the money. The possibility of EU funding for the baths was referred to. While there is a pressing need for development to remove an eyesore, there is a wish not to rush into bad development. There is concern over lack of public consultation. The view was expressed that publicprivate partnership concedes too much control to developers. There is concern over the risk of a failed hotel being turned into apartments.

2: Traffic

There is a need for an overall plan, including one way systems. Concern was expressed over access for emergency vehicles.

3: Postal deliveries

Delays had resulted since the sorting office moved.

4: Public access to County Council meetings

Concern was expressed over the limited real public access.

5: Re-cycling facilities at George's Place

Objection was made to the inadequacy of the recycling facilities, particularly with regard to cardboard because the openings in the storage containers are too restricted.

6: Bottle bank at Hyde Park

Objection was made to closure.

7: Dog excrement

Concern was expressed over the continued presence of dog excrement on streets. How many fines have been imposed for failure to remove dog excrement? There was concern over litter and it was felt that there has been little improvement.

8: Street cleaning

There was praise for street cleaning in some parts of the area.

9: Number 8 bus service

There was a call for the service to be reinstated.

10: Under-age drinking

There were concerns over the threatening atmosphere resulting from under-age drinking.

11: Blue Flag

We were informed by a public representative in attendance that there was no chance of the Forty Foot being awarded a Blue Flag. Residents wish us to seek an explanation about why this is the case.

12: Refrigeration trucks

Objection was raised about nuisance caused by noise outside the Spar shop in Sandycove.

Local Election Issues

Questions for council election candidates

In June this year we have a rare chance to influence the people who will represent us on the County Council – County Council elections will take place. Between now and the elections we have the opportunity ask prospective candidates for the Dún Laoghaire ward in the forthcoming County Council elections about their policies in relation to issues of importance to residents in the Sandycove and Glasthule area. Bearing in mind the issues which come up most frequently at meetings of the committee of the Sandycove and Glasthule Residents Association and at the AGM and other residents gatherings, we have drawn up the following list of questions prospective candidates may wish to consider as they knock on our doors. We know from experience that very specific concrete proposals, as opposed to generalised aspirations, are preferred by residents.

Meeting our needs

If elected, what will you do for the residents of Sandycove and Glasthule:

- 1: To ensure the development of Dún Laoghaire Baths as a public amenity open to all?
- 2: To stop objectionable building development on the seafront, particularly building over 3 storeys?
- **3**: To solve the traffic and parking problems of the area through a rational coherent traffic management plan which makes proper allowance for the needs of residents?
- **4**: To prevent litter and dog excrement in the area in a way which makes a fundamental improvement to the situation?
- **5:** To deal with the threatening atmosphere resulting from under-age drinking to give confidence to residents that they can be safe in their neighbourhood?
- **6:** To ensure that accident and emergency services continue at St.Michaels Hospital, Dún Laoghaire?
- 7: To ensure that Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown receives its fairshare of central government funding?
- 8: To ensure that the residents are properly consulted about proposals by the County Council that effect the area?

Baths & Piers

Despite the relatively easy access to the sea for the purposes of bathing, in the Dún Laoghaire area, specific "baths" proved to be a significant feature in the development of the town. Bathing places are denoted on a late eighteenth century map of Dunleary, prior to the establishment of the town and the construction of the harbour. The coming of the railways led to the relocation of these early baths to the back of the West Pier, with the current baths near the East Pier in Scotsman's Bay being established as the Royal Victoria Baths in 1843. In 1896 the Royal Victoria Baths were purchased by the Town Council, which undertook a substantial rebuilding between 1905 and 1911. Further around the bay another smaller bath house was also constructed known as the Sandycove Baths. These buildings and the internationally famous Forty Foot bathing place, combine to provide a rich cultural heritage that explains very clearly why the town was originally developed as an elegant Victorian watering place. Of all of the historic sites of bathing in our area, the only one in a good state of preservation is the Forty Foot, looked after so carefully by the generous and voluntary efforts of the Sandycove Bathers. Not surprisingly all of the other sites are the responsibility of the County Council.

The Sandycove Baths is in a very poor state of repair, but at least it has an intact roof and is still in use by canoe and sub aqua clubs. In contrast the Dun Laoghaire Baths are in a deplorable state of dereliction and neglect. The main baths building is a modest structure architecturally, but it has none the less a very significant and meaningful position as the only building on the waters edge between the East Pier and the Sandycove Baths at Sandycove Avenue West. The cultural significance of this building, however, lies more in its use as an important recreational focus in the folk memory of several generations of residents and visitors to the area. The splendid terraced pools would have enjoyed good east and west sun, with south sun in high summer, along with stunning views out to sea. In their heyday the baths would have served not only recreational but also sanitary purposes in the days before the sophisticated internal plumbing we now all take for granted.



To have let this important local landmark disintegrate is bad enough, but to have actively planned for its complete removal and replacement with either an overscaled hotel, or worse a vast office tower, is almost unbelievable. And yet that is precisely what our elected representatives were seriously considering last year. Such is the hunger for commercial rates in the County that the Council appears to be determined to sanction schemes quite regardless of the principles established in numerous development plans for the area over the years.

Carlisle Pier is another important historic structure rich in cultural significance as the mail boat link to Britain, and even more poignantly as the departure point for generations of diaspora who left this country in difficult economic times to find work across the Irish Sea. Like the Dun Laoghaire Baths the Carlisle Pier is a modest structure in architectural terms, and like the baths its greatest meaning lies in the echoes of former purpose.

As with the Dun Laoghaire Baths, architect and developer teams were invited to prepare development proposals and these were recently exhibited to the public in the new ferry terminus. Four different schemes were developed, three of which were, quite bland and commercially led. The one that stood out as being architecturally exciting in its overall form and the place-making of the external space created in the centre of the main development was that of the architect Daniel Liebskind, an internationally renowned architect who won the competition to rebuild the World Trade Centre in New York. His scheme also linked well with Moran Park by way of a foot bridge connected to a proposed new library and cultural building located in the park.

Since its formation in 1975, our residents association has had a tradition of championing good contemporary architecture. How could it not, with Michael Scott as its founder.

In recent years we have repeatedly tried to stress this in our planning objections or observations. We do not oppose new development per-se, simply poor development that is over-scaled and inappropriately designed. The Carlisle Pier exhibition was open for a disappointingly short period, but it was well attended and many residents are enthusiastic about the Liebskind proposals. Our only concern would be if the scale of the development got carried away in the enthusiasm of the developers to make money and the Council to generate rates.

So we will be watching any future planning application for the pier with interest, to ensure that the splendid view of Dun Laoghaire from Sandycove does not loose its current elegant profile. With the vast potential gain in rates, perhaps this will enable the Council to rethink its development plans for the Dun Laoghaire Baths; perhaps it may even help to facilitate their redevelopment in a non-commercial, community beneficial way in the spirit of the town council that bought them over one hundred years ago.

STOP PRESS

While 8,000 visited the Carlisle Pier exhibition and nearly 1,1700 comment cards were completed and almost 50% prefered the Daniel Liebeskind proposal from the final shortlist of 4, we understand the Harbour Board have selected as their first choice one of the other proposals!

County development plan

Summary of submission by Sandycove and Glasthule Residents Association on County Development plan.

We reviewed the Draft County Development Plan from the point of view of the issues that have been of recurring concern to the Committee of our Association and our submission was based on this review.

Planning

We noted with concern that the references in the Development Plan to residential density contain no absolute limit on height of new development on the seafront or in Glasthule Village and we believe that the detailed wording on density may provide some comfort to developers that exceptions to a restrictive coastline development policy may be made. We requested that the policy on density should made more definitive and include, as requested in previous correspondence, an appropriate specific limit on the height of new development on the seafront, which should be extended to include Glasthule village. This is an issue of fundamental importance to the future of the whole area and we requested that the Council, in consultation with our Association, specifically address this matter.

We have previously expressed our concern at the uncertain position in relation to possible future developments on the seafront at Sandycove on a scale not in accordance with the scale of most of the existing buildings. In particular, as has been shown by some recent planning applications, there is a risk of building in the future to a height in excess of the established skyline on the seafront. We feel that, due to lack of certainty about the maximum acceptable height on the seafront, there is a constant threat of the possibility of planning decisions being made which will have an irreparably damaging effect on the character of the area.

We believe that, due to the prominence and significance of the appearance of the seafront, both for local residents and as an area of national importance as part of a gateway to Ireland, there is a compelling case to be made for the inclusion in the County Development Plan of a prescribed height restriction for building on the seafront from Dun Laoghaire Baths to Bullock Harbour. We proposed that the restriction should limit such building to a height no higher than the generally existing height of neighbouring historical building stock.

We reviewed the monuments listed for the area and proposed that the Ballygihen Archway and the site of the old fever hospital on Link Road be classified as monuments.

With reference to parking requirements in planning context, we pointed out that frequently an allocation of one space per dwelling is inadequate in the light of current levels of car ownership.

Seafront improvements

We highlighted the lack of specific objectives in the Development Plan for Sandycove and Glasthule. While the Local Coastal Plan contains a degree of detail, we are concerned regarding the exact status of the Local Coastal Plan in relation to the Development Plan. We noted that it is a policy objective of the Development Plan to implement the recommendations of the Local Coastal Plan and that applications for development within the boundary of the Local Coastal Plan are to "take into account" the recommendations and guidance in the Local Coastal Plan. What assurance do we have that the Local Coastal Plan will be adhered to and not in future disregarded as not having binding status?

In relation to Dun Laoghaire Baths, we observed that there is no explicit exclusion of residential development in the Development Plan, although development is ruled out by the Local Coastal Plan. We wish assurance that residential development on this site is specifically prohibited. It seems that the current situation has suddenly moved on significantly without warning and that all but two of the plans that have been submitted were not available for viewing. We protested in the strongest possible terms about the lack of consultation on this matter. While there is no question of the

Association being against development in principle, we have very serious concerns about the potential for formerly public amenities to be transferred to private use to meet local authority financial objectives in the spurious hope the private sector will provide genuinely public access to amenities.

We would welcome the possibility of the Forty Foot being awarded a Blue Flag, but we are concerned that the stated policy of the Council in relation to public toilets (the absence of which in this location we understand is the principle impediment to such an award) lacks real substance.

Traffic

There appears to be little on road safety specifically in the Development Plan and, generally, the plan would appear to hold out little hope of any specific improvements in our area. A detailed integrated traffic plan should be part of the Development Plan

Environment

The Development Plan in relation to drainage and flooding, waste management and litter control seems to us to be vague. There does not seem to be anything specific on refuse collection or dog excrement, issues of considerable local concern.

We are very aware of the benefit of the County Council continuing to facilitate Tidy Towns. We proposed that consideration should be given making specific reference to the promotion and assistance of Tidy Towns as a policy of the Council.

Public order

While possibly strictly speaking outside the terms of the issues to be covered by the plan, in relation to public order, we stated that it is the view of our Committee that the need to enforce existing laws is the single most important step that can be taken.

Youth facilities

We are concerned that there does not seem to be much specifically in the plan regarding facilities for young people.

Map 3

The Committee reviewed Map 3 which covers the Sandycove and Glasthule area, which would appear to be in conformity with our reasonable expectations with regard to use zoning objectives.

Funding

There does not seem to be any specific consideration of sources of funding for development dependent on public funding. At the risk of stating the obvious, without proper funding very many of the policies and objectives set out in the plan will remain aspirations.

Sandycove Harbour Conservation Area

Last January we became aware of the County Council's proposal to remove the Architectural Conservation Area at Sandycove from the Development Plan.

We were deeply concerned by this proposal and wrote to the County Council asking them to reconsider. While many of the buildings that fall within this area are themselves scheduled on the record of protected structures, we felt that this provided insufficient protection for the area as a whole. The residents of this area are generally responsible and maintain their important historic houses to a high standard. It is, however, in the public realm that is very heavily used at all times of the year and especially in summer, that we felt would benefit from designation as an Architectural Conservation Area (or ACA) if properly enforced. In recent years this important seafront amenity area has seen - the erection of a tall ugly ESB pole; the installation of an automatic toilet (which resulted in the removal of a section of decorative metal railing); a proliferation of visually intrusive poor quality signage around the harbour; the siting of an ugly metal container beside the harbour to serve as a lifeguard station and the use of large unsightly oil drums as rubbish bins. Where else in Europe would you see such an important beauty spot and recreational area treated in such a shabby way?

We have in past newsletters and previous correspondence to the County Council requested environmental improvements to the streets within this important conservation area, such as the placing underground of all cables, the proper maintenance of stone boundary walls and concrete pathways, along with an effective traffic management plan. These improvements are the very least one would expect for a conservation area of this importance.

Sandycove has an immense cultural significance that extends well beyond its impressive architectural heritage. This built heritage includes early and late Victorian villas and terraces, a rich military and industrial archaeological heritage in its Martello Tower, battery and harbour, and the most important "modern movement" house in Ireland, which was the home of our greatest twentieth century architect. The area also boasts historic, cultural and literary associations of international significance, combined with great scenic beauty and a rich natural history, remarkably close to the centre of a major European city. If the County Council cannot appreciate the importance of this beautiful, much loved and much used area, and afford it the protection and maintenance it deserves, what hope is there for the rest of the County?

The Seafront by Imogen Stuart R.H.A.

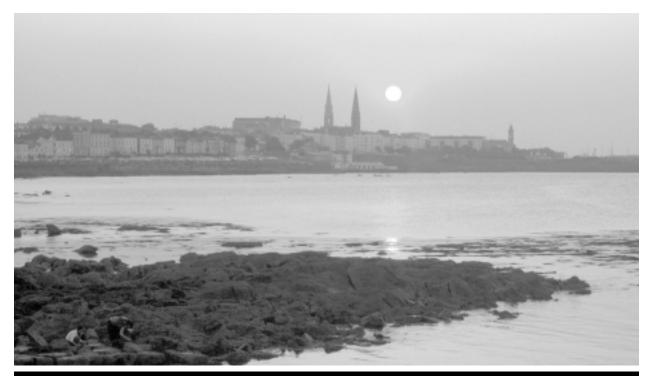
First the good news on the Seafront: there is a very fine sculpture of a sea urchin which we all, in particular the children, love. We have a great new path: gone are the cracks, holes and puddles after high tide and heavy rainfall. The path goes right up to the old Baths and half way into Glasthule. There are beautiful highly polished sculpted bollards and a great number of solid benches. We also have some trational granite bollards, complimenting the Dun Laoghaire ones dividing the seafront from the footpath beside the road.

When traveling through Ireland, one of the outstanding characteristics, not found in many countries, are the stone walls. It is an old tradition, a gift, which the people of Ireland have inherited. This wall building tradition is still upheld. One could say it is in people's blood! When you drive through Dublin, its suburbs, and the borough of Dun Laoghaire and Rathdown you see long stretches of beautiful, newly built granite faced walls, complimenting the old ones.

Now the bad news: the only place, the place which is constantly visited by Irish people and tourists, the lovely seafront from Dun Laoghaire to Sandycove, only there you have walls, steps and curbs all made of concrete – nothing but concrete! While the building work was going on for the last 2 years some of the walls had to be broken for access of tunnels and big machinery. Instead of taking the opportunity to change and replace them with granite walls they faithfully re-erected them with concrete again. I am referring to the low walls, which divide the seafront from the road (yellow and black painted squares to encourage drivers to race along!). The stunning basalt from Northern Ireland is unfortunately badly stained while the yellow promenade was built. The cleaning up will cost extra money now but it should be done.

Beside our very fine sea urchin sculpture there is also nothing to relieve the eye but flat ground and parked cars. All one sees is the new path and the flat grassy ground beside it which has often been badly flooded. This will happen again and again. Why is there no sufficient drainage?

There are plenty of shrubs that stand up to sea water and wind. I hope our seafront will have (eventually) nice lamps, which I presume will be in sympathy with the promenade and coastal park athmosphere, shrubs and planting of trees as in Sandymount. After all we live in a priority area which we can be proud of.



Coastcare

Residents of Sandycove and Glasthule.

Do you love fresh air and exercise and Sandycove's coastal stretch?

Would you like to be involved with activities and fun events by the coast?

Over 2004, make a difference with Sandycove's coastal stretch. By coming together with suggestions and ideas of bringing the community together to care for its coastal stretch, this could be a great year for fun projects, environmental activities and general social activities. Take pride and be active at your local coastal stretch, and be part of Coastcare.

The aim of Coastcare is to involve local people in caring for their local coastal environment, by promoting and supporting safe enjoyable conservation activities. Coastcare encourages all members of a community to be involved: individuals, businesses, schools, current working groups, environmental organisations, associations.

Grants may be available to help your group in fulfilling some of the proposed projects and activities that you wish to do at your local beach. Coastcare grants may cover a variety of expenses, e.g. administration, insurance, tools and other equipment, volunteer expenses, awareness raising, project expenses/materials.

For more information on Coastcare, please contact: Aidan Gray, Coastcare Project Officer, An Taisce Environmental Education Unit, Tel: 046 94 81710, Email: gcawards@eircom.net

Streets of Glasthule

A most informative publication by Brian Smith is now available. It includes many pieces of history. Well worth geting a copy. Congratulations to Brian on all his research with the input of local residents. Copies from Eamon's Book Shop and the Post Office Shop on Adelaide Road.

Thanks to the Distributors

A sincere thank you to all distributors of this newsletter. Without their efforts this newsletter would not be possible

Planning Matters

The Bushes, Marine Parade

By order dated 5th March 2004 permisssion has been refused for the demolition of this detached house and replacement by 2 semi detached houses.

Corner of Newtownsmith and the Link road.

Bord Plenala has not approved this proposed development for 14 residential units. The redevelopment was previously refused permission by the D.L & R. Planning Department on 3 September 2003.

Elton Park

Permission refused for an apartment development.

Sandycove and Glasthule Residents Association

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