



Sandycove and Glasthule Residents Association Newsletter

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Sandycove and Glasthule Residents Association is thriving and active and exists to promote the best interests of the residents of the area. We regularly publish this newsletter, which is distributed to 2,500 households. Members' subscriptions pay for the cost of printing this newsletter.

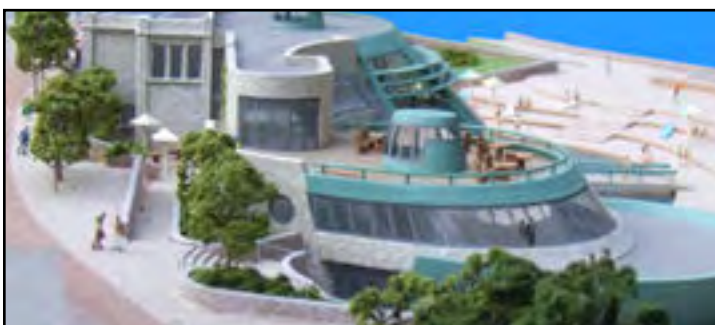
If you are a member, thank you. If you are not already a member, please consider joining. You can use enclosed application form or one can be downloaded at www.sandycoveandglasthule.ie.

Proposed Development of Baths

- Retention and refurbishment of existing Baths Pavilion to provide access to swimming/paddling pool for children
- New structure at rear of existing Pavilion to accommodate café and restaurant, as well as toilets, changing facilities and lockers on ground floor
- New structure to accommodate Thalassotherapy and related activities
- DART to be covered in to provide new forecourt to Peoples Park – with new railings and entrance gates.

Total €17,897,715 - €20,313,907 (incl. VAT)

For further information see www.dlrcoco.ie.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date Monday 23rd May 2011

Time 8 pm

Venue St Joseph's Pastoral Centre

St Joseph's modern community hall is located to the left of St Joseph's Church, Glasthule, entrance through the main church gates.

No admission charge for this meeting.

As well as the usual formal business of the AGM this will be an opportunity for residents to hear about the latest developments in the area, to ask questions and to express their opinions.

There will be a talk given by An Garda.

ALL MEMBERS AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS FROM SANDYCOVE AND GLASTHULE ARE WELCOME

If there are any topics you wish to be discussed at the AGM please tell us by emailing info@sandycoveandglasthule.ie or writing to
The Secretary,
Sandycove and Glasthule Residents Association,
c/o Eamonn's Bookshop, 50 Sandycove Road, Sandycove

A cold November night certainly didn't deter a sizeable gathering at our Autumn Residents Meeting on Monday 15th November at St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre. Also in attendance were local councilors, Stephen Fitzpatrick, John Bailey, Mary Mitchell O'Connor, and Richard Boyd Barrett. Apologies were received from Jane Dillon Byrne and Cormac Devlin.

To start the evening we had a short presentation from local student Bart O'Doherty who is doing a study on redevelopment at the seafront. He is hoping to get e-mail addresses in order to canvass people's opinions.

Several hours were spent discussing the main issues exercising residents at the present time.

Chairperson, Kay Gleeson, read out a letter received from Imogen Stewart expressing her concern at the very poor conditions of the shrubbery at **Otranto Place**. What was once an asset to the area has sadly descended into a dilapidated state. Kay Gleeson has been in touch with Tom Byrne of the parks department and it was agreed that the Council could do some of the major clearing work if volunteers would undertake to keep the site weeded and looking neat and tidy.

Another winter is upon us and still nothing has been done about the **flooding** problem in Glasthule. Several Councillors pointed out that there was hope of work starting soon on a temporary solution with a more permanent one several years in the future.

Parking is becoming a major source of annoyance to residents with permits being issued to householders who already have driveways. These permits are then used to take up spaces of residents who need them. There seems no easy solution to this problem and it seems destined to stay with us and indeed may worsen in the future.

One possible solution could be if we all took up cycling and several speakers suggested that the bike rental scheme in Dublin should be extended to Dun Laoghaire. Cllr. Stephen Fitzpatrick commented that with the present economic downturn it would be hard to get advertisers to sponsor such a scheme just now. He is however to quiz the county manager on the matter.

Yet again, the age-old problem of the No. 8 bus and its unavailability was raised. There is still no direct way to get to St. Vincent's Hospital by public transport. Cllr. Richard Boyd Barrett suggested that direct action by concerned residents seemed the only way to get Dublin Bus to take notice.

New plans for the **Baths** are due to be displayed shortly in the County Hall. Residents were urged to view them and give their opinions. The expectation is that they should mostly give us what was always wanted in the first place. It waits to be seen.

As in our last meeting the problem of **derelict sites** was raised. The sad site of the old Presentation playing fields was particularly mentioned. Due to anti social behaviour here the fire brigade was recently called to put out a fire. The padlock, put there by residents, had to be broken and ever since the gate has been lying open. Efforts to get Ben Dunne take responsibility and secure the site has been in vain. Could we exert more pressure and perhaps allow the field be used for local children?

Plans for the old **fisherman's hut** at Sandycove beach were also discussed. Now that it is under the control of the Council several suggestions were made for its use. The most popular was for a W.C. which is badly needed at the beach during the summer months.

A lot of **burglaries** have been reported in the area over recent months. Many of them apparently committed by the same person who has been in and out of the courts. Residents are warned to be more vigilant than usual.

Having raised all these topics of concern and at Bob Waddell's suggestion and with their consent it was decided to give **Councillors** individual responsibility for key issues. They could then report back to the association on any progress they would have made on them.

These were:

John Bailey	Traffic and Parking
Richard Boyd Barrett	Glasthule Flooding and Baths
Cormac Devlin	Unfinished Sites, Planning and Rates
Jane Dillon Byrne	Seafront, W.C. Facilities, Otranto Place Garden
Stephen Fitzpatrick	Public Transport and Bicycle Scheme
Mary Mitchell O'Connor	Anti Social Behaviour, Children's Facilities and 'Pres Field'

All looked forward to our next meeting when, hopefully, we would have some feedback on these issues from Councillors.

BITS AND PIECES

Please Support your Local Business

Here are some good reasons:

1. Local businesses recycle a much larger share of their revenue back into the local economy.
2. Local businesses create more jobs locally.
3. Local business help create local culture and community.
4. Local stores help to sustain a vibrant, compact, walkable village attracting visitors.

www.glasthuleandsandycovevillage.com

Welcome to:

- Sandra, Gail and Sadie of Mirella Giftware shop, Glasthule Road,

- Peter Byrne who has opened Sandycove Dress Hire upstairs at 71 Glasthule Road,

- Jackie and Sandra, of Eden Hair Design on Eden Road Lower,

- Gary Hanaphy and Colm Quinn who have opened a Display Centre of their hard landscape design work in Kwik Fit Gardens on Eden Road Lower.

Hope all goes well

Neven Maguire at Noel Kavanagh's



New website for Dun Laoghaire

As part of the BRAND initiative, there is a new website for Dun Laoghaire: www.dunlaoghaire.ie

Redesigned SGRA Website



Our website has been redesigned. The main idea is to have more dynamic content and interaction. For instance our latest Poll is "What's the main issue you would like to see addressed by SGRA?"

The current results are:

The Baths	23%
Parking	23%
Flooding	15%
Antisocial Behaviour	15%
Litter	15%
The Seafront	8%

Why not have your say?

Local Business raises over 4,000 for 'Action Breast Cancer'

During Breast Cancer Awareness Month Nuala Woulfe Salon & Serenity Day Spa in Glasthule organised a fund raising event. The Staff donated their salary for the day to the Charity. The salon gave 40% of treatment revenue for the day and they sold raffle tickets. Raffle prizes donated by the salon and others were worth about €4,700.

A grand total of €4,248.79 was raised for the charity..

Local Planning

SGRA have expressed concern to DLRD CoCo that a house on Sandycove Avenue West has had timber hoardings in place for years now, with no sign of completion of the renovation works and removal of this unsightly hoarding. Clarification has been sought.



It is very pleasing to see that the houses on Link Road/ Newtownsmith (site of several previous Planning Applications for overscaled and inappropriate development) were recently sold, and that these houses are currently being renovated for individual private home ownership.



A planning application for a 3 storey development on Langan's property was declared invalid by the Planning Department, due to inappropriate placement of the Planning Notice in the Dundrum Gazette! However the application has been resubmitted. SGRA will be submitting an observation, and neighbouring property owners will no doubt do likewise.



Kish Windfarm

Saorgus Energy Ltd., a private development company, has lodged an application for a Foreshore Lease to construct offshore wind farms - The Dublin Array - in Dublin Bay. Situated on the Bray and Kish Banks, about 10 km off the coast, the proposed development will consist of 145 turbines, 160m high (500 ft).

You can see details of the project on the following websites:

www.saorgus.com
www.coastalconcern.ie

The Harbour Board Master Plan

Findings from a survey twenty five key themes will form part of the feedback from the consultation process currently being undertaken by the Harbour Company as it prepares a masterplan for the Harbour area to secure the Harbour's future and to create essential revenue streams.

This will be announced at the beginning of June, Local residents should keep an eye out for this.

www.dlharbour.ie/masterplan/

Work on the Metals



Unfair Restrictions on Resident Parking Permits

Until recently a resident in the Dun Laoghaire area (which includes Sandycove and Glasthule) who applied for a resident parking permit received a permit allowing them to park their car in on-street parking throughout the Dun Laoghaire area. This brought the benefit to the residents of Sandycove and Glasthule with resident parking permits of being able to use on-street parking in Dun Laoghaire town centre without being charged when they went there for shopping. But, far more important, it meant that on the not infrequent occasions when there was no on-street parking available in the immediate vicinity of their home they could park a few streets away using their resident parking permit.

No longer. Now a resident of Sandycove and Glasthule applying for renewal of a permit will get one which is valid only for the immediate vicinity of their home. This means that if they wish to take their car to Dun Laoghaire town centre for shopping they will have to pay for parking (more than in Blackrock), which will certainly be disincentive to doing business in Dun Laoghaire – a deterrent the hard pressed shop keepers of Dun Laoghaire could do without in these very difficult times.

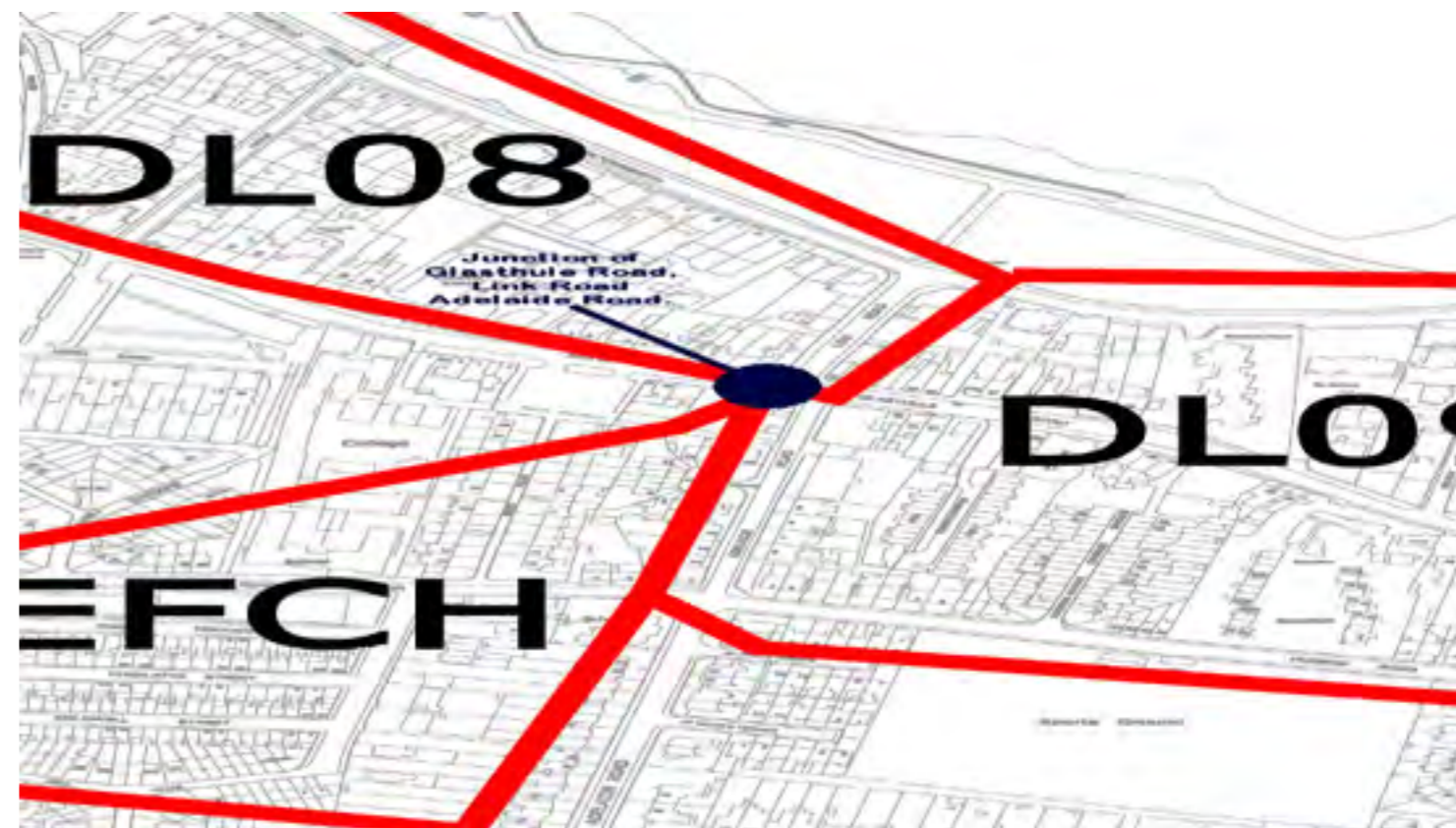
But, far more important on a day-to-day basis, it means that if you depend on on-street parking and you can find no parking space near your home - an occurrence more frequent than you might expect – you will have to pay to park even just a few streets away and normally you will be able to park for only a few hours forcing you

to move your car after a short while. This is a huge limitation in the usefulness and value of a resident parking permit but, even more so, very unfair. It is just another example of the insensitivity and unfairness of officialdom at County Hall. As usual there was no consultation with residents – just a take it or leave it announcement.

Particularly in the seafront areas there is heavy demand on parking. While there is more flexibility at weekends when, in some streets on Saturday and all streets on Sunday, parking is free, an event in Glasthule during the week, like a funeral, will soon use up all spaces, forcing residents into streets where their permit is invalid.

The new parking zones can be seen on the County Council website at www.dlrcoco.ie/aboutus/councildepartments/transportation/findit/newresidentialparking-zonesfordunlaoghaire. You can see from the website map that the new areas are especially small in Sandycove and Glasthule – more so than in the rest of Dun Laoghaire.

The Sandycove and Glasthule Residents Association has called on Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council to amend the resident parking scheme to widen the area each permit is valid for to give residents the right to park in streets a few streets away from their home to ensure that at all, or at least most, times they can use their permit.



Bloomsday

Bloomsday will be celebrated in Sandycove and Glasthule on June 16th.

Sandycove and Glasthule residents Association will give a prize to the Best Window display on the day.



Festival of World Cultures

The Festival of World Cultures will not be held this year, but we look forward to a number of smaller festivals scheduled for week-ends in August, details of which will be published in early Summer.

Mountains to the Sea Book Festival



This very successful Festival which launched in 2009 will take place on 6th to 11th September.

One writer praised the festival as "of international standard, with a great local tilt".

Tickets will go on sale in late July.

www.mountaintosea.ie

Dublin Bay Taste & Music Fest

26-28th August 2011
the Peoples' Park, Dún Laoghaire

Features a 'boulevard' of chefs' doing live cooking using fine local food products.



Chalk Festival



This will take place in Dun Laoghaire from 20th-21st August.

Be amazed at 3D pavement art in chalk.

Glasthule Opera

La Traviata by Verdi on 15th, 17th and 19th June, and The Magic Flute by Mozart on 16th and 18th June.

Bookings can be made at the Pavillion Theatre (01) 2312929, or via the Pavilion Theatre website www.pavilliontheatre.com. Tickets are priced at 45 euro.



Tidy Towns Competition 2011



We would appeal to everyone for all areas to be kept tidy and litter free. Check out the Sandycove Tidy Towns & Coastcare Group website: www.sandycovetidytowns.com

Red Bull Flugtag

East Pier on 22nd May

Teams design, build and pilot home-made flying machines off a 9 metre high flight deck.



DLR Bay 10K



The inaugural dlr Bay 10k road race will take place on 1st August 2011 at 10am.

The route will start near Dun Laoghaire DART station and take in Seapoint, Monkstown, Sallynoggin, Glenageary, Sandycove and Glasthule.

www.dlrbay10k.ie

Dalkey Book Festival

17-19 June

The 2011 line up includes Roddy Doyle, Maeve Binchy, Neil Jordan, John Simpson and Sinead Moriarty.

www.dalkeybookfestival.org

SGRA Committee

Chairperson: Kay Gleeson
Secretary: Eamonn Buckley
Treasurer: Caitriona McCarthy

Other committee members (in alphabetical order):

John Conroy
John Elliot
Liam Madden
Paul O'Callaghan
Bob Waddell

After ten years John Elliot has stepped down as Editor and Bob Waddell has stepped down as Chief Reporter & Photographer of the newsletter. Liam Madden has taken over as editor.

Thanks to all contributors to the Newsletter, past and present. We look forward to your future comments and contributions.

Become a Member of SGRA

1. Use enclosed form or download one from our website
2. Join at the AGM on May 23rd or post form (address on form)
3. Only 15 euro (or 22 euro for a family)

The objects of the Association are to promote the best interests of the residents of the area to be served by the Association including:

- a. to promote a sense of community and neighbourliness among residents of the area;
- b. to promote the preservation and improvement of the area as a suburban residential area;
- c. to monitor issues and problems affecting the area;
- d. to promote public interest and participation in issues affecting the area;
- e. to provide a forum for open discussion of issues affecting the area;
- f. to make representations in the interests of the members of the Association as a whole to all levels of government, other public authorities, organisations and persons whose decisions and actions may affect the area;
- g. the publication from time to time of a newsletter for purpose of informing members and residents generally of matters of common interest;
- h. to co-ordinate the activities of the Association with organisations having similar objectives;
- i. to promote cultural, educational and recreational activities for the residents of the area.

Local Representatives

John Francis Bailey (FG)
Cormac Devlin (FF)
Jane Dillon Byrne (LAB)
Stephen Fitzpatrick (LAB)
Patricia Stewart (FG)

(Going to press the replacement People Before Profit councillor has not been confirmed.)

We welcome our new councillor Patricia Stewart.



Congratulations to our newly elected TDs - Sean Barrett, Richard Boyd Barrett, Eamon Gilmore and Mary Mitchell O'Connor.

Public Consultation on Residential Parking Zones

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council will consider submissions made in relation to residential parking zones, which have recently become very restricted. This issue is explained in detail on page 5.

Such submissions must be made in writing to the Senior Executive Officer, Transportation Department, County Hall, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin or by email at parkingcontrol@dlrcoco.ie before 4.30 p.m. on 23rd May 2011.

All residents affected by the changes to the residential parking system are strongly encouraged to make submissions. The more people voice their views, the greater chance there is of us being listened to.

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