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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 27th May 2013, 8pm

St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre

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RESIDENTS MEETING 19TH NOVEMBER 2012

The Chairman's Address

Paul O'Callaghan, Chairman of the Residents Association opened the meeting by welcoming all. Apologies for non-attendance had been received from Richard Boyd Barrett, TD, Mary Mitchell O'Connor, TD and Cllr. Patricia Stewart. He welcomed Councillors John Bailey, Jane Dillon Byrne, Cormac Devlin, Stephen Fitzpatrick and Melisa Halpin.

Paul thanked Liam Madden for his excellent work as editor of the **Newsletter** and all agreed that this edition was the best ever. An objection was raised to the main title of "S & GRA" by a resident who also wished to point out that not everyone knew what this meant. Paul encouraged everyone to read the sponsored messages from local businesses on the back page of the Newsletter. He said that without their support and the subscriptions from residents, the Association would not be able to publish a Newsletter twice a year.

He urged all residents to renew their **subscriptions** and asked for new members of the Association. He congratulated Glashule Buildings Estate Management on winning an award at the recent Community Awards evening in County Hall.

Paul also announced details of the forthcoming **Neighbours' Day** event to be held in Presentation College on Monday 3rd December. John O'Hagan will facilitate a discussion between Imogen Stuart, Michael and Pat Johnson and Helen Regan. He invited all to attend what promises to be a great evening.

Peoples Park Presentation

Bob Waddell introduced three members of the Parks Department of DLRCO. Co. – Bridget Treacy, Eoin O'Brien and Tom Byrne who gave a presentation with illustrations and design drawings on the new developments in the **Peoples Park and the Metals**.

The redesign of the wider pathways in the Park echo the original design of the Park and will facilitate the Farmers' Market and other Park events by allowing more space for the general public in the centre of the Park. The **Tea Rooms Pavilion** will be extended back towards the road and will be modernised internally. The **Warden's Lodge** will be renovated into a residence with an extra meeting room. Both the Lodge and Tea Pavilion are badly in need of conservation and it is felt that along with the new lay-out of paths, new public toilets and upgraded playground, the Park will be even more appealing to all residents.

The Parks team then presented the plans

for the new Park entrance and new public Promenade area which will be created by laying a surface over the Metals and stepping down on to the Queens Road. The area covered extends from the present park entrance to Teddy's. This whole scheme is expected to be finished by this time next year and should enhance the area for all who live in or visit Dun Laoghaire.

The presentations were welcomed by all present and several questions were asked and answered by the Parks Department team. The cost of the Tea Pavilion and Warden's Lodge renovations is €1.5 million and the new Promenade is approx. €1.25 million. Large scale drawings of the proposed developments will be left on display in the Pastoral Centre. Paul then thanked the team and said we were all very appreciative of the time and effort that had gone into this work which can be enjoyed by all.

Open Forum

As the **Baths** had been mentioned in the question and answer session, Paul then gave an update (with the help of the councillors present) of the plans which are due to be published shortly and asked all to make submissions at the public consultation stage. It is envisaged the Yellow Brick Road (or Promenade) will be extended along the sea side of the Baths towards the East Pier. The Baths will be demolished, but keeping the façade on to the road. A café or tearooms may be built and a pontoon built out into the sea for swimmers. A Foreshore licence has been applied for and it is expected that it will be granted.

The plans for **Sandycove/Otranto Park** should be available in December. It is hoped that the sculpture by Imogen Stuart will be included in the design and discussions on this matter are ongoing. A new bathing shelter and shower facility for swimmers has been proposed in Sandycove Harbour beside the Lifeguards Hut which will involve demolishing the present fisherman's hut. The councillors present asked all residents to make their submissions on this development as soon as they can.

John Conroy raised the issue of continuous **busking** (from 10am at weekends) on the Green at Newtownsmith and questioned what could be done to stop it as it was now a nuisance to local residents. Cllr. Cormac Devlin said he would bring the matter to the attention of the Council. The occasional busking outside the Pavilion area in Dun Laoghaire could also be considered a nuisance.

Bro. Raymond raised the issue of **anti-**

social behaviour at the bus stop close to the Presentation Brothers House which is now occurring every evening from approximately 7pm until 10pm. Four men are drinking there and are most abusive to women and all who pass by. Their attitude can be frightening and other people cannot use the bus stop.

A resident asked if open portals could be used on **the new Library** site so that the general public could see the work as it progressed. He had heard word that the builders (Sisks) were against this idea. The councillors present said that a film was being made on the work as it progressed and that a story board of the work had been placed on the Metals side of the new building for all to see.

Bob Waddell welcomed the opening of Paula Rowan's new shop in Glashule and asked all to **shop local** this Christmas. He also mentioned that 500 people had attended a recent meeting in Killiney to protest at the granting of the exploration licence to Providence Resources and urged others to get involved.

There was a good discussion on the configuration of the **roundabout at the top of Albert Road** which is considered to be highly dangerous by all. John Bailey said that the roundabout had been put in without any discussion with local councillors by the National Roads Authority. It is unique in Ireland according to Cormac Devlin, being the first of its kind, although similar designs had been used in Denmark and The Netherlands. Although it is meant to keep cyclists safe, in practice they cannot be seen by motorists until the last minute. Several accidents have occurred recently, with one fatality. Motorists have endured very long delays in approaching the roundabout. All councillors took part in this discussion and it was agreed by all present that the roundabout in its present form will have to be changed in the interests of safety for all road users.

Paul advised all present to visit the Edward **Shackelton Exhibition** in Dun Laoghaire which is well worth seeing.

Davnet Cotter mentioned the **centenary Commemoration of the Dublin Lock-out** in August 2013 and asked if anyone knew of a photo of James Byrne who was a native of Dun Laoghaire. More details of the local celebrations will be known early in the New Year.

The evening ended with Paul thanking all present for coming to the meeting and inviting them to enjoy a glass of wine and more conversation!

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Our next newsletter will be published in November - in time for Christmas.

Committee

Chairperson: Paul O'Callaghan

Secretary: Kay Gleeson

Treasurer: Caitriona McCarthy

Other committee members
(in alphabetical order):

Patsy Ashe
Sean Coakley
John Conroy
John Elliot

Liam Madden
Mary Roche
Bob Waddell

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Dublin Bay Drilling Licence Surrendered

But Local Safety Fears Remain

Since we last reported, oil and gas company Providence Resources has surrendered its Foreshore Licence to drill an exploratory well in Dublin Bay just 6 kilometres from the coast. This licence was controversially granted last September by the Minister for the Environment, Phil Hogan, without the Public Inquiry that local people demanded. Drilling was to have started by now.

Concerned groups, including the Sandycove and Glathule Residents Association, and many individuals have been campaigning for over a year about plans to drill in Dublin Bay. Issues include lack of any public consultation, belief that the application for the Foreshore Licence was not subjected to the mandatory environmental controls under EU law, oil spill threat and particularly, in the view of the Sandycove and Glathule Residents Association, the legitimate health and safety fears many residents have about oil or gas drilling so close to our homes.



As previously reported, a potentially explosive gas leak 6 kilometres from Dalkey Island could be expected to trigger the evacuation of all the residents of Sandycove and Glathule and neighbouring areas from their homes. Nowhere else in Ireland is any company allowed to drill this close to the coast. Renowned internationally for its oil and gas industry safety standards, Norway does not allow drilling anywhere near this close to the coast for safety reasons.

However, the threat to our safety has not gone away. Providence Resources, which cited legal uncertainties as its reason for surrendering the licence, has said that it will resubmit its application when the Minister has made amendments to the planning and environment regulations. Therefore, it is necessary to keep up the pressure on the Minister for Environment and to continue to press for a Public Inquiry to be held.

For further information visit www.keepdublinoilrigfree.net.

Otranto Place Park

Real progress is being made towards the renovation of Otranto Place park, and the setting of a sculpture by Imogen Stuart there as a centerpiece. A very encouraging meeting was held at Imogen's Studio with Council personnel. Key to the proposal is that the sculpture will be sponsored and funded by the local community, and placed in the designated position in the renovated park. Imogen is working on a design taking into account feedback on the original proposal, and a further meeting is scheduled very soon.



The Residents Association Committee is looking into various means of funding the installation (including web based crowd funding) and would welcome any suggestions (or contributions!).

Wind Farm Proposal off Dalkey Island

Residents will have been aware that there is a proposal for the installation of Wind Turbines on Kish and Bray Banks which will have a significant visual impact viewed from the shoreline. Documentation concerning the Foreshore Licence, including Photomontages, have gone on display in the RDS (Project Information Office at Hall 10A (Private Pavilion), Anglesea Road Entrance, Royal Dublin Society, Ballsbridge, at Public Libraries in Dun Laoghaire and Howth, Garda Stations at Bray and Greystones, and online at www.dublinarray.com.

Observations and objections can be made up to 1st June 2013. The Department of the Environment will then decide on the issuing of the Foreshore Licence.

Now is the time to express your opinions.

Planning Matters

35/37 Glashule Road (former car sales premises at top of the Village)



Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Planning Enforcement Department have served a Warning Letter to the owner/occupiers of 35/37

Glashule Road for alleged unauthorised development comprising the heightening of the Boundary wall and the erection of security fencing without the benefit of a valid Planning Permission.

James Joyce Tower Saved From Closure

At one stage, last summer, it seemed that Sandycove's main attraction, the James Joyce Tower and Museum, would cease to exist. The 'powers that be' had determined that the resources necessary to keep it open would no longer be available and, as if this recession had not taken enough from us already, it was, now, to strip us of this wonderful facility of international renown. It was to deal yet another body-blow to our cultural heritage and to our reputation as a land of scholars.

Thankfully, the good people of Sandycove & Glashule (and its environs) were not prepared to let such a catastrophe befall their beloved tower. They rallied. An organisation of volunteers, the '**Friends of Joyce Tower Society**' was formed with the objective of keeping the tower and its museum open. With the support of Fáilte Ireland (the tower's current custodian), the **Society** now operate the tower and keep it open to the public everyday from 10am to 6pm during the summer season and 10am to 4pm for the winter period. What's more, they don't charge for admission – although they do welcome donations!



Since the establishment of the society, the number of visitors to the tower has been between 150-200/day during the summer and around 50-60/day for the winter season. The visitor book, filled with names from all over the world, contains messages of encouragement to the volunteers who chose to give generously of their time for their tower, for their local community and, indeed, for their country.

The tower itself is a great example of the Martello towers built, by the British, in Ireland in the early 19th century to defend against a threatened Napoleonic invasion.

It is also the setting in which the opening of James Joyce's masterpiece 'Ulysses' is set and houses the James Joyce Museum which boasts a unique and wonderful collection of Joycean memorabilia.

It invokes many stories from its literary past (Joyce, St John Gogarty etc), from its construction (as a part of a military defence system) and from its association with the architect, Michael Scott.

Long may the wonderful volunteers continue to keep the flag flying on their iconic tower and allow us all to visit and to enjoy a truly unique Joycean experience.

James Holahan

St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre



This beautiful new centre in the grounds of St. Joseph's Church, opened in the summer of 2008, the year I was appointed to Glashule Parish. It is a wonderful centre, one of the finest in the Dublin Archdiocese and the envy of so many parishes.

A centre such as ours is the heartbeat of the community. The centre itself is a place of hospitality, nourishment in mind and body, a place of enjoyment and a meeting place for many diverse committees and organisations. There are activities of all sorts taking place there from early morning 'till late at night. Come and see!



The building is home to our main parish office where the administration of St. Joseph's operates.

The centre has a hall with capacity for 150, four meeting rooms and a coffee dock area with tea/coffee making and catering facilities. These are available to book for functions, meetings etc.

If you would like to find out more about us, feel free to ask or see our website at www.glashuleparish.com.

If you fancy a cup of morning tea or coffee with a friendly chat why not call in to see our modern centre, open weekdays 10.30 until noon and on Sundays after each Mass.

Fr. Billy Farrell.



The Good, The Bad & The Ugly



Picturesque Sandy Cove



The €472,000 Roundabout. Were the residents of Sandy Cove, Glashule, Glenageary, Dalkey and Killiney right all along?



The Baths



Neighbours' Evening, December 3rd 2012.

Thanks to so many of you for coming along to our Neighbours' Evening on December 3rd. It was a great success. Your attendance added to what was a lovely social event. So many people were thrilled to be in such a lovely venue. Thanks to the Presentation Brothers and most especially Brother Raymond for the kind and warm welcome. Thanks also to Butlers Pantry for the supply of the nice cakes.

It was great to see John O'Hagan again. He has given many years of service and dedication to our Residents Association. On the night he managed to chair the

event with his comfortable and generous style. Our Speakers Imogen Stuart, Michael and Pat Johnston, along with Helen Regan shared their experiences of living in the area. We could have listened to hours and hours of more of the same. Thanks to you all. Check our web site for some lovely photos of the evening taken by Ciarán Hurley. He caught quite a few of you on camera!

You might like to join us again for another Neighbours' Evening, keep an eye out for the next date in early winter.



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St. Joseph's SVP Conference

Noise Nuisance from Street Performer

At the Residents meeting, the issue of noise nuisance from a street performer was raised, by residents who were suffering from daily noise pollution from a saxophone busker who uses an amplified sound system that banged out the same few tunes in a loop, from 10am till 6pm or later in the summer.

It can be difficult for passersby to truly understand how annoying it is for local residents to have to listen to such a limited repertoire of music, repeatedly being playing with a loud amplified backing track. The residents feel trapped, unable to enjoy a quiet moment, and over time it really got under their skin.

It is important to note that the residents are not against street performance, but they feel that it is not

appropriate in a residential area, particularly when the performer refuses to move on when asked.

The association wrote to the Councillors and to the County Manager and the association wish to record its thanks to Cllr. Stephen Fitzpatrick and Cllr. Patricia Stewart who both made a number of representations to deal with this issue on the residents' behalf. The association also wish to record its thanks to the Council Officer, who so professionally investigated and advised on the matter. The topic was raised at the March Council meeting, where they decided to refer the matter to the Strategic Policy Committee for further consideration. We shall update the association membership regarding the decisions the Strategic Policy Committee take.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Bloomsday

June 16th: Have a look out for festivities in Sandycove and Glashule - details in traders' windows.

Some Events in Pavilion Theatre

June 1st: The Legend of Luke Kelly

June 8th: Andy Irvine

June 27th: Duke Special

June 29th, 30th: Irish Youth Dance Festival

July 18th, 19th: Love Hungry Farmer

July 20th: Scullion



www.paviliontheatre.ie

Dalkey Book Festival

June 14th-16th

dalkeybookfestival.org



dlr Events

June 23rd: Active 8

July 14th: Teddy Bears Picnic

August 10th & 11th: Outdoor Movies

www.dlrevents.ie



The Gathering Cruise Launch

July 17th-18th: Dun Laoghaire

www.thegatheringcruise.ie



Promenade Cafe Theatre

June 14th & 15th: 'Pigalle' life & music of Edith Piaf

July 19th: Patrick Coldrick classical guitar virtuoso

July 20th: Jhill Quinns Rhythm & Roots band

August 16th & 17th: the Diva show by Sharon Sexton

www.promenadecafe.com

Fundraiser Ball in aid of Dunmore House

June 14th: Fitzpatrick's Hotel

National Maritime Museum of Ireland

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www.mariner.ie

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