

Sandycove and Glasthule Residents Association Newsletter

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RESIDENTS MEETING

Monday 25th November 2013, 8pm

St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre

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The Chairman's Address

Paul O'Callaghan, Chairman, welcomed all to the Meeting, including Cllrs. Patricia Stewart, Melisa Halpin, Stephen Fitzpatrick, Jane Dillon Byrne, Cormac Devlin and John Bailey. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Mary Mitchell O'Connor, TD, and Richard Boyd Barrett, TD.

He then introduced Mairead Owens, Chief Librarian of DLR, and Kenneth Redmond, Head of the Arts Office, DLR, and they put on display a model of the **new Lexicon Library** currently being built in Moran Park, Dun Laoghaire. It is a huge project which will be handed over to the Council next Spring, with a projected opening date of September 2014. Besides being a public library, the building will contain an auditorium for the performing arts, a municipal gallery, and rooms to act as rehearsal spaces. It will contain a café on the top floor, and maybe a coffee space on the ground floor. The surrounding space will be open and accessible in the evenings, and will create a new public space.

The present **Carnegie library** building will remain in public use. The Christ the King monument which had to be moved from Haigh Terrace whilst the Library was being constructed will be returned to its place next year.

Paul thanked Liam for the excellent production of the Association's latest **Newsletter**. He reminded those present that their subscriptions run from AGM to the following year's AGM, as some confusion had arisen about this subject in the past. He said that the Newsletter was the major expense for the Association, and advertising was now needed to help fund its printing costs etc. Those who advertised should be supported.

Nominations

Bob Waddell nominated Paul to continue as Chairman, and this motion was seconded by Ursula Maguire. Kay Gleeson is stepping down as Secretary. In her place Liam Madden was proposed by Ursula Maguire, and seconded by Susan Hedigan. Caitriona McCarthy as Treasurer was proposed by Patsy Ashe and seconded by Henry Robinson. All other Committee members are remaining on.

A call was made for new members, and for new **distributors** of the Newsletter.

Caitriona read out the **Financial Statement**, with total Income lodged at €3068, and total Expenditure €3643.69. The current account stands at €335.47, with €1756.76 on deposit. There are Prize Bonds of 1,000.

Patsy Ashe and Mary Roche were thanked for organising a great **Neighbours Evening** in December last, with Michael and Pat Johnson, Imogen Stuart and Helen O'Regan. John O'Hagan, former Chairman of the old Sandycove Residents Association, facilitated a most enjoyable evening of reminiscences, good memories and banter. It was a great success, and it is hoped to organise other events in the future to promote good and friendly neighbours.

Paul spoke about the progress, and the meetings he has had with the Council, on the work to be done on **Otranto Park**, and the proposed site for the art work donated by Imogen Stuart. It is hoped that the landscaping of the Park will be completed by the end of the year. Fund raising by the Community will be needed to cover the cost and installation of Imogen's piece.

The **Local Area Plan** for Dun Laoghaire is being developed at present, and there is no news of it to date.

The **Baths site** was mentioned, and we were informed by councillors that it was probable a Foreshore Licence would be required before the proposed new park for the site could be developed.

The on going work to restore the **Peoples Park** was mentioned, as was the covering over of the railway at the Metals near Teddys. All this work should improve that area for locals and visitors alike.

Queries were raised about the **Property Tax**, and if these funds would remain within the County, or be sent back into central funds.

The question of the **busker**, who has been "performing" on Newtownsmith and creating a nuisance of noise to some residents, was raised. John Conroy thanked Cllr. Patricia Stewart, and Cllr. Stephen Fitzpatrick for their help in ascertaining if there were any bye-laws to stop such noise in a public place. No such bye-law exists at present, and no licence is required for busking in Dun Laoghaire. It was suggested that there should be a voluntary code for buskers.

The **closure of Summerhill Road** for the period 24 June to 16th August was raised, and caused a great deal of discussion. This closure notice had come as a great surprise to all local residents, and it seems no one from the Council had informed anyone it was coming. It was suggested that the engineer in charge of the road works should meet with local businesses, and the church, to discuss a feasible traffic plan for the duration of the closure.

The **proposal to drill for oil or gas** in Dublin Bay was mentioned, and, despite the withdrawal of the proposed licence, it was suggested that the Association remain vigilant on behalf of the residents.

The proposal of the installation **145 Wind Turbines in the Bay** from the Kish Bank to Greystones was mentioned, and all were urged to check out the photo montage in Dalkey Library before the closing date of 5th June for submissions. Paul showed some photo slides of the vista as it would look, and said proper planning should be required. These turbines will generate electricity for the interconnector to the UK, and may not benefit us at all. All agreed that this should not be allowed to happen. It will ruin the Bay for one and all. The meeting passed a motion authorizing the committee to make a submission raising grave concerns over the windfarm proposal.

Margarite Murphy again raised the question of **no bus travelling between Dalkey and Dublin**, and the great difficulty local people had trying to get to St. Michael's Hospital and St. Vincents Hospital by public transport. It was just not possible to get to Loughlinstown Hospital without a car, and it was a bad situation in that we had three hospitals near us, and no public transport to them.

Langans Car Park and site was mentioned, and the proposal by its owners that a Flea Market/Car Boot Sale could be operated on the site. All the local traders object to this, and most people present agreed. It was decided to keep an eye on developments there.

Paul thanked all present, and invited them to join in refreshments and chat at the end of the evening

Get Involved

This is **your** residents association. Get in touch. Talk to us at the meetings or send us an email: info@sandycoveandglasthule.ie

Committee

Chairperson: Paul O'Callaghan
Secretary: Liam Madden
Treasurer: Caitriona McCarthy

Other committee members
(in alphabetical order):

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| Patsy Ashe | Kay Gleeson |
| Sean Coakley | Mary Roche |
| John Conroy | Bob Waddell |
| John Elliot | |

Newsletter of the Sandycove and Glathule Residents Association

From Our Constitution

The objects of the Association are to promote the best interests of the residents of the area to be served by the Association and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing:

- (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.

The objects of the Association include to protect and improve conditions and amenities in the area of the Association for the benefit of members of the Association. The Association shall be non-party political and non-sectarian.

Advertising

You will notice advertising on the back pages of this newsletter. This is an effort to defray costs and support local businesses.

If you are interested in advertising with us please email editor@sandycoveandglathule.ie or phone Liam on 086 8046938.

Our next newsletter will be published in April/May.

Unless expressly attributed, the views expressed in this newsletter are based on editorial decisions broadly reflective of the policies decided by the committee of the Association and should not necessarily be attributed to any individual committee member.

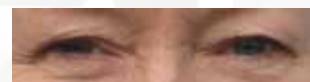
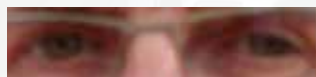
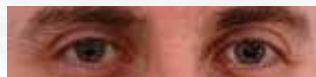
Association Boundaries

Bounded by:

- (a) on the north by the foreshore;
- (b) on the east by Castlepark Road and a line extending north from the northern end of Castlepark Road to the foreshore; and
- (c) on the south and west by the Metals from Castlepark Road to Eden Road and from there by Eden Road, Glenageary Road, Park Road and a line extending north from the northern end of Park Road to the foreshore.

Whose Eyes?

See page 7



From the Archives



Otranto Place Park

The go-ahead has been given for a sculpture by renowned local artist Imogen Stuart in Otranto Place Park. The sculpture will feature King Leary and St Patrick.

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.



Computer composed image of proposed sculpture in location



Artist Imogen Stuart with model of sculpture

The Residents Association Committee is looking into various means of funding the creation and installation of the sculpture.

€50,000 grant to Sandycove Harbour

The funding will be provided for a new changing shelter, shower facilities and seating for the people who use Sandycove Harbour. The funding being provided is 75% of the total cost of the works.

Presentation Field Purchase

Our Chairman wrote to Mr Keegan to congratulate the Council on this marvellous outcome for the Community.

New Library



Did you think it was going to be so big?

Dun Laoghaire Central Library & Cultural Centre - under construction

Wind Farm Update

A company called Dublin Array has applied for a foreshore licence to develop a large wind farm on the Kish Bank. The company wants permission to put 145 wind turbines on the Kish Bank which would have a significant impact on Dublin Bay.

The public consultation period was earlier this year. The Foreshore Unit is awaiting a report to be published by the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources before it proceeds with the processing of the application. The report is due to be published in November.

Following a Motion accepted at the Sandycove and Glasthule Residents Association AGM, a letter of objection was prepared and submitted to the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government. A full copy of the letter is available to view on our website.

The points raised include:

- Visual intrusion and impact on the DLR CoCo Development Plan Views listed for Protection
- The development is far too close to the shore, contrary to international best practice, and the scale of the development will have a very major visual impact. In the open sea the only way to minimise scale is distance, this must be the case here. Germany, Belgium and Netherlands have effective 22km minimum distances for offshore Windfarms.
- Balance the economic ambition of the promoters of this low employment scheme against the myriad of employment intensive enterprises dependent on tourism in the region.
- Such a major infrastructural development must be subject to an open tendering procedure. This is a democracy; yet again our natural resources are being handed away without ensuring that the owners of that resource (the people of Ireland) are getting best return.
- This proposal deliberately peppers the environmental impact statement with references to the supply of Electricity to the United Kingdom, indeed it leaves us in no doubt that this is the likely outcome.
- This proposal is for 145 Turbines. The Coddling bank approved lease is for a further 220 turbines with an extension area for 200 more. Arklow Bank has approval for 200 Turbines of which only 7 are constructed. That is 440 turbines approved with 200 more at Coddling, before consideration of 145 at Dublin Array. The granting of a Foreshore Lease for this development is premature until the existing approved capacity has been developed in a planned and coordinated manner.

James Joyce Tower Closes for Renovation



'Rather bleak in wintertime, I should say. Martello you call it?'- Haines, 'Ulysses' Chapter 1

In September 1904, James Joyce hurriedly left the Martello Tower at Sandycove Point after spending only six nights in the company of Oliver St John Gogarty and his friend Samuel Chenevix Trench. This had something to do with gunshots and the nocturnal appearance of a mysterious black panther!

Of course, despite his hasty retreat from Sandycove, Joyce never forgot his stay in our beloved tower and, some years later, he was to immortalise it by using it as the setting for the opening of his world renowned novel 'Ulysses'.

By so doing, James Joyce bestowed upon us residents of Sandycove, a terrific heritage and a unique place in the literary world. The opening of the James Joyce Museum at the tower in 1962 marked a terrific opportunity for us to promote Sandycove throughout Ireland and, indeed, throughout the whole world.

It is almost inconceivable that this wonderful facility, this 'omphalos', almost became a victim of the relentless recession that currently plagues almost every aspect of our lives. Such was the case, however, in June 2012 when it was announced that the tower and its museum would close due to a lack of funds - we were on the verge of committing an act of cultural vandalism.

Thankfully, Sandycove folk are made of determined stuff. They rallied to protect this site of such architectural, historical and literary importance. The Friends of Joyce Tower Society was formed and volunteers from Sandycove and its environs set about manning the tower and keeping it open to the public. Indeed, such was the enthusiasm of the volunteers that the James Joyce Tower & Museum was kept open to visitors all year round – even opening on Christmas Day!

As a result of their great efforts, the tower has enjoyed a terrific growth in visitor numbers. It was not unusual to see over 250 visitors in a day last summer and over 100 per day in the winter months. That meant annual visitor numbers of over 40,000 – certainly worth building upon in the future.

Alas, the tower has, once again, closed its doors this September. The good news, however, is that, this time, its closure is only temporary and to allow much needed repair work to be carried out. It will reopen in February

2014 when, it is hoped, the Friends of Joyce Tower Society volunteers will again be called upon to provide their services which were so admired and acknowledged by visitors both local and international.

We should also hope that the potential of the tower in terms of attracting tourists to the locality is fully recognised and that it is promoted to the future benefit of all residents of Sandycove.

James Holahan

Oil Rig Update

As previously reported, oil and gas company Providence Resources surrendered its licence which would have allowed an oil rig in Dublin Bay. Providence was originally granted a foreshore licence to drill for oil close to the coast. However, following a campaign of protest, demonstrations and petitions, as well as a legal challenge by An Taisce, Providence surrendered the licence, citing legal uncertainties as its reason.

Local residents and campaign groups, including the Sandycove and Glasthule Residents Association, opposed the oil rig plan. The rig would be too close to the coast raising well-founded safety fears. Moreover, any oil spill would cause possibly irreversible damage to the bay, coastal amenities and fishing.

There is also concern that under the current tax and licensing regime for oil and gas, the Irish State will receive no royalties from any oil or gas - a national asset will be given away free of charge - and there is no obligation to supply any oil or gas to Ireland.

In early October an article in the Sunday Independent led many to believe that Providence would be able to reactivate its licence as soon as the new Foreshore Bill was enacted. In a recent reply to a Parliamentary Question, put by local TD Richard Boyd Barrett, the Minister of State at the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government, Jan O'Sullivan, confirmed that this is not the case. She answered: "There is no provision in the Foreshore Act to allow reactivation of an application. If a licensee surrenders a foreshore licence and subsequently proposes to pursue the same development, a new application is necessary. It is not proposed to alter this position in the Maritime Area and Foreshore (Amendment) Bill, the general scheme of which was approved by Government in July 2013."

The new legislation that Providence is waiting for is due to be published before Christmas and will be enacted sometime after that. It remains to be seen whether Providence does then put in a new application.

Considering how low profile the last "public consultation" was, we must keep vigilant on this issue.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Neighbours Gathering

Join us for a Neighbours Gathering in the Presentation Brothers Hall on **Monday December 2nd at 20.00**. Come along to hear how others have found living in this area.

Looking forward to seeing you there for what should be a very interesting evening.

Christmas in Sandycove & Glasthule

There will be plenty of festive events in Glasthule and Sandycove for the Christmas: the arrival of Santa Claus, the lighting of the Christmas tree lights, Treasure Hunt and many other festivities.

See traders' windows for details.

Some Events in Pavilion Theatre

Dec 3rd-5th: Faulty Towers The Dining Experience
Royal Marine Hotel

Dec 5th-7th: The Cavalcaders by Billy Roche

Dec 19th: Eimear Quinn, Christmas Concert

Dec 21st: Paula Lambert Puppet Theatre presents Hansel, Gretel & Bosco's Magical Christmas

Dec 22nd: It's A Wonderful Life

Mar 10th-15th: Dun Laoghaire Musical and Dramatic Society presents Oklahoma!



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dlr Events

Nov 30th - Jan 1st: Dun Laoghaire Christmas Festival

Dec 14th: Make a Christmas Wreath

Free Event

10am-12pm Killiney Hill

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St. Paul's Theatre Group presents Local Pantomime

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

St. Paul's Church Hall, Glenageary

St. Paul's Theatre Group has been producing Pantomimes and Musicals since 1975 and, with very few exceptions, have run a show in early January virtually every year since. Attending the St. Paul's Theatre Group's production has become somewhat of an annual post-Christmas tradition for many years and is very much a family event to be enjoyed by all.

Saturday January 11th 3pm

Thursday January 16th and **Friday January 17th** 8pm

Saturday January 18th 3pm & 8pm

€8 for Children and €12 for Adults – all tickets on Saturday 18th evening show are €12.

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The Glashule & Sandycove Traders Association



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