

Sandycove and Glasthule Residents Association Newsletter

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Jane Dillon Byrne

Neighbours Evening 2014

Meet your Councillors

RESIDENTS MEETING

Monday 24th November 2014, 8pm

St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre

**ALL MEMBERS AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS FROM
SANDYCOVE AND GLASTHULE ARE WELCOME**



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Annual General Meeting May 2014

The Chairperson's Introduction

Paul O'Callaghan, Chairperson, welcomed all to the meeting, including Councillors, Council candidates and Richard Boyd Barrett, TD.

Paul introduced the committee members. He thanked Liam Madden for the excellent production of the Association's latest **newsletter** and thanked the volunteers who faithfully deliver the newsletter. He reminded us to support our local traders several of whom advertise in our newsletter.

Our finance report showed that we were up €500. Paul pointed out that **subscriptions** run from AGM to AGM in accordance with Constitution. He urged anyone who hadn't done so to sign up after the meeting.

Election of Officers and Committee

Paul O'Callaghan stepped down as chairperson. John Elliot was proposed as new **chairperson** by Bob Waddell and seconded by Ursula Maguire. This was put to the floor and John was deemed elected.



John Elliot who has taken over as Chairperson

Liam Madden stays on as **secretary**.

Caitriona McCarthy stepped down as treasurer. Paul thanked her very much for all her work. Mary Roche was proposed as new **treasurer** by Susan Heddigan and seconded by Kay Gleeson. This was put to the floor and Mary was deemed elected.

The following current members of the committee offered to continue: John Conroy, Kay Gleeson, Sean Coakley, Patsy Ashe, Bob Waddell, Paul O'Callaghan, Caitriona McCarthy. After a call for further candidates, this was proposed by Ursula Maguire and seconded by Imogen Stuart. This was put to the floor and the committee was deemed elected.

Presentation from Candidates in Local Elections

Our AGM was on Monday May 24th, the local elections were on the following Friday. Each election candidate was offered the opportunity to give a two minute presentation to introduce themselves and

their policies.

Of the twenty one candidates, thirteen were there on the night: John Bailey, Cormac Devlin, Jane Dillon Byrne, Mary Fayne, Karl Gill, Melisa Halpin, Peter Kerrigan, Mary McHale, James McCann, Michael Merrigan, Ellen O'Connor, Donna Pierce and Patricia Stewart.

Before the candidates addressed the gathering, Paul outlined some of the issues of concern to the association members.

Dun Laoghaire Baths Site: Application for a Foreshore Licence has been made. No timeframe has been given for the Foreshore process. It will be followed by the Council's Section 8 Public Consultation process (Planning). This just drags on and on.

Otranto Place Park: We are waiting for proposed relandscaping of this area, which is to feature a community funded sculpture by Imogen Stuart. We need to move it on.



Joyce's Tower renovations: We are pleased to see it open again. It must be kept as a free attraction and there must be engagement with the volunteer group in any decisions on its future.

Presentation Brothers Field: This has been purchased by the Council. We would push that there be no block booking of the facility by any particular predominant Sporting Body. The option should be considered for provision of facilities for many sports, and Special Needs clubs such as Special Olympics etc.

Granitification of Dun Laoghaire seafront: Someone in the roads and pavement department has to be told to stop.

New Library, yet more excess of granite: Under no circumstances should this expensive piece of infrastructure become eaten up with administration. We can only hope it will be as huge a facility inside as it is such an imposition outside.

How can the massive investment in the waterfront be linked back to the commercial core of the town? Create an Artists Trail/Quarter in rates free vacant shops.

Dun Laoghaire Town Centre: There must be an end to the excessive investment along the seafront and a real creative investment in the commercial core of the town. This to focus on employment creation in retail, office, tourism and education. End the lack of joined up thinking which sees the Senior College moving out of town. The Shopping Centre needs a radical rethink and physical facelift to reinvigorate the core area. Dunnes needs to use or lease their streetfront shops. Revive the Festival of World Cultures as a Street festival in the town.

Harbour Company: This must be accountable to the Council as to development on its property. It is regarded almost as a separate fiefdom. Council is wasting money on a floating swimming pool and attracting cruise liners whose passengers are immediately bussed out the town.

Dublin Bay Gas Drilling: They will be back. Giant Malaysian company Petronas are partnering Providence in this block.

Dublin Bay Wind farm: We made a submission to Dept of Environment. Recent sentiment and economics is moving the debate away from building UK Windfarms in Ireland, but vigilance is still necessary.

The candidates each introduced themselves and gave their views. The two minute time limit per candidate was very well adhered to!

Paul thanked all present and extended an invitation to join in refreshments and chat at the end of the evening. This was a great chance to talk directly to the election candidates.



Committee

Chairperson: John Elliot
Secretary: Liam Madden
Treasurer: Mary Roche

Other committee members
(in alphabetical order):

Patsy Ashe	Caitriona McCarthy
Sean Coakley	Paul O'Callaghan
John Conroy	Bob Waddell
Kay Gleeson	

Newsletter of the Sandycove and Glasthule Residents Association

Association Events

Nov 24th, 8pm: Residents Meeting

This is an opportunity to make your views known on issues of importance in the locality. See cover.

Dec 1st, 8pm: Neighbours Evening

This our third time running this event. It promises to be another enjoyable and informative evening. See page 11 for more details.

Newsletter Distribution

All our newsletter distribution is done on a voluntary basis. The newsletter is distributed twice a year and shouldn't take long to deliver. It's a great way of meeting your neighbours.

If you would like to help, please email us or talk to any committee member at the Residents meeting on November 24th.

Please Support Local Businesses

This is especially important coming up to Christmas.

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.

Advertising

You will notice advertising at the back of this newsletter and also our new trades ads. This is an effort to defray costs and support local businesses.

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

Our next newsletter will be published in 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.

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.

This is **Your** Association

There are many ways to get involved: newsletter distribution, committee membership, contributing articles for newsletter...

Get in touch. Talk to us at the meetings or send us an email:

info@sandycoveandglasthule.ie

Are you new to the area?

Welcome to Sandycove and Glasthule.

If you'd like to see what some of your fellow residents are like and what's of concern why not come along to our Residents Meeting or our neighbours meeting? These are on November 24th and December 1st respectively.

TIMES GONE BY IN GLASTHULE 50s-60s

Robert Thomas

Growing up in Glasthule was a great place. The Park on Eden Rd opposite the Harold School was our playground. We had no equipment just our own imagination, games, toys, friends, and all under the close supervision and safety of our parents, mostly Mothers, Grandparents and neighbours who lived in the surrounding houses.

The Park on Eden Road, now a green space and referred to by Dun Laoghaire corporation as the Eden Rd. plantation was a safe place to play within the high railings. There were 17 mature trees in the park, Chestnut, Lime, and Beech to mention but a few. Only three Chestnut and one Beech tree of the originals survive today.

We played every kind of game many of which we made up ourselves or made up our own rules: Chasing, Cowboys and Indians, Football, Skipping, Cricket, Tennis, Marbles, Dab and more. We collected chestnuts and put a hole in the centre and string we would have competitions.

We were all neighbours children from Eden Terrace, Findlater St, Coldwell St, Eden Villas, and O'Donnell Gardens. Everyone got on well together most of the time, different ages playing their own individual games. There were shops at each end of the park: McCabes near the railway bridge, Mr Cryans (later Eden Stores) at the other end and Hanahoes and McGrovers at the crossroads at Adelaide Rd. There were no traffic lights there in those times.

At this time of year, Autumn, there were a few exciting events that we all looked forward to. We had two farmyards in Glasthule: O'Sullivan's (now Glasthule Providers) on Eden Rd and O'Brien's in the car park (The Cow Shed). When in the park a cattle lorry full of cows of every description would drive up. The lorry would back on to the railway bank at the top of Eden Terrace. And the cattle would be offloaded on to the bank and then on to Eden Rd. They were herded down past the school to which ever yard they belonged. We would be inside the park railings cheering, shouting and laughing at the sight of the already stressed animals and some times one or two would bolt. These might run down O'Donnell Gardens or Devitt Villas much to our delight and displeasure of the owners. It was a short but an exciting distraction from our regular fun and games and brought some of the countryside back to Glasthule.

Very occasionally pigs would be offloaded from the lorry. Trying to herd them to one of the yards was much more difficult. The animals would over winter in the farmyard shed before being returned to pasture in the Kiltarnan and Stepside areas in the spring.

Both O'Sullivan's and O'Brien's had shops in Glasthule Village. O'Sullivan's also sold loose milk door to door twice a day. The Horse drawn milk cart carried the milk in churns and would call to the houses in the morning and late afternoon. The customer would come to the door with a milk jug or two and give their order and the milk man would fill his pint measure from the churn and fill the jug and usually

give a additional extra "tillie" for good measure. Sometimes the creamy milk would still be warm having a short time ago come straight from the cow.



Phil O'Sullivan delivering milk in O'Donnell Gardens with local children in the 1950's. Phil is the uncle of Tom, Christy, James & Tim who run Glasthule Providers.

These were good times. Most fathers worked and mothers were at home preparing meals washing clothes by hand, ironing with heavy irons heated on the stove or the gas cooker. Our Mothers baked, did the shopping. They did not take us to school or collect us. We came and went to school alone. We went home for our lunch each day from 12.30 and finished school at 3pm.

For the many children who attended the Harold School from Sallynoggin, Monkstown and Blackrock lunch was provided. Lunch consisted of half pint of milk and sandwiches. The sandwiches varied from day to day: Monday jam, Tuesday brawn, Wednesday current bun, Thursday cheese and Friday jam.

The School was in two buildings. The first contained the junior school (mixed) and the girls primary school. The Mercy Sisters came from St Michael's Hospital Convent to teach here. Sr John Bosco was the last religious principal to teach in the school.

The second building housed the boys primary school (The Masters). The official name of the boys school was St Joseph's boys School, this was because the boys school in Dalkey was already called Harold Boys School. The Schools were called after Canon John Harold who built St Joseph's Church.

These are some thoughts and recollection which are of course open to correction, the years sometimes blur the memory and other times enhance it.

Dun Laoghaire Courthouse Saved

The Sandycove and Glasthule Residents Association is very pleased that the Dun Laoghaire Courthouse has been saved from threat of closure. The Association was among many organisations and individuals that made submissions to the Courts Service.



In our submission we pointed out that Dun Laoghaire District Court is a very important local service, serving a population larger than most counties in Ireland. Outside the greater Dublin area it would be unthinkable for a population of that size to be without a District Court.

Closure would have resulted in an unacceptable withdrawal of an important public service - that is, a local District Court - from a significant section of the population.

Closure would have had an adverse effect on a local economy which has already been severely affected by recession and decline.

Inevitably closure would have resulted in considerable expenditure of time travelling to other distant locations for court business for local people, but of even greater concern, for Garda personnel at a time of severe pressure on Garda resources. We questioned whether the wider adverse implications for public order and crime prevention had been thought through.

We asked the Courts Service to seriously reconsider its proposal to close the Dun Laoghaire District Court. We are glad that sense prevailed in the end, but this was only as a result of a concerted efforts by many concerned people.

Road Maintenance Contact

If you have an issue with potholes etc you can contact roadmaintenance@drlcoco.ie. Your email will be logged and your complaint will be given a customer relations number which you can check later.

Public Participation Network

The Sandycove and Glasthule Residents Association has joined the new Public Participation Network (PPN) currently being developed in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown.

This is a new framework for public engagement and participation, and it will be the main link through which the local authority connects with the community without prejudice to other consultation processes. We have been told that the PPN aims to enable the public and organisations to articulate a diverse range of views and interests within the local government system. We await developments with interest.

Dun Laoghaire and 1916

Dun Laoghaire's connections with the 1916 Rising are to be spotlighted in the centenary year of 2016.

A committee composed of people holding different political views and none will produce a book, hold a six week public exhibition, provide speakers for historical and residents associations and give lectures in our locality. The new committee is titled "The Dun Laoghaire Rathdown 1916 Rising Committee".

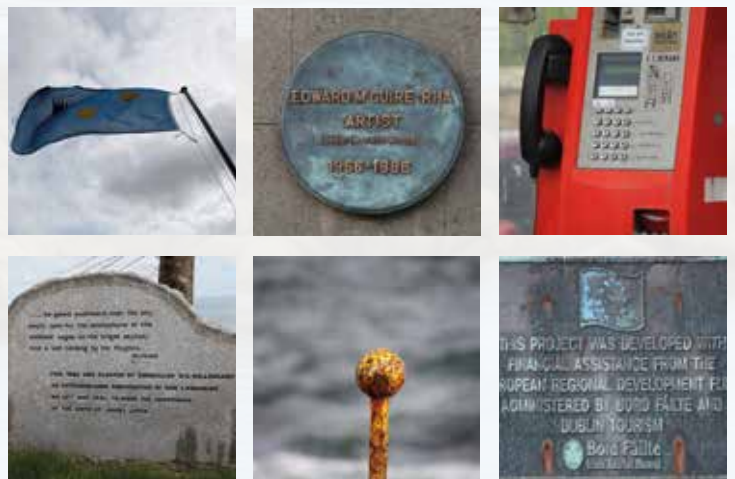
Among our local 1916 connections are: Roger Casement who was born in Sandycove, Major John McBride who lived in Spencer Villas and Patrick Moran who lived and worked in Dun Laoghaire on his release from Frongoch internment Camp following the rising.



A plaque to Roger Casement

Anyone who has any information on these and other local connections with 1916 should phone Bob on 087-7616741.

Quick Quiz. Where are these?



Answers will be given at our Residents Meeting.

Meet Your Local Councillors

Congratulations to our eight ward councillors on their election back in May. For this publication we asked each of them:

1. What do you most like about Sandycove and Glasthule?
2. What is your vision for the area for the next five years?



John Bailey (Fine Gael)
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Clinics: Baker's Corner Pub
Saturday: 12:00 -13:00

Sandycove is very central for the sea and the shops. It offers very nice walks to Dun Laoghaire or Dalkey with views to Howth and Bray Head. It is also a very friendly place to meet friends for a cup of tea. I want to see the works on the park finished plus all the work on the baths so we can bring more visitors to the area and Joyce Tower - spending more money in the area.



Melisa Halpin (People Before Profit)
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Clinics: 91 Lr Georges St,
Dun Laoghaire
Monday: 10:00 - 13:00
Friday: 11:00 - 14:00

The unique village atmosphere and the variety of shops and eateries make Sandycove and Glasthule great places to visit and hang out. Two priorities for the next 5 years need to be the clean up of the small park at Sandycove and the reopening of the Hudson Field with sports facilities and other community amenities.



Cormac Devlin (Fianna Fail)
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Clinics: McCormack's Pub
Tuesday: 18:30-19:00
By Appointment Only

We are so lucky to live along this beautiful coastline. I like taking walks with our children along the coast & making the traditional stop-off for a Teddy's ice-cream! I am committed to preserving the unique residential character of the area and safeguarding local amenities.



Michael Merrigan (Independent)
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Available to meet
by appointment:
office at County Hall.

With family connections to the area from the mid nineteenth century and as a former 'Pres boy', the vibrancy, diversity and yet, unity of this community is a great source of pride. As a local public representative, I strongly believe that it is my function to advance the community's own vision for its future.



Mary Fayne (Fine Gael)
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Available to meet
by appointment.

What I love about living in the area is that for me it has everything - a great village in Glasthule, a beautiful beach to swim at and a promenade to enjoy lovely walks on. In the future I hope we can continue to encourage people to keep our village and especially our seafront clean and free of litter and dog fouling.



Ossian Smyth (Green Party)
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086-461 1628

Available to meet
by appointment.

This is a beautiful area to live with a high quality of natural and built environment and a thriving village. The DART line could be covered beside the Metals and converted to a linear park. The coast should be protected from unsuitable development.



Karl Gill (People Before Profit)
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Clinics: 91 Lr Georges St,
Dun Laoghaire
Monday: 10:00 - 13:00
Friday: 11:00 - 14:00

My favourite thing about Sandycove and Glasthule has to be the very active residents association who know exactly how to hold their local representatives to account. The biggest thing in the area over the next 5 years would be to see the full development of the Baths site and to tackle the growing housing crisis.



Patricia Stewart (Fine Gael)
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Available to meet:
please email or phone to make
arrangement.

I love the walks, swims and views at the coast and the village atmosphere around the shops and cafes. My vision for the future is the preservation and improvement of the quality of life for residents and businesses, which means care of the visual environment, including the parks and green spaces and supports to commercial life.

Gym on Newtownsmith Green

In 2011 when the location of a proposed outside gym was highlighted, the residents made clear that they were fully supportive of an outside gym, but would rather it located within the People's Park. The reason behind this stated preference, at the time, was that as an unregulated outdoor gym, there was a fear that it would act as a focal point where youths would meet at night, potentially causing significant noise pollution to residents.



The fears of the residents have unfortunately been justified and for some residents it is significantly impacting upon their quality of life. One resident advises us that she has been forced to call the police on a regular basis about the noise. What no one envisaged at the time was the level of noise the gym would create in the day time for the houses close to the gym; we have been told that listening to the children's screams

is akin to the noise of being in an unattended kindergarten.

When the residents first found out about the intention to site the gym on the Newtownsmith Green, the residents expressed a number of concerns. There was an association meeting with Councillors in attendance. The topic was discussed at length and the residents present voted 110 to 3 for the gym to be sited in a different location.

The outside gym is a gathering point for youths at night. The equipment is robust outdoor equipment, yet it has been vandalised on three occasions that we know of, with parts of the equipment ending up in the sea. During the consultation period, the issue of vandalism of the equipment was discussed; the view being expressed that unsupervised equipment at night time would be damaged. We were assured that this type of equipment was situated in other locations, albeit not in such proximity to residential houses and that there was no history of vandalism. Moreover the equipment was so robust, that it was almost unbreakable. We were promised that if the outside gym became a nuisance to local residents and if there was evidence of the equipment being vandalised, the location of the equipment would be revisited.

We therefore ask if the outside gym could be incorporated into the Peoples Park. Residents would like to enjoy all the benefits of an outside gym without the negative impact of the equipment being used at night time by individuals under the influence of alcohol.



Christmas Tree Light Safety



When you go out or go to bed at night, remember to turn off your Christmas tree lights.

Save Our Seafront

Residents who are interested in what is happening on our bay, seafront and foreshore should have a look at the website of Save Our Seafront: www.saveourseafront.net.

Some of the issues addressed are: Dun Laoghaire Baths, oil rigs in Dublin Bay, Dalkey Island, Wind Farm and Dun Laoghaire Harbour.

Save Our Seafront is a non political organisation dedicated to preserving all that is good about our foreshore. A number of Sandycove and Glasthule residents are members.

Rory's Back

It's great to see Rory from Cabello Hairdressers in Sandycove back after a serious horse riding accident.

We wish him continuing progress in his recovery.



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Perils Above and Below

What you are about to read, is a true story. The facts of the tale are gathered on the streets of Dublin, and focus on the delightful area of Sandycove and Glasthule - an area I am proud to call home.

No individuals or place names have been changed in the writing of this narrative, indeed, very few used at all. While I present the article in a light tone, in good humour, there is a serious message underlying it. This message? Be aware of your neighbourhood, conscious of cleanliness and safety and not to leave our pets to care for themselves.

Bush whacked

I usually set out for a walk twice a day, weather permitting. Strolling from my house along the seafront, or to the pier. Or, sometimes, changing the route to walk inland, past the church, up to Dun Laoghaire, the People's Park and to Dun Laoghaire shopping centre.

I love the area and take great pride in it! Being so close to the sea and such a community-based and friendly village as Glasthule is wonderful. I feel there are very few places quite like it, home.

But as we all know, pride can take a hit. Mine usually gets hit by buddleia, Russian vines [or a mile a minute], overhanging prickly branches and other plants I don't have time to battle with. This, I feel, is the true meaning of being bush whacked.

In the confines of a garden, with the correct love and affection shown them, these plants are lovely. When they take over the public walk way they become most unattractive, annoying and a little uncomfortable. Many will walk through, or in to bushes in the dark, and have their eyes poked; if they are lucky.

As a white cane user, I know it is impossible to know exactly when to close my eyes against overhanging bushes. These bushes, naturally, act as harbour or home to bees and wasps. At the time of the year when these creatures are dying, they are most dangerous. Anyone bumping in to overhanging hedging could now be stung by a dying insect.

With this in mind, I would ask those with fast growing plants and hedges to keep an eye to them. Trim them back before they become a problem for people using the pavements and enjoy them within the garden walls.

A Sensitive Sole

Nobody likes to admit to being sensitive. But, there are times

when we are all prone to become upset or annoyed. That is human nature, or part of it!

Certainly, when I set out on a walk, or worse, to work and school, sinking in to dog dirt is a horrid sensation. That is when my sensitive sole kicks in, the ridges of my shoe filling with an unwanted, smelly and spreading substance.

There follows the business of finding a suitable pavement edge, or foot mat to clean off on, not always possible. And the odour seems to linger, long after the horrible occurrence.

I am not a dog owner myself, but fully believe they must be walked and must relieve themselves. However, due to the fact that dogs cannot, "we" mankind/owners, should tidy up after them. It is only fair, as it gives dogs a bad name otherwise.



There also, the far more serious issue of health, when it comes to dog dirt. Many of us will have slipped on dog dirt, and been lucky enough to get away with a bruised knee, hand or elbow. But it has been known that people have broken bones, and even hit their heads, after slipping on dog excrement.

Then, we should think of the wheels of buggies, as a parent walks along with the family. The young passenger doesn't have the sense to keep their hands in the buggy at all times, and trail their little hands off the wheels. Very often, those hands end up in their mouths or eyes after that, putting the child at risk of infection - dog poo often contains roundworm larvae.

So, with one thing and another, people's health may be effected by dog dirt. It is only fair to care for our neighbours and visitors to the area, by cleaning up after Man's best friend, the dog.

Finally, and still on the subjects of dogs. Keep your pets on leads. Nobody but you know that they won't harm another, but nor should they have to worry about that.

It is not a nice thing to have a stranger's dog playing with your feet while walking, or sniffing at the shopping. Again, I go back to it being unfair on the dog, it is behaving as dogs do - which they have every right to do. However, people following their daily routine, shouldn't have to be involved with the dog. There have been many dogs let wander around unaccompanied, or apparently so, this summer. This can result in a road accident, which is very upsetting for all involved. Again, I would encourage dog owners to enjoy their pets, and their walks together. But to respect the personal space and well being of others.

Safe walking!

Jane Dillon Byrne in her own words

I was first elected in 1974 to serve Blackrock Ward on the Boro Council - the first woman to make it. Then one year later I was elected as Cathaoirleach in the European Year of the Woman. Twelve years later in a redivision of boundaries I moved to serve Dun Laoghaire, Monkstown and Dalkey Ward.

Swimming Team, Backstroke swimming champion coached by Tiernan McBride (Sean's son) and a member of Pembroke Ladies SC. On to art college NCAD for 6 years. Part time I worked with interior designers, advertising agencies, a fashion designer and was even a dental nurse for a while. I joined the labour Party in 1963 after a

about 14 pieces of public art in our parks etc in late 80's.

I initiated the Poetry Now Festival 17 years ago – still going strong. I was an Arts Council member in the 90's with a great joy and sense of achievement. These projects were very successful.

As mother to three fine sons we have lived in Glenageary always as family: it was Blackrock in my early life.

The water sports aspect of my life led to Laser sailing (for fun only!!) out of NYC and swimming, most important of all - sea swimming daily all year round. This started when I was 11 years old. Swimming is magic and always will be for me: an essential element to each day of my life.

I've coached, taught, instructed in life saving to ensure that as many young folk will be competent in water as possible.

As to retirement – I love it. I've gone back to art work. And lots more time to swim – glorious swimming.



A strong feminist and pacifist at every opportunity I worked on these issues as they are still a driving force.

I was educated by the Dominicans, loving English (& debate), Art and water sports. Much of my teen life's enjoyment appears to have been spent in Blackrock Baths. I was captain of the Leinster

racist incident in NCAD. I later sat on the board of this college in the 90's. I currently sit on the board of IADT in Kill Ave. And chair of the board of Blackrock institute of Further Education.

Being a firm believer that art can influence politics I organised the sculpture Symposium for Dun Laoghaire boro which resulted in

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane".

James Joyce Tower Motion

The following motion was proposed by Cllr Melisa Halpin at a recent council meeting and was supported by all of the councillors:

“That this Committee agrees to support the Friends of Joyce Tower’s submission to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council for the future running of the Tower and in particular states its full commitment to making every effort to keep admission to this fantastic attraction free to visitors.”

64 Wine Award

Congratulations to 64 Wine on receiving the Best Service Award by the Irish Times.



LexIcon (Dun Laoghaire Library)

Some views of the inside.



Trees and Neighbours

Good neighbours are conscious and understanding of the possible problems their trees and shrubs cause if overhanging their neighbour's wall. They check the situation from time to time and react appropriately to what they find. They might, in cooperation with their neighbour, cut back and remove the overhanging branches and, of course, remove them. An alternative might be that their neighbours cut back and remove.

Due to age or medical reasons some neighbours might not be capable of cutting trees and some may not be able to afford the expense of paying for it to be done. Good neighbours try to be aware of these things and act in a cooperative way.

Overhanging branches and shrubs have many detrimental effects:

- They are unsightly.
- They cut out sunlight.
- They prevent natural rainwater falling on flower beds or lawns beneath making it obligatory for their neighbour to water, particularly in summer periods when rain can't get through the shrubs or branches onto their gardens (and this will cost money when water metering becomes live in 2015).
- They encourage the growth of moss.
- Falling leaves over drains and gullies can cause flooding.
- Falling leaves can cause a neighbour's lawn to curtail its growth in the October/November months.
- Branches of trees and shrubs can cause injury. There can be accidents on public pathways and roadways caused by slipping on sodden leaves.
- Leaves falling from high trees and settling in the gutters can mean that the gutters have to be cleaned out at public expense.
- Trees and large shrubs planted against a neighbour's wall can cause damage to the wall as the trunk and roots expand.

It might not be any harm if residents from time to time during the autumn, when the leaves are coming down outside their own property, clear leaves away from drains. Flooding can be caused by drains being obstructed and one can't always depend on the County Council to clear, particularly when cars are parked along the side of the road and the County Council leaf removal vehicle cannot get into the gutters.

It should be noted also that ivy and the plant valerian can cause serious damage to walls. Even granite, where ivy can permeate into the mortar joints and, therefore, ivy etc should not be let to grow from one neighbour's house over the wall into others.

Busker

In the May 2013 Sandycove and Glasthule Residents Association newsletter, there was an article headlined 'Noise Nuisance from Street Performer'. The article drew attention to the issue of noise nuisance from a street performer. One saxophone busker who uses an amplified sound system, banging out the same few tunes in a loop, from 10am till 6pm or later in the summer was causing a significant disturbance to residents.

Many residents on the seafront feel strongly about this. Visitors to the area may feel it is no worse than a minor irritant, if even that. However, in principle, should it be permitted to play amplified music continuously for up to 8 hours or even more in, or within hearing distance of, a residential area?

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. Council officials did conduct a survey of busking in the Dun Laoghaire and Sandycove area and in general terms, busking was not thought to be a problem in the area. There was, however, some sympathy for the position that residents on Newtownsmith Green find themselves in. Notwithstanding, the Environment, Culture and Community Committee felt that the problem was not so serious as to justify a full public consultation and introduction of new bye-laws.

Unfortunately this leaves the residents on Newtownsmith Green to suffer the noise, which is not fair. Unless you are living next to where the saxophone busker plays, you cannot understand how much the repetitive music gets under your skin. Respectfully, therefore, whilst we are certain it is challenging to create a local bye-law to protect residents from buskers on the Newtownsmith Green alone, it should be possible to approve a bye-law preventing buskers playing in or near to residential areas.

We see that Dublin City is proposing to regulate busking. Hopefully, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council can take this as a cue to revisit the issue of busking in Dun Laoghaire.

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