

AGM Donabate Portrane Community Council

26th April 2011. 8.15pm. St Patrick's Parish Hall, Donabate

Welcome to all by current Chairperson Gareth Lee.

Minutes of the 2010 AGM unavailable due to technical reasons. They will be emailed out subsequently.

Chair introduced **guest speakers** Sgt Kevin Toner and Darragh Hynes from the Swords community policing unit.

Sgt Toner explained the role of the community policing unit with regard to crime detection, checkpoints and school talks.

The Gardaí are aware of traffic problems on the Portrane Rd in relation to safety at St Pat's schools. The community policing unit mainly work nights so it is difficult to patrol on school mornings. A member of the audience advised that the temporary lights on the roadworks were being broken.

Sgt Toner advised that there would be beach patrols for the summer and also the introduction of a €65 on the spot public drinking fine which it was hoped would decrease anti social behaviour.

It was advised that there was a lot of graffiti on the Beaverstown Rd and Sgt Toner advised he would check out the tag to see if it was identifiable from their database.

A suggestion from the floor from a resident who works for Dublin Bus was that CCTV on the bus (33B) could be used when incidents occurred on the peninsula, as they capture a lot of outside footage also.

Charlie Weston, Community Council PRO advised that the school run to St Pat's was awful due to the roadworks on the Portrane Rd and that they were a danger to the children.

Chair Gareth Lee asked why there was no co-ordinated traffic plan for all the roadworks between the different bodies. Sgt Toner advised this was the responsibility of Fingal Co Co.

Paul Mulville from the floor asked re resources as no Gardaí can come from Swords when called at certain times.

Sgt Toner advised that there was no plan to relocate Swords Garda Station to Lissenhall and also no plan for a Garda station on the Donabate-Portrane peninsula.

Regarding reports of drinking and antisocial behaviour in the Spires, every time a Garda arrives there is no evidence of drinking happening, but the Garda interaction with the youths around the area will continue.

End of Guest speaker slot.

Chair address continues with a recap of the year:

- Monster sewage Plant back on the agenda - Portrane seems like an obvious choice. Community will need to mobilize once again.
There is a fear that the new distributor rd will be linked to the sewage plant and that is one of the reasons it is being built.
- The roadworks along the Portrane Rd are due to last up to another year.
- HSE: There is a draft report due on Grove Lodge. We foresee that Grove Lodge will shut down in 12-18 months. The Crannóg Nua facility is operating fine.
- Schools: New Donabate Community College and Educate Together school buildings are due to open in September.
- Tidy Towns received a €4.5k grant from Leader for a project on the St Ita's wetlands in conjunction with Hans Visser from Fingal Co Co.
- A thank you from the Chair to the Transition Towns group who have started a very successful weekly Saturday market and focused a lot on the sustainability of our community.
- The Community Games team was relaunched with various trials for the Dublin competition taking place.
- 100th Birthday celebrated in Donabate for Molly Murray.

Financial report:

Synopsis read and copies available around the room (see attached treasurers report and audited accounts)

A thank you to our auditor Alan Merriman and to our advertisers who keep the council running financially.

Fairshare report: presented by Charlie Weston

Fairshare started in 2005.

The monster sewage plant is now in an alternative site assessment phase after the previous selection of Portrane was deemed premature. They have kept Portrane as a possibility.

Fairshare wants the removal of Portrane from the site assessment project. There is a 24 month report assessment to take place where potential sites will be whittled down during the process. Fingal Co Co will not have a say. It goes straight to an Bórd Pleanála.

Even if the sewage plant is not located on the peninsula a possible sewage outflow off the coast of Portrane is possible.

Fairshare to organise a public meeting for 25th May.

Fairshare needs more community support including fundraising.

Election of new members

Current Community Council members not needing re election and willing to continue:

Blaithin O'Donnell

Donal Keeling

Andy Carroll

Charlie Weston

Ita White

David Moore

Gareth lee

Tom Burke

Garry Grogan

Larry Carolan

Stephen O'Sullivan

Election of new members:

Roger Lamb.

Proposed: Blaithin O'Donnell

2nd Andy Carroll

AOB:

A question was raised as to whether the fairshare bank account is separate to the Community Council one:

Reply yes it is separate

Meeting closed at 21.45