



Donabate Portrane Community Council

Draft Notes of Annual General Meeting

April 29th 2015 at 20.00

Parish Hall, Donabate

The meeting started at 8.10pm

Vice Chair Tom Burke welcomed everyone and presented guest speakers from Fingal County Council.

Newbridge House and Farm Development Plan

Ciaran Staunton (Company Secretary, Newbridge House and Farm) and Brid Ryan (FCC Architect) presented information on development plans for Newbridge House and Farm that are currently undergoing public consultation process. The plans can be viewed in Donabate Library and in Fingal County Council office.

There was a Q&A session and a number of suggestions were raised from the floor, including access to Newbridge House via Turvey Avenue, extending opening hours especially with the construction of the theatre pavillion, providing access to the courtyard independent of access to house and farm, etc.

FCC representatives advised to make formal submissions to the proposed plans within consultation period. The observation period will last 6 weeks with additional 2 weeks to make submissions by the end of June.

Ciaran Staunton extended the invitation to the Community Council to use meeting facilities in the Newbridge House 4 times a year free of charge. The invitation had a great reception.

Minutes of the 2014 AGM

Minutes of the 2014 AGM were read out and adopted. Proposed by Lorraine Halpin. Seconded by Breda Dockrell.

Update on Community Council work over the last 12 months

- National Forensic Mental Health Services Hospital Planning Application was submitted by HSE in September 2014. Community Council organised public meeting, at which representatives of HSE gave the presentation on the proposed plans. Out of that meeting a working group was formed with representatives from multiple community groups to work on the submission to the planning application. Collaborative community approach produced very impressive results within very aggressive timeline with multiple groups making their own submissions as well as feeding into community council submission. CC hired a planning consultant to help prepare the submission, which was lodged with APB in November 2014. March. The planning consultant was brought in again and the working group reconvened for submission to Additional Information, submitted by HSE in Feb 2015. Community Council in conjunction with other community groups held a workshop to help people make their own



submissions. 78 submissions were made to APB overall in relation to additional information from HSE. APB decision is expected by 30 of May.

- Christmas 2014 newsletter has grown again and went up from 12 pages to 16 pages. We would like to thank all those involved with collating articles, selling advertising, editing, layout and all the volunteers in every area who deliver the newsletter on behalf of the community.
- The Bleeding Pig Cultural Day extended to a full weekend last year and was a great success again. The community council are very proud to be supporting such a brilliant and different event. Fantastic job done by everyone involved.
- Community Council were delighted to support Christmas Lights Ceremony again this year. This is an event that became a tradition and is getting better and better each year.
- Draft Local Area Plan is currently being developed by FCC and is expected to go into consultation period shortly. Community Council made a submission in 2014 to FCC as part of pre-draft consultation process and would like to encourage everyone to take part and make submissions in the next stage.
- Community Council was involved in the Community Research Needs Analysis Steering Committee and the formation of the new steering committee, which oversaw the research on the needs in the area being carried out by independent consultants and identified key areas for improvement in the area. The Steering Committee organised the first ever Community Expo on the peninsula which was a great success, with more than 30 groups taking part in the expo and over 40 community groups listed in the expo brochure. The summary of the findings were published in the Community Council Christmas 2014 Newsletter and we are looking forward to publication of the research results. The open day is scheduled for May 9th. There will be a small grant scheme launched at the open day – community groups are encouraged to apply.
- Earlier in the year Community Council helped to kick off implementation of CCTV scheme, which resulted in 2 cameras installed in the village on the main street and supported by the businesses.
- All weather facility: the Community Council welcomes the long awaited re-instatement of the pitch. Over the past 2 years we have written to all parties involved and encouraged a speedy resolution. It is great to see that the pitch is now available for use by the community.
- The Tidy Towns subcommittee are going from strength to strength: they have completed a number of planting and painting projects over the last 12 months and making such a positive impact on the appearance of the village.
- Donabate Portrane Summer Festival: another new exciting initiative on the peninsula, which we were happy to support in it's formation and wishing it a great success for their first event.
- Community Council had their deputation meeting with Fingal County Council in February 2015. One of the items on the agenda suggested by the Community Council was set up a of Donabate Portrane Community Liaison Committee, including representatives from community council and other local community groups, local Councillors and FCC officials. We are happy to confirm that Fingal County Council listened to our suggestions and Community Liaison Committee is currently in process of being established. On official announcement is expected shortly and Community Council would like to encourage community groups to make nominations to the above committee.

The Vice Chair went on to outline the aims of the Community Council:



- Our overall aim is to promote and improve community life on the peninsula and to influence in a positive way the physical development of Donabate Portrane.
- We hope to achieve this by working closely with residents, businesses and other community groups so as to engage with as wide a cross section of the community as possible.
- We want to ensure that through the use of a wide range of approaches to public involvement and community engagement that we capture the views of residents and learn their concerns and use those views to engage with public bodies in any decision making process that could affect us in our community.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer summarised the accounts for 2014 which were then put to the meeting and approved.

Community Council Elections

Resignations tendered: Hubert Higgins, Erica O' Dowd, Gareth Lee, Clara La Combre

The Vice Chair thanked all the people who stepped down from the CC over the last 12 months with special thanks for Clara La Combre for her tremendous contributions for this community.

Existing members wishing to continue on the community council: Anna Kiernan, Tom Burke, Larry Carolan, Roger Lamb, Darren Delaney, Lorraine Halpin.
Existing members proposed in block by Cliona O'Reilly. Seconded by Adrian Henchy.

Election of new members: One nomination received from Donabate Portrane Dramatic Society – Daphne Lynders. Proposed by Rita McDermott and seconded by Breda Dockrell.

General Discussion

There were concerns raised from the floor with the general traffic issues around the village and especially around New Road. A need for Community Notice Board was highlighted and the need to follow up on the meeting with Minister Riley re NFMHS.

Conclusion

The Vice Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 9:45pm.