

Ballinclea Heights Residents Association

Christmas Newsletter 2002

Ballinclea Park ;-Latest News.

DLR Co.Co. Are currently preparing a Draft Development Plan for 2004/10, which is to be presented to council next spring for approval/alteration prior to going on public display for 10 weeks next April/June. See attached schedule for relevant dates.

During the review stage motions to rezone to open space will be submitted by Cllrs Marren (An Cathaoirleach) Butler & Lowe of the Ballybrack Ward & Cllr Boyhan of Blackrock Ward.

We are confident Council will adopt these motions. Indeed the consistent advice given to us over the past two years by Cllrs Marren Butler & Lowe was that re-zoning to open space would be resolved by them through the new development plan.

Ballinclea Park :- Background.

As you will see from the table enclosed Council have passed 7 motions since 1996 designating this area as open space for recreational purposes.

Zoning :-

It is currently zoned objective A "To protect and/or improve residential amenity" we are seeking to rezone to objective F "To preserve and provide for open space & recreational amenities".

2002 :-

During this year an attempt was made to seek a variation to the 1998 Development plan. Cllrs Marren, Butler & Lowe, submitted a joint motion while another was submitted by Cllr Boyhan. Both motions were passed by the Council (11/3/02) but were declared invalid because reasons for rezoning were

not given. Cllr Boyhan's motion is still on the agenda.

In November 2002 Cllrs. Marren & Boyhan submitted separate motions to direct the County Manager to include the former reservoir under Zone F in the Draft Development Plan. The manager declared these premature and were not taken by the Council

These will be resubmitted next spring.

Ballinclea Park :- Legal Advice.

We have had consultations with legal experts & have been assured that we have a solid case to successfully prevent the withdrawal of this public amenity, should the need arise.

Improvements to our Area.

Turning circle (adjacent Rock Lodge) We commend Marie Ryan and her neighbours for painting out graffiti and clearing up the area. We also commend Gretta & Mick McDonagh for the landscaping they have carried out on the site of the old pump house, (between Nos 86A and 87) . It shows what can be done by a few dedicated people.

Tidy Districts Competition:-

A lot of hard work done cleaning kerbsides and picking up litter by a few people paid off. We came 2nd in the best New Entry Category and won a cheque for 200 Euro, for the association.

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Birbeck No 4 and Joan Johnson No 43. Both won a prize of 100 Euro in the Front Garden Competition. We intend to enter next year in the most improved category and will need a big input from all residents to achieve a marked

improvement. Men & women with ideas & garden implements needed in the spring.
Please contact E.Keane No 84.

Repairs to Park (former reservoir)

The front brick wall and surrounding fence has been repaired. This proved more difficult than anticipated due to the scarcity of matching bricks. The cost of this work (1500 Euro) should have been borne by the Co Council but then life is not perfect! Many thanks to Nora Coogan for overseeing this project & to Michael O'Neill for his endeavors on the brickwork.

Floral Display:-

We can look forward to spring for the 3rd showing of the Millennium floral display which was grant aided by the DLRCo.Co.

Sports Day:-

This event held in our park in June 2002 was a wonderful success & was enjoyed by a large number of children.

The star attraction was the inflated "Slippery Dip". We also had a Bouncing Castle for younger children, which for the second year was donated by Mr Robert O'Doherty for which we are very grateful. Again tribute must be paid to Nora Coogan and her team for organising the event.

Association Subscriptions:-

The annual subscription is 35 Euro per household or 20 Euro in the case of those retired, widowed or unemployed. Most people have implemented new bank standing orders. We urge every one to do likewise as it is the most efficient way to help your association to help you. You will appreciate costs incurred are for the benefit of all so please don't leave it to your neighbour to

shoulder the financial burden. Your cooperation is appreciated. Please return standing orders to, John Hardiman No 55 (tel. 2851326)

Hon.Treasurer:- David Manly.

The Committee thank David Manly for 16 years service to the Association. He will be moving within the county in the New Year. We wish him and his family well in settling into their new neighbourhood. A volunteer is needed for this position in the New Year.

New Residents :-

We extend a warm welcome to those families who have moved here during 2002.

AGM :-

We expect to hold our AGM in April/ May 2003. This should coincide with the public display of the Draft Development Plan.

Residents Association Cooperation.:-

Following discussions with representatives of many Associations we have agreed to cooperate on issues of mutual concern, particularly the Area Draft Development Plan.

Christmas Charity Appeal :- .

Saturday Dec 21st 6.00—7.30 PM

Santa will make an early appearance in Ballinclea Heights to collect non-perishable food items to be donated to the Society of St Vincent de Paul to help families in need in the area. Once again we thank Santa & PJ Drudy for their time

E-mail:-

Communication with residents would be much easier through e-mail rather than legwork. In order to facilitate this please pass on your e-mail address to our Hon. secretary, elkeane@eircom.net

Happy Christmas and a Peaceful Newyear.