



BALLINCLEA HEIGHTS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

Easter 2006

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held on 24th April 2006 (Monday) at 8pm in Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel, Killiney. We hope to encourage a large attendance to review the past year and to discuss the important developments proposed for this year and in particular to vote on the All Weather Court proposal, as agreed at the last AGM.

Because of the substantial agenda and the need to allow sufficient time for discussion on the AWC proposal motions cannot be accepted from the floor.

Please submit any motion by e-mail or letter to our Hon. Secretary, Michael O'Neill No.180 (secretary@ballincleahights.org) on or before Monday 17th April 2006. Please arrive early to allow an 8pm start. Refreshments will be served afterwards at 9.30/9.40.

Ballinclea Park Development

The list of works proposed for 2006 includes:

- Planting of front (northern) boundary.
- Footpath inside park – on north and east sides
- Railings - there is a possibility that the black steel railings may be installed along the front (northern) boundary, even though not in this year's budget.
- All Weather Court [AWC] – proposed installation this year, subject to sports grant funding and agreement by Residents at our AGM.

The details of the proposed AWC are set out in the attached letter from Parks, who have stated that keys will be made available to BHRA. All Residents will have the opportunity to vote on the AWC proposal at our AGM. If a majority vote in favour, it should be installed, subject to funding. If a majority vote against, then the funding cannot be used for any other purpose in the Park.

Ballinclea Park Survey February 2006

We wish to thank our members for the marvellously enthusiastic response to the Questionnaire regarding proposed developments to our park. The results are shown attached in the form of a bar chart and table of comments and suggestions.

There were over a thousand comments that we did not collate or summarise. These were expressions of compliment or satisfaction that the work was being progressed. We are very grateful for the time and effort taken by everyone to express these views including the work of committee members who carried out the survey.

Whatever your views on the proposed AWC it is important to attend the AGM in order to vote on this issue. The survey gives credibility to the work of your committee to date, and we greatly appreciate it.

Only your votes at the AGM can decide the issue.

Estate Clean-up

Your committee has arranged for a contractor (Mr. McClure) to clear and keep tidy our estate on a monthly basis. This does not include the park or open spaces except some pruning. This work commenced in March when three areas were cleared and tidied (overgrown areas opposite no 170's and 90's and the area outside the fence on the east side of the park). Many thanks are due to P.J. Drudy for sourcing and negotiating this contract.

DLR Street Cleaner

This truck cleans the kerbs every second Tuesday and it would help enormously if cars were parked in driveways on Tuesdays to accommodate this operation.

Glenageary Killiney NS

We wish to express our thanks to the pupils and teachers of the school who undertook a clean up of our Park on 5 April. Well done to one and all!

Spring Clean of our Open Spaces - Sunday 23 April 2—4 pm

An Taisce has declared April as Spring Clean month. We have enrolled for this scheme in return for which we received marked bags, gloves and litter pickers.

We are asking all members of our community, who are able, to assist in clearing all debris from our open spaces. Help from teenagers would be particularly welcome, subject to parental approval.

Dermot Fagan No. 112 has very willingly offered to use his large trailer to bring the spoils to a final collection point arranged with DLR Parks Department, who will collect them on 24 April.

Care should be taken to wear gloves and boots, particularly in overgrown areas.

The local collection point circuit for the trailer is as follows:

1. the entrance to the open space beside no. 96,
2. the entrance to the other open space at no. 74/75
3. the entrance from Ballinclea Road
4. the playground and finally
5. the park gate.

If you are unable to partake at this time we suggest that you bag some cans and bottles, of which there are copious amounts, and leave the re-cycling bags adjacent to the 5 collection points.

We think it will be very worthwhile to restore our open spaces to a pristine condition. Bags etc can be obtained from Michael O'Neill no. 180 or John Hardiman no. 55.



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Attention of Mr. John Hardiman

Thursday, 09 March 2006

Re : **Proposed installation of hard surfaced playing area (MUGA)
on open space at Ballinlea Heights, Killiney**

Dear Mr. Hardiman,

I refer to earlier discussions regarding a proposed hard surfaced playing area at Ballinlea Park.

The suggestion has generated interest locally and I understand a number of residents have queries regarding the matter.

Following our discussions we have agreed in broad terms a number of features.

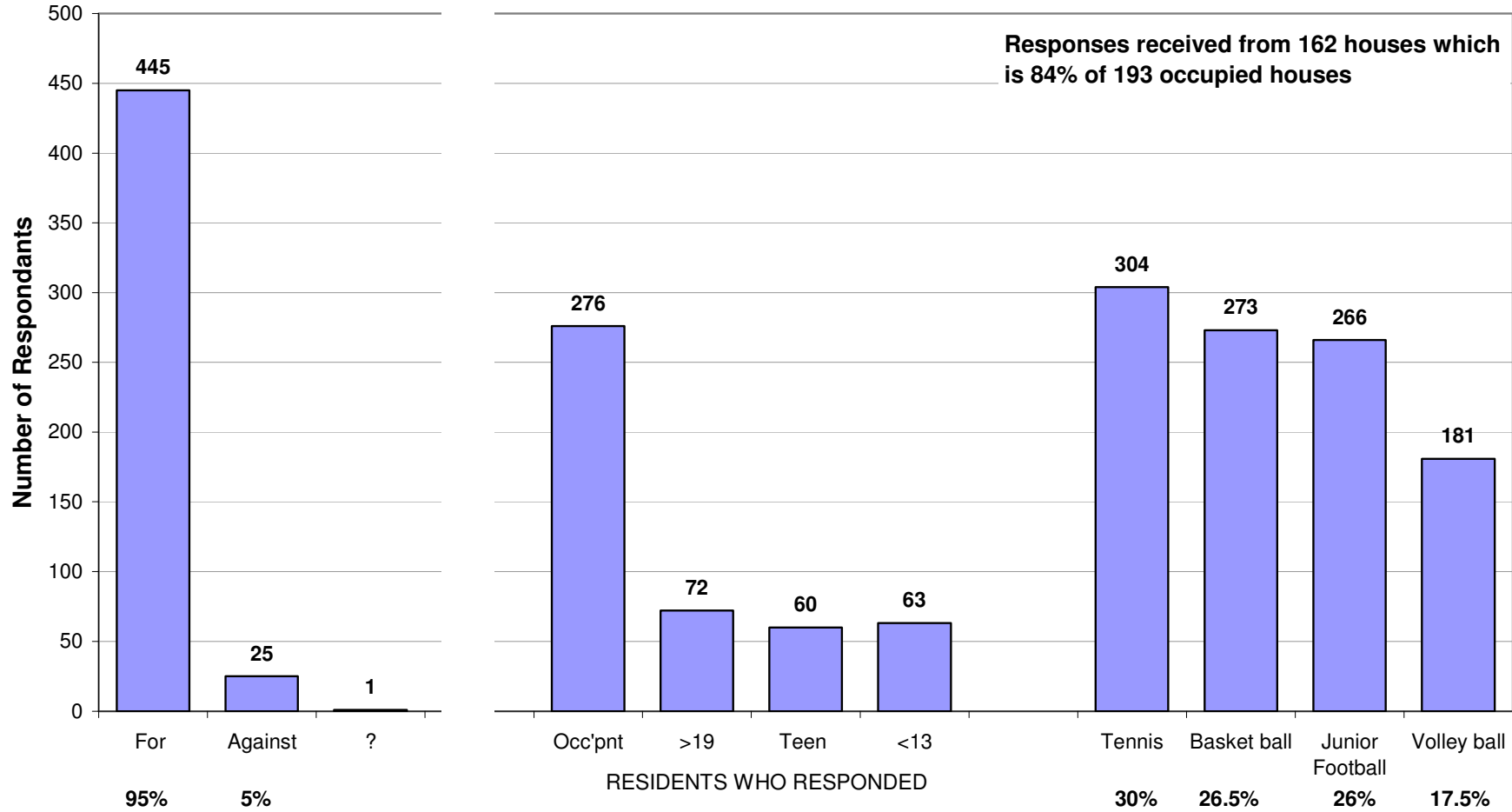
There will I expect be further amendments as we get into the final design, selection of materials /contractors and when we commence works.

A representative from this Department can attend a meeting of the residents if more information is required.





All Weather Court proposed for Ballinclea Park Results of BHRA Questionnaire Feb 2006



BHRA February 2006 Questionnaire on Ballinclea Park Proposals
Summary of Comments and Suggestions

| No Respondents | Comments |
|--------------------------|---|
| ALL WEATHER COURT | |
| 27 | Queries about maintenance and operation |
| 21 | To copper fasten our use of park |
| 10 | Time-table/play schedule instead of key holders |
| 7 | Floodlights – against |
| 7 | Too small (only suit 3 a side children’s football) |
| 6 | Floodlights - for |
| 5 | Like location on drawing |
| 5 | Alternative to ball play on roads |
| 2 | Do not like location on drawing |
| 2 | Should not be fenced (no ball games) |
| 1 | Should not be camouflaged |
| PATH | |
| 45 | Path on four sides of park |
| 23 | Seating |
| 12 | Lights for paths |
| PLANTING | |
| 29 | Low planting to afford clear view in and out of park |
| 28 | Trees at front boundary and elsewhere |
| 27 | Flowers on northern boundary and elsewhere |
| 2 | Trees/Plants – could residents contribute? |
| RAILINGS | |
| 28 | In favour (many want on east side as well) |
| 5 | Against (area should not be enclosed) |
| FLAT AREA | |
| 7 | Drainage and Top-soil needed for flat area |
| OTHER | |
| 35 | Play equipment/area – like Kilbogget Park |
| 11 | Upgrade main entrance |
| 8 | Bins for rubbish |
| 4 | Table Tennis concrete table |
| 3 | Embankment slide |
| 3 | Picnic Table |
| 3 | Sculpture – in favour but graffiti needs to be controlled |
| 3 | Hockey pitch |
| 3 | Concern re non resident usage |
| 2 | Importance of recreation for health and exercise |
| 2 | Boules Court |
| 2 | Storage box for nets etc. |
| 1 | BBQ |
| 1 | BMX track |
| 1 | ESB substation screening from children |
| 1 | Horse Trough on Killiney Road for park? |
| 1 | Skateboard Park |
| 1 | House value increase due to park development |
| 1 | Football nets for grass area |
| 1 | Wheelchair access important |
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