

THE BEAUMONT NEWS

Official Newsletter of the Beaumont Residents' Association

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LOTTO NEWS

The Residents' Association launched its Lotto Syndicate in its Newsletter in September 2010. This experiment was for three months and it was reviewed at the AGM of the Association and it was decided to continue doing this Lotto on an ongoing basis. See minutes for details.

The Lotto will recommence in April, numbers can be viewed on <http://magluby.com/lotto/> Sign in with BRA@iol.ie and beaumont or follow the results on our Facebook page.

Only those that pay the full €15 euro will be in this Lotto.

IT COULD BE US?

BEAUMONT'S NEW COMMITTEE



Standing Left to Right: Cecilia Roche, Weldon Costello, Gary Mullen, Deirdre Higgins, Tony King, Samuel Bolton, Suzanne Hyland, Joan Ennis. Seated, Left to Right: Ann Cullen (Secretary) Des Maguire (Chairman) and Barry Doyle (Treasurer). Other committee members not in photo: Joseph Roche and John Ryan.

SMS MESSAGING FOR MEMBERS

When you fill out your membership envelope, you are asked for a Mobile Phone number. If you do not have a Mobile Phone, you can give a family members Mobile or a trusted neighbour's Mobile. Messages which are important, urgent or are relevant to our members will be sent to the Mobile Phone number provided. (water cut-off, power cut-off, security / safety, etc). Your Mobile Phone number will be kept private by BRA and will not be disclosed to any third party. In addition, you can send text messages to BRA.

Beaumont Residents Association

Minutes of AGM 22nd February 2011

Held in The Pastoral Centre, Beaumont.

The 2010/11 Annual General Meeting started at 8.30pm. Des Maguire, Chairman, welcomed all present and thanked the Gardai from Santry Station for their presence at the meeting.

All attendees had received a raffle ticket upon admission to the meeting and a raffle was held for a number of cash prizes.

Garda Report -- Des introduced Sergeant Stephen Daly, who introduced the Community Policing team from Santry Station, and gave a short talk about policing in the Santry district. He said the level of crime in the area is low but warned about the theft

of cars, which were left running to warm up, while the driver went indoors or got out to close gates. He said there had been four such incidents in the recent past. Garda Stephen Enright then gave a detailed report of crime in the area since last November. Sergeant Daly then invited all present to a Neighbourhood Watch meeting next Monday evening, in the pastoral Centre. The absence of Gardai from Clontarf Station was noted by the meeting as they also had been invited to attend the AGM.

Minutes of Previous AGM --The Minutes of the previous AGM were taken as read as they had been published in the newsletter. They were proposed by Des Maguire and seconded by Noreen Maher and were accepted by those present at the meeting based on a show of hands.

Trustees Ratification --The serving Trustees were ratified by the meeting and, based on a show of hands.

Neighbourhood Watch -- Noreen Maher read a Neighbourhood Watch report, detailing the function of Neighbourhood Watch in assisting the Gardai with policing in the area. She thanked the Gardai for their assistance at all our events and for the amount of time devoted to our organisation. This report was accepted based on a show of hands.

Amendments to the Constitution -- Des Maguire stated that there was a need for an amendment to the constitution of the Association, based on the difficulties in getting as large a committee, as was the case in the past. It is therefore no longer feasible to have a quorum of eight to have a meeting. The suggested amendment is to change this requirement to read, 'Not less than 55% of the Executive Committee'. This amendment was accepted and passed based on a show of hands.

Secretary's Report -- Ann Cullen (Secretary) read

WHAT DO YOU GET FOR YOUR 30c PER WEEK

The Beaumont Residents' Association is a lobby group for the greater good of the residents of Beaumont.

They represent the area at the Neighbourhood Watch Meetings and liaise with the gardai for the good of the community.

It organises a Christmas Party for the Senior Citizens of the area.

It holds a Sports Day for the younger members and it also held a Party at Christmas which Santa visited. It now has a Lotto Syndicate.

It participates in the Tidy District Competition. It organises the Alarms for Senior Citizens in the area. Website and New Facebook Page.

Remember the greater the number of people that join the association the stronger it becomes.

30c by 52 weeks is over €15 which is the cost of a membership.

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THE CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Building a Community is a slow process. It can take many years of real effort and hard work.

The Residents of Beaumont are a Community and have a good community spirit and structure. Beaumont Residents Association is a voice for the community. About 60% of the households in the community are members of BRA – so the question must be asked why the remaining 40% are not Members. It can hardly be attributed to the fee of only €15.00 per annum. Even in these difficult stringent economic times, the fee of only €1.20 per month (the cost of one litre of milk) is surely affordable by all households in Beaumont regardless of whether you are working, unemployed or retired.

What do members get from BRA for their €1.20 per month?

Kid's Sports & Fund day (for all your children)

Christmas Party for senior members

Santa visit & party for children (all your children)

Newsletters

Neighbourhood Watch (Monitoring the area & Garda liaison)

BRA Website

National Lottery Syndicate

BRA Facebook Page

SMS Text messaging

Grants for Personal Alarms.

Safe secure community in which to live.

Text messages, Facebook and the National Lottery syndicate are new free services introduced this year. We are very excited about these new initiatives. Text messages will provide you with immediate real-time information about issues and activities in the area. You will receive important messages on events that may affect you. Typical messages include; notice of water rationing/cut-offs, changes or cancellations of refuse collections, suspicious person/burglar in your area, new services in the area, events and activities hosted by BRA, assistance during severe weather, etc. Text messaging will significantly improve communications throughout the whole community. All members will receive the same messages and will therefore, be made aware of relevant activities that may affect them. In addition to receiving text messages, members will also be able to send text messages to BRA. In order to participate in text messaging, you need to supply your mobile phone number with your membership fee in the subscription envelope. If you do not have a mobile phone, you can supply a family member's phone number. All mobile phone numbers supplied will be maintained confidentially by BRA and will not be disclosed to any third party.

Facebook members can follow and keep up to date with BRA activities on Facebook. Click the LIKE button to receive postings. The BRA National Lottery Syndicate commenced on 2nd April 2011. All BRA fully paid up Members are eligible to share in the BRA syndicate winnings. The same 5 lines of numbers are played twice weekly (with Lotto Plus) - that's 30 chances each week and winnings in excess of €25,000 will be divided equally among BRA Member. Winnings under €25,000 will be reinvested in the syndicate. Now get ready to win, win, win! (Rules were in the September 2010 issue).

In the late 1990's BRA membership numbered more than 80% of the households. During the Celtic Tiger years the membership dropped steadily each year and even after the death of the Tiger the numbers continued to fall. Right now the Banks are broke, the economy is on life support, more than 440,000 workers are unemployed, the new government is desperately trying to learn the German language so as to efficiently carry out the orders of our new owners – all of this while the ECB and IMF Pirates control the fuel lines and demand more sweat and more loot from the 'Paddies' manning the oars below deck. With this scenario set to prevail for many years, individuals and communities must again look to themselves for their survival and their future. Join BRA now, you'll be glad you did.

By far the most important thing BRA gives to its members is; a safe secure place to live, work and bring up a family. Beaumont has one of the lowest crime figures in Dublin and has maintained this distinction for a number of years now. This is not achieved by accident or by doing nothing. All residents of Beaumont – including the 40% who are not members of BRA, share and enjoy our safe secure neighbourhood. Maybe it is time for the 40% to rethink their position and share the costs as well as the spoils. Every household – regardless of whether you own or rent your house, you are a part of the community and you have obligations to the community. I invite you to get involved and show you care. Join BRA now, you'll be glad you did.

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a detailed Secretary's Report to the meeting. The report gave a full description of all events run by the Association in the past year, and also detailed all major items dealt with on behalf of the members. The floor was opened to questions, but there were none arising. The Secretary's Report was proposed by Breda Doyle, seconded by Margaret Tobin and was passed based a show of hands.

Treasurer's Report -- In the absence of Phyllis Redmond (Treasurer), Des Maguire read the Treasurer's Report. Des explained that a deficit of €2589 arose due to the fact that we ran the same number of events as previous years but did not have the same number of members. Des expressed the appreciation of the Association for Bernie Bolger's work on the annual financial report and in dealing with the Revenue on behalf of the Association. The Treasurer's Report was proposed by Barry Doyle, seconded by Gary Mullen and was passed by a show of hands.

SMS Communications -- Des introduced the idea of immediate contact availability, through a text message (SMS) service, to the meeting. It is proposed to introduce this system of contact for members of the Association. This would be used to alert members to interruptions in water/electricity supply, or any other immediate service interruption, for severe weather alerts, or for urgent Neighbourhood Watch messages. Whilst the Beaumont Newsletter is invaluable in keeping neighbours in touch with what is happening in the area, it is not suitable for immediate contact or urgent communication. If wishing to avail of this service, members will be requested to nominate a mobile phone contact number on the subscription envelope, when paying the annual subscription. This was proposed by Des Maguire, seconded by Ann Cullen and adopted following a show of hands.

BRA Lotto Syndicate -- Barry Doyle gave a report on the BRA Lotto syndicate, which was run on a trial basis from September 2010, to December 2010. Prize money of €60 was won along with some scratch cards and free tickets. Any prize over €25,000 would be shared equally among fully paid up members. The legal implications of running the syndicate was raised, however all issues relating to the Lotto are available in the rules published in the autumn issue of the newsletter and are available on the BRA website www.beaumontresidents.ie. The committee will decide whether the next Lotto period will be for 3, 6, or 9 months.

Election of New Committee -- The following long serving members of the committee have decided to step down. Noreen Maher, Chris Foy, Phyllis Redmond, Patricia Flood. Des expressed the gratitude of the Association to all these committee members and said they will be sadly missed as they have worked tirelessly for the Association, some since its inception (14 years).

A new committee was elected as follows: Des Maguire, Ann Cullen, Barry Doyle, Joan Ennis, Tony King, Samuel Bolton, Deirdre Higgin, Gary Mullen, Weldon Costello, Suzanne Hyland, Joseph Roche, John Ryan, Cecelia Roche.

All proposed and seconded. The new committee were deemed elected based on a show of hands from the attending members.

Road Reps -- The following Road Reps were deemed elected based on a show of hands: Frank Gurry, Aidan Buckley, Roi Lacey, Kay Maguire, Derek Doyle, Martin Culhane, Cathy Colclough, Lisa Whelan, Patrice O'Sullivan

Des expressed the gratitude of the Association to Road Reps, Lorraine O'Toole and Geraldine Drumm who are standing down.

AOB -- A question was raised as to why there were no events for younger people run by the Association in the area. Des replied that in 2009 the Association did organise a free monthly event in the Beaumont House with music and food supplied, but the younger people at whom it was aimed did not support it and it was a more senior group who came. Barry Doyle said he had, in the past organised race nights and these had limited support. It was suggested that after children reach their teens there is nothing in the Association for them. Des said thoughts and ideas on this matter are always welcome and the committee will give any suggestions full consideration.

Des mentioned that a consignment of shoe grips (for snowy/slippery weather) has been obtained by the Association and are available for purchase at €25 a pair.

Des thanked all present for their attendance and the meeting ended.

NEW SERVICE FROM DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL

The DCC has setup a service where you can report issues that you come across on the streets of Dublin. You can report issues such as abandoned vehicles, graffiti, illegal dumping and much more. All you have to do is log onto www.dublincity.ie and click on "Report It". You get a reference number so you can track the progress of your request. If you don't have a computer just call (01) 222 2222 from 8-6, Mon-Fri and a customer service agent will log the request on the system for you.