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A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF THE BEAUMONT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Representing: Beaumont Road, Beaumont Crescent, Beaumont Grove, Coolgreena Road, Coolgreena Close, Coolatree Park, Coolatree Close, Coolatree Road, Coolrusa Drive, Cooleen Avenue, Coolgarriff Road, Shantalla Road, Shantalla Drive, Shantalla Park, Dromawling Road, Dromnanane Road, Dromnanane Park, Dromlee Crescent, Dromeen Avenue, Drombawn Avenue

YOUR NEW COMMITTEE



Standing Left to Right: Kevin O'Mara, Peter Boylan, Tom Darby, Des Maguire, Gerry Hiney, Sean Swan, Barry Doyle, Lorraine O'Toole, Sean Dooley, Joyce Moore, Richard Phillips, Joe Bollard, Brian Traynor.

Seated Left to Right: Carmel McDonald, Anne Maher, Chris Foy, Noreen Maher, Deirdre Higgins, Irene Molloy.

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

- To promote the interests of the members.
- To promote an environment that will improve the health, safety and welfare of the members.
- To be Non-Sectarian and non Party-Political.
- To achieve consensus on all major issues.
- To actively discourage crime in the area.
- To actively encourage good neighbour relations.
- To listen to, integrate and involve our members.
- To work with our members as partners, their success is our success, their problems are our problems.
- To strive to understand our members' needs, thinking and actively promote what is positive.

BEAUMONT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION A.G.M.

HELD IN OUR LADY OF
MERCY SCHOOL HALL
ON FEBRUARY 17th 1997

Introduction

The meeting started at 8.18, it was chaired by Des Maguire until a committee and officers were appointed. Des outlined the need for the Residents Association to be restarted. An association by consensus not confrontation.

Constitution

The proposed new Constitution was read out by Barry Doyle. A discussion developed with some debate about the percentage needed to call a Special General Meeting. After a vote it was decided to leave the percentage at 30%. A vote was then taken to adopt the constitution which Des advised was similar to the constitution of other residents associations. The vote was passed unanimously.

Election of Officers

The following officers were nominated, seconded and voted into office by a show of hands.

<i>Chairman:</i>	Des Maguire 101 Coolgreena Road. Phone 8379453
<i>Vice-Chairman:</i>	Gerry Hiney, 25 Cooleen Avenue. Phone 8371553
<i>Secretary:</i>	Barry Doyle, 49 Cooleen Avenue. Phone 8378558
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Sean Dooley, 46 Cooleen Avenue. Phone 8377784
<i>Trustee:</i>	Joyce Moore, 91 Coolgreena Road. Phone: 8375767
<i>Trustee:</i>	Noreen Maher, 26 Coolgreena Road. Phone: 8374590

Trustee: **Anne Maher,**
52 Coolrua Drive.
Phone: 8373616

Election of Committee

The following committee members and road representatives were nominated, seconded and voted into office by a show of hands.

Lorraine O'Toole, 55 Cooleen Avenue.
Kevin O'Mara, 164 Beaumont Road
Deirdre Higgins, 11 Beaumont Crescent.
Tom Darby, 128 Beaumont Road.
Richard Phillips, 145 Beaumont Road.
Jean Swan, 59 Coolatree Park.
Irene Molloy, 21 Coolatree Park.
Brian Costello, Coolatree Close
Chris Foy, 56 Coolrua Drive
Brian Traynor, 1 Cooleen Ave.
(Coolgarriff Road Rep.).
Mr. McLean, Shantalla Road.
Carmel McDonald, 61 Dromawling Road.
Joe Bollard, 6 Dromnanane Park.
Peter Boylan, 4 Dromleen Crescent.
Mary Bolton, 19 Coolrua Drive

Resolution No. 1

The purpose of the resolution was to set up one Residents Association and unite all previous/dormant associations. Members of defunct associations were invited to join the committee of the new association. A discussion developed regarding the defunct Elmpark Association who retain funds in a dormant bank account. A further discussion developed regarding the original Beaumont

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Residents Association which no longer exists as it hasn't held an A.G.M. for over 3 years. It was alleged that the old committee had received a threatening letter from Patricia Doyle. In response Patricia Doyle read the letter which was sent on the 11th November 1996 to Mary King requesting an A.G.M. The request was supported by a petition signed by 231 residents. Mary King's response via Niall Corr & Company. Solicitors dated 25th November, 1996 was also read out. Those in attendance agreed that the letter was not threatening and the resolution was passed unanimously only one vote against.

Resolution No. 2

A second resolution was read its purpose was to remove from office any trustees of previous associations of the area, to be replaced by the trustees of Beaumont Residents Association. A query was raised regarding the legality of the motion to which Des replied that legal advice had been obtained.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Coolgreena Residents Action Group

It was proposed that the Action Group become a

sub-committee of the Beaumont Residents Association until its campaign against the proposed housing development on the lands adjacent to Beaumont Convalescent Home is concluded. This was unanimously passed.

Subscriptions

A discussion took place on the level of subscriptions and £5 per house per annum was passed by a vote.

Neighbourhood Watch

Des stated that he would like to see the Neighbourhood Watch reactivated and was informed that there was one in existence already but it only catered for the south side of the Beaumont Road and could not cater for the other side because each side is "minded" by different Garda Stations. The existing active Neighbourhood Watch was asked would they give advice etc. to set up a Neighbourhood Watch on the other side of the road and it was decided that they could probably work together as sub-committees.

The meeting adjourned at 10.17 p.m.

Barry Doyle
Secretary



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THE VIEW OF THE CHAIRMAN

Introduction

A cynic recently described a committee as "A group of the unfit, appointed by the unwilling, to do the unnecessary; a group who keeps minutes and waste hours; a group set up to do in a week what one good person can do in an hour". Doubtless, there are some people in Beaumont that would concur with this view. Mindful of the cynics and of the many demands on my time and on the time of the committee, I can assure you that time-wasting has no space on our agenda.

Who We Are

While we live in an era of "Lobby Politics", our constitution clearly states that the association shall be non "Party Political" and further states that members of political parties shall not be eligible to hold any "Officer" positions on the executive committee. This is as it should be. Experiences have shown that where Residents

Associations are populated by political party activists, the Political Party Agenda ultimately becomes the Residents Association Agenda. The committee soon loses sight of its real purpose and inevitably loses the confidence of the residents who they were elected to represent. The foundation stone of our Association will be "Community Consensus" and the corner stones of our committee - "Openness", "Democracy" "Accountability" and "Traceability". I can only promise that we will do all in our power to uphold and cherish these basic fundamentals.

Our Approach

Although we are a voluntary organisation, as Chairman I can assure you that our work will be to a professional standard. We will endeavour to listen to all points of view. It is only by hearing what you have to say that we can act on it. I invite residents to join our committee - there will

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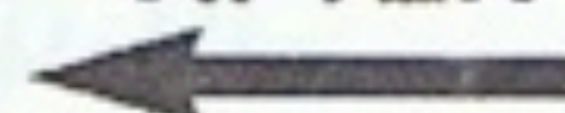


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Coolgreena Residents Action Group

In July, 1996, a developer applied for planning permission in respect to a high density residential development (457 units) on the lands adjacent to Beaumont Convalescent Home. Coolgreena Residents Action Group was formed in September 1996 to co-ordinate a campaign against the proposed development. Despite numerous objections supported by more than 3,000 signatures of local residents and unanimous support from our public representatives, the City Manager, against all wishes, granted planning permission. Is this Democracy?

The Action Group lodged an appeal with An Bord Pleanála in November last, which required engaging professional consultants. The developers recently responded to our appeal, which resulted in a further submission by our

consultants, with all the associated additional costs.

The Tunnel

The residents of Santry, Whitehall, Beaumont and Marino will soon find out what the City Managers prescription is for them in regard to the tunnel. The vast majority of residents in these areas are shouting "Stop the Tunnel" but while appearing to be listening, the City Manager is in reality pursuing a very different agenda. It appears that despite massive local objection, the authorities are determined to build a tunnel from Whitehall to the Docks. They have about two years in which to fully exhaust the resources of the residents before proceeding. The next two years will see the Corporation engaging in a series of "Games" with the "Residents Action Groups".

Conclusion

These "Games" will be very costly for the Action Groups - because if they are to play they will have to field professional consultants and experts. Make no mistake, these "Games" will cost serious money.

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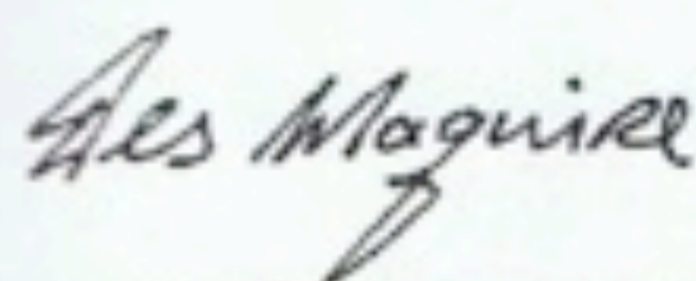
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Residents who express their democratic views for basic civil rights, should not have to pay financially for the defence of their views. Residents have a right to clean air and a right to stop a tunnel from being blasted under their houses. The Corporation is presenting only one scenario and as we all know, there is more than one side to most stories. The Government should fund the Action Groups in order to present their case in a professional manner to a public hearing.

At the end of the day, it will be down to "Persistence" and People Power". Governments and City Managers come and go, all having their own short-term agendas to make their particular mark. There is no substitute for "Persistence". It has always been the victor throughout history.

Yours sincerely,



Des Maguire
Chairman
Beaumont Residents Association

P.S.

I hope you find this Newsletter informative. Future issues will feature articles of local interest. Your contributions to the Newsletter will be very welcome - letters, comments, opinions, whatever. Committee meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month. Should you have any issue you would like raised, please contact your local committee member.

IT'S YOUR ASSOCIATION - MAKE IT WORK FOR YOU.

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