



# Prospect Manor Residents Association

## January 2010 Newsletter

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Dear Neighbour,

We hope you had a peaceful Christmas and wish you every success in 2010. Should you wish to obtain more information regarding the Estate, contribute items for the next newsletter or have any feedback, please contact a Committee Member or visit the website [www.prospectmanor.net](http://www.prospectmanor.net). Alternatively, you can email [info@prospectmanor.net](mailto:info@prospectmanor.net)

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### **2009 AGM**

The recent AGM was held on **Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>** in Rathfarnham Golf Club. The attendance was lower than usual so we took this as an indication that Residents didn't want to raise any issues with their local Councillors and are happy with all Estate related issues.

#### **Details of newly elected Committee:**

Chairperson	Mark Byrne	(outgoing Chairman David Kelly)
Vice Chairperson	David Kelly	(outgoing Vice Chairman Con Denvir)
Secretary	Neil Coates	
Treasurer	Sean English	(outgoing Treasurer John Brennan)

Landscaping will continue to be managed by Con Denvir & Shay McGlynn.

Roles for Community Games & Social Events will be filled at a later stage.

Additional committee members: Damian ODonohue, Patrick Joyce, John Cadell, Dermot Rooney, Lynn Swords

As ever, new faces are always most welcome to the Residents Association, in fact it is important that there are new faces with fresh ideas. There are only 4 or 5 meetings a year which rarely last more than an hour or so. Some existing Committee members would be delighted to move on and let others take over but there are so few residents who take interest. Anyone who would like to be involved in the Association should contact any existing Committee member or email [info@prospectmanor.net](mailto:info@prospectmanor.net)

### **Items discussed at AGM**

#### **Prospect Manor website**

- Request for residents to avail of the facilities & to advise if they have services that they would like to highlight/advertise on the site.
- Request for any new ideas for the site.

#### **Clean-Up Day**

- Thanks expressed for Council assistance especially the Litter Warden
- Thanks expressed to A1 waste for supplying an additional skip
- It was noted that there is an increase in the amount of rubbish being dumped along the border fence by Prospect Meadows to the end of Prospect Avenue
- Low turnout – needs just one hour support from residents. Even just outside your own house. Remember it's YOUR ESTATE TOO !!

### **Fun Day**

- Cancelled this year as there was no suitable location within the estate to locate it. The event will be back in 2010. Any local suppliers of drinks, sweets, & other such suitable items relevant to the Fun Day would be of benefit to the event.

### **Pedestrian Footbridge**

- Opened this year after a number of closures due to repairs & pipe laying.

### **Outstanding issues with Boherboy pipe-laying**

- Issues regarding the chamber on the main green, delays in completing the pipe laying and quality of finished work.
- At AGM Residents were encouraged to contact the relevant Council Departments directly
- In a recent email the project Engineer mentioned that Stocking Lane will need to close for approx 2-3 weeks, early in 2010 while a pipe is laid from the Waterworks to the Chamber on the main green. This will close access to Scholarstown Road and create a lengthy diversion via Stocking Wood/Ballycullen.

### **Community Games**

- Registration deadline is January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010.
- We need volunteers to take this on & need participants also.
- We have enjoyed previous successes on Community Games.
- May look at contacting Airpark to see if we can do something together.

### **Golf Day**

- Will be back in 2010, after previous successes but is subject to sufficient numbers interested in playing this year.

### **Bus Service**

- Well supported & good usage from within the estate.
- Timetable is available on the website.

### **School Bus Service**

- Polled interest door to door but very little take up on the idea despite interest being expressed at 2008 AGM.
- Please contact the committee if you are interested in using this service to bring your children to school

### **Traffic Management**

A number of submissions have been made over the past year relating to traffic management. These submissions have related to:

- Moving the current locations of the bus stops on Stocking Lane.
- Issues surrounding the proximity of traffic exiting Stocking Heath and traffic entering the main entrance.
- A proposed T-shaped platform at the main entrance which Council Traffic Department since have rejected.
- Footpath on Stocking Lane which is approved and will run inside current Waterworks Fencing, opposite the Estate entrance.

## Financial Update

- Review of 2001-2009 subscription history & collection statistics
- Review of 2009 account overview.
- 2009 has not been collected and 2010 will be collected in March.

## Neighbourhood Watch

Unfortunately the local Community Garda was unable to attend on the night so no accurate statistics are available regarding crime within the Estate

### Graffiti

- 3 new pieces on Prospect Meadows & are on brickwork.
- ESB boxes within the estate have been subject to graffiti four times this year & Committee Members have repainted the boxes. Should you see anyone or have any information regarding the culprits, please report it immediately to a member of the Committee or to the Gardai in Rathfarnham Station.
- The wall near the new footbridge will be landscaped in the coming months & this will resolve graffiti problem in this area.

### Crime

- There have been a number of break-ins within the estate in the past year.
- The telephone number for Rathfarnham Garda Station is 01 6666500

## Councillors present at AGM were:

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| • Emma Coburn    | Fine Gael    | Tel: 087 0628484 / 414 9062 | email: ecoburn@sdblincoco.ie   |
| • Paddy Cosgrove | Labour Party | Tel: 085 1742709            | email: pcosgrove@sdblincoco.ie |
| • Cáit Keane     | Fine Gael    | Tel: 4149064 / 087 8117824  | email: ckeane@sdblincoco.ie    |

### Unable to attend

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| • John Lahart | Finna Fail | Tel: 4939608 / 087 2615529 | email: jlahart@sdblincoco.ie |
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Items discussed included:

- Election posters were erected within the estate, for the first time. It took two week to have them removed. We requested from Councillors that this does not happen again?
- Councillors were asked to follow-up on outstanding issues regarding the Waterpipe
- Councillors were again asked to adopt the proposal of a traffic platform at Estate Entrance as part of the proposed work on Stocking Lane

## Bus Stop

After a length discussion at the AGM, a vote was taken on the night to request that the Councillors assist in addressing concerns regarding the location of the current bus stop on Stocking Lane. The three options discussed on the night included:

Option 1 – Provide a path from the bus stop to the pedestrian entrance at the end of Prospect Heath.

Option 2 – Provide access to Prospect Heath via a new sloped path directly to the bus stop

Option 3 – Provide a path from the bus stop to the pedestrian entrance at the main entrance to the estate.

Having debated the three options at length, Option 1 was adopted. The Councillors were asked to assist in relation to this option.

## **AOB**

- All dog owners within the estate are reminded to take care that all dog dirt is disposed of appropriately.
- Please remember to look after your pets so they don't bark excessively & possibly annoy neighbours.
- Residents are reminded to be mindful of children playing within the estate. Please ensure driving is with due care for children at play.

## **Additional 2010 News Items:**

### **Grass Verges**

Now that the main green plus other areas are nearly back to normal and have benefited from the recent Clean Up day, we would ask all residents to maintain the grass verge outside their house. This helps to keep the estate in good repair & helps your property to maintain maximum value in the current market.

### **Erection of Noise Barriers at Prospect Court**

Following a motion raised by a number of residents of Prospect Court at the AGM, the residents of the Court affected were surveyed on their attitude to the noise barriers erected alongside the M50. The majority of residents that responded were in favour of requesting M50 Concessions Limited and the NRA to review the works in question with a view to providing a more suitable alternative (such as reducing the height of the fencing and/or replanting the thick coverage of trees that were removed). This response was communicated to the local councillors who raised it directly with M50.

The Senior Engineer of SDCC said that there are noise barrier requirements by An Bord Pleanala and this requires noise barriers to be a certain height. M50 Concessions Limited will discuss the possibility of lowering the barrier adjacent to Prospect (as requested by PMRA due to diminished light) with the NRA only if all of the Prospect Residents affected provide written confirmation of this request.

### **2009 Annual Subscriptions**

The Committee are fully aware of the current economic climate faced by all our Members. We continuously strive for value for our members with full accountability of all funds. Keep in mind other neighbouring Estates such as Airpark, have an annual subscription of €150 (previously much higher). During the 2009 we managed to reduce the amount of money spent by our Association. Specifically as a result of:

- A reduction negotiated for grass cutting fees during 2009 as some of the main green was dug up due to the Waterpipe Installation
- No 2009 Funday due to Pipework on main Green
- Competitive pricing for Landscaping work & Residents personally spreading mulch.

**As highlighted at AGM we are in a position to pass this benefit onto our members by COLLECTING NO SUBSCRIPTIONS IN Autumn '09 for the Jan 2009 – Dec 2009 Calendar Year. Instead we have decided to collect the 2010 Annual Subscriptions in March 2010.**

The Association will need to collect the usual subscription of €50 from every house in March 2010 so we have sufficient funds to cover all our expenditure during the 2010 year. That includes the grass cutting and landscaping throughout the Estate!! So please, we need you support in March!!!

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