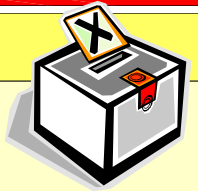


COULTRY NEWSFLASH

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Forum Elections To Take Place In May-2005



It has been announced that the elections for the five Neighbourhood Forums - Coultrey, Shangan, Silloge & Sandyhill, Balcurris & Balbutcher Lane and Poppintree, are due to take place this year, preferably in May.

This comes as a great relief to all concerned because of the fact that new blood is badly needed in all the Forums. Trying to do one's best for all the community invariably means that good things for some people can be clouded by disappointment for others.

However what drives volunteers on, is the belief that in the end, most of the community will benefit in different ways. The residents of the flats will have new homes and the residents of the existing houses are already seeing the

value of their homes increasing at a faster rate than the average house price rise.

For many residents however, security in their homes and freedom from anti-social behaviour is every bit as important as house values. This is where a strong community/Forum voice is needed in estate management, to keep Dublin City Council, the Gardai and BRL etc on their toes.

If you agree, why not get involved.

Ring Siobhan at 8832154 for more information.

Coultrey Regeneration Affairs Sub-Committee Report.

WATCH THAT TRUCK!

The forum has received complaint from resident regarding the movements of trucks on Coultrey Road. The Laing O'Rourke site attracted complaints for the manner in which some of their trucks are entering and leaving the site.

Normally it would be expected that the builders would have a 'banksman' to help in controlling traffic as the trucks make their way in or out. However, on a number of occasions the drivers have had to make these manoeuvres without any help. As well as disrupting traffic, it also makes the situation a lot less safe.

Other complaints were in relation to a number of trucks parking in line as they wait to enter the sites on Coultrey Road, again this causes traffic problems and is and is not in the best interests of public safety.

At our regeneration affairs meeting with Ballymun Regeneration Ltd (BRL), these issues were raised.

BRL responded by visiting the sites concerned and investigation the situation. BRL has informed the forum that they are anxious that incidents such as these do not continue and have said that it would be very helpful if residents could be specific when making complaints including details such as times and dates. This vigilance can really help to keep disruptions down to a minimum and help improve safety along Coultrey Road.

COULTRY GARDENS

The forum once again raised the issue of the vacant houses at Coultrey Gardens. BRL said that they have applied for planning permission to demolish a number of these houses and the Forum has promised to keep

the remaining residents informed as to further developments.

BRL say that there are still no definite plans for the area and that the Forum will be consulted as soon as there are any further developments. The forum has passed on local residents concerns regarding anti social issues and will continue to be vigilant in this area.

FOOTBALL IN COULTRY

The local soccer teams based in the Coultrey area are continuing to suffer while the development of Coultrey Park takes place. Although BRL fenced off an area in Naul Park for the clubs involved, a lack of progress in improving the playing surface has badly affected the teams.

The situation has not been helped by the bad weather, however the main problem has been caused by horse owner's in Naul Park breaking in to the playing area and taking the horses in.

Once again Dublin City Council seem incapable of maintaining control of horses in the area and a minority of people involved with horses can do as they like as local soccer takes second place.

It should be remembered that the soccer pitches in Naul Park were closed down by the Leinster Football Association after a number of players were injured on a surface rendered dangerous by the horses.

The forum has appealed to BRL to help secure suitable home pitches for our local teams for the remainder of the season.

Coultry Road Realignment

An important part of the Ballymun Regeneration programme in Coultry is the proposal to realign Coultry Road.

The road realignment plan will undoubtedly cause short-term disruption but should in the long-term deter high speed driving within the estate.

With the demolition of block D complete further stages of the new road can now be completed.

The implementation of the realignment is dependant on the completion of other developments, therefore it is necessary that the work is carried out in stages.

The new road will form the boundary for the north side of Coultry Park (currently under construction) and will travel from the link road at Coultry Gardens heading across the area's where block C currently stands and the vacant site at the demolished flats block D.

The road will then continue down to Woodhazel at the East end of the park, where a left turn will take the road back to its current position. The road will then continue as it does now down to the end at Coultry Avenue.

BRL confirmed that the roadwork will be carried out in phases. This will also ensure that at no time should Coultry residents be impeded from driving in and out of their area.

People living in Coultry cannot fail to notice that a road is already under construction alongside the existing Coultry road. This includes a pedestrian area alongside the pathway.

BRL propose to 'move' a section of the existing road to meet with the new section and create a wide cobble-lock pedestrian area along the old section.

'Notice of Intention' posters are on display on the relevant section of Coultry Road and includes the right of residents who wish to make representations or objections.

A map of the Coultry area which illustrates the proposed right-of-way to be extinguished, can be inspected in the DCC Area Office within the Ballymun Civic Offices, during office hours.



The Coultry Neighbourhood Facilities buildings (in the background) are due to be completed by Mid 2005.

Coultry Neighbourhood Forum Says "Thank You"

to Kendra Campbell and Maria Thompson for their great work on behalf of Coultry and Ballymun while serving as Chair and Vice Chairpersons of Coultry Neighbourhood Forum.

The Forum also wishes success and good fortune to both Kendra and Maria in their future endeavours.

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