

**PLASSEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES**

Date & Time	27 October 2022 at 20:00
Location	Don Bosco Centre, Milford
Attendance	Chair Person: Rory Wilkinson Co-Chair Person: John Stapleton Secretary: Brendan O’Sullivan Secretary: Hannah O’Sullivan Ann Sheahan Tom O’Brien Sinead McDonnell Emer Mallowney Ken Gallagher John McGrath Michal Maciniat Anthony Kennelly Seosaimhin O’Connor
Apologies	Treasurer: Philip Ryan Gina O’Connell Sharon LeGear Killian Shortt Anne Cullinan Ann Costelloe Ana Saiz
1.0	<b>New Executive:</b> The new executive to Committee was Ratified as follows Chair Person: Rory Wilkinson Co-Chair Person: John Stapleton Secretary: Brendan O’Sullivan Secretary: Hannah O’Sullivan Treasurer: Philip Ryan
2.0	<b>Mission Statement/ Constitution</b>
2.1	The attendees reviewed the Mission Statement and Constitution. The Plassey Residents Association (PRA) will serve all estates between Plassey Road and Dublin Road including College Court.
3.0	<b>Defining the Committee</b>
3.1	The executive will add new member details into a database. The database will include the names, address, contact numbers and email addresses. This will adhere to GDPR defined in the PRA Constitution. We aim to have a good spread of members from across the different estates. <b>Actions</b> Rory invited the members present at the meeting to fill out gaps in details in the version of current database. Rory to lead in reaching out and with permission of new members collect the information for the database.

4.0	<b>UL Community Liaison Committee</b>
4.1	<p>The attendees reviewed the UL Community Liaison Committee (UL CLC) minutes from the most recent meeting that took place on October 27<sup>th</sup> 2022.</p> <p>The attendees also discussed the purpose of the UL CLC. There is a feeling that the Committee is productive. In particular, Andrea La Touche since starting in her role as UL Student Community Engagement Liaison Officer (UL SCELO) has made a positive impact in outcomes around reducing the volume of issues and improving outcomes in issues relating to student behaviours in the community. UL introduced the role of SCELO in February 2022.</p> <p><b>Action</b></p> <p>Brendan to ask at upcoming UL CLC meeting if Freshers week will still be kept later in the academic calendar next year. It worked well this year from a residents point of view delaying the introduction of first years to the college, social and residential settings.</p>
4.2	<p>A discussion took place about the representation of members at the UL CLC in light of the formation of the new PRA committee. Many members had valuable experiences of attending this meeting that has taken place for over a decade.</p> <p><b>Actions</b></p> <p>For the next UL CLC Meeting taking place at the White House in UL on December 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 5:00.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rory to attend and introduce the Mission and vision of the association.</li> <li>2. Brendan to attend to carry relevant questions to the table from this meeting.</li> <li>3. Other committee members to attend and take part.</li> </ol> <p>Going forward the committee aim to participate the UL CLC meeting as follows.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chair or co-chairperson to attend.</li> <li>2. Secretary to communicate with UL SCELO regarding agenda items prior to meetings, and to bring forward relevant questions on behalf of the committee to the meeting.</li> <li>3. Committee members to attend. Ideally, only a small group of committee members should attend each meeting to give a coherent and consistent message feeding in to the CLC from the PRA.</li> </ol>
4.3	<p>Is it possible to attend the UL CLC meeting online? This may make it easier for more members to attend.</p> <p><b>Action</b></p> <p>Rory to ask UL SCELO about how to access the meeting online.</p>

5.0	<b>Parking</b>
5.1	<p>Residential Parking Permits have worked well in College Court. Full details on the terms and application procedure for the permits are available on the Limerick City and County Council Website at <a href="#">this link</a>.</p> <p>For a variety of reasons, the attendees felt that pursuing a parking permit system in other estates covered by the PRA would not be suitable at this time.</p>
5.2	<p>Double yellow lines were painted in the Oaklawns estate to prevent parking on both sides of the roads. The aim is to ensure access for service vehicles.</p> <p><b>Action</b> Discuss the effectiveness of the lines at the next PRA meeting.</p>
5.3	<p>The use of Green Areas in estates may be under threat with the possibility of replacing green spaces with parking spaces. By being proactive the community could reclaim the green spaces with “<a href="#">Green Leaf City</a>” initiatives. An example is the Swift conservation program.</p> <p><b>Action</b> Form a PRA subcommittee responsible for taking the lead in Green initiatives. Examples include.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Installing Swift nest boxes.</li> <li>2. Putting pollen patches into our green areas.</li> <li>3. Engaging with the UL SCELO to recruit student volunteers and Team Limerick Clean up to recruit resident volunteers on litter picking and clean up initiatives.</li> <li>4. Identifying and engaging with local litter warden.</li> </ol>
5.4	<p>According to the minutes of the UL CLC meeting of October 27<sup>th</sup> 2022 (Item 6.1) 1,000 car parking spaces are available on the West and North Campuses.</p> <p><b>Action</b> Brendan to ask Nigel Healy (UL Vice President of Global and Community Engagement) at the upcoming UL CLC meeting about how the free spaces on campus could be used to alleviate the parking issues in the estates surrounding UL.</p>
5.5	<p>Brendan queried around the aim/mission of the PRA regarding Parking. Attendees clarified that the PRA aims to ensure that parking arrangements in the estates will allow for the following.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Easy access for the residents to get their vehicles to and from their homes safely.</li> <li>2. Easy access for service vehicles in particular emergency service vehicles.</li> <li>3. To provide a safe environment to promote walking and cycling in the estates and to protect pedestrians and cyclists in particular those who are most vulnerable (E.g. very young and old members of the community).</li> </ol>

6.0	<b>Registration to PPN (Public Participation Network)</b>
6.1	<p><u>Limerick Public Participation Network</u> (PPN) is a network of community, voluntary, social inclusion and environmental organisations, working together for a better Limerick. Limerick Public Participation Network enables the community to be represented in decision-making processes such as Limerick City and County Council committees and local public consultation processes.</p> <p><b>Action</b> Rory to register the PRA with the Limerick PPN.</p>
7.0	<b>Property sales and planning permissions</b>
7.1	Rory approached the auctioneer regarding the promotion of <a href="#">30 Dun an Oir, Milford Grange</a> as a residential opportunity. The attendees agreed that the Estate Agents do not share an interest in promoting the sale of a property in the PRA estates to potential residents unless it becomes more profitable and easy to process than a sale to an investor.

7.2

A discussion took place about a number of planning applications for extension to houses in Milford Grange (see table below).

File Number	Application Status	Decision Due Date	Decision Date	Decision Code	Received Date	Applicant Name	Development Address	Development Description	Local Authority Name
221273	NEW APPLICATION	03/02/2023			01/12/2022	Dens Callaghan	3 Dun an Oir Milford Grange Castletroy Limerick	the construction of a first floor extension to the side of existing house together with all associat...	Limerick Local Authorities
221272	NEW APPLICATION	03/02/2023			01/12/2022	Siobhan Curtin	45 Dun an Oir Milford Grange Castletroy Limerick	the construction of a first floor extension to the side of existing house together with all associat...	Limerick Local Authorities
221274	NEW APPLICATION	03/02/2023			01/12/2022	Fabian Healy	3 Hestelberg Milford Grange Castletroy Limerick	the construction of a first floor extension to the side of existing house and conversion of ground f...	Limerick Local Authorities
221275	NEW APPLICATION	03/02/2023			01/12/2022	Marian Loughman	5 Dun an Oir Milford Grange Castletroy Limerick	the construction of a first floor extension to the side of existing house and conversion of ground f...	Limerick Local Authorities

[Source Limerick CCC Eplanning Search](#)

Attendees mentioned that objections have been lodged and that concerns in particular around building up on garages. This will lead to semi-detached houses essentially turning into mid terrace style housing and the knock on effect of further adding occupants to existing houses of multiple occupancy.

**Action**

Form a PRA subcommittee responsible for Estate and Planning matters. Names of those interested in helping out in this area are Hannah O’Sullivan, Sinead McDonnell, Ken Gallagher, Emer Mallowney and Anne Cullinan. Activities to include.

1. Using print and online media to identify current active planning permission applications in the estates covered by the PRA.
2. Coordination amongst residents of the most effective response when objecting to planning permissions.
3. Using print and online media to identify current houses for sale in the estates covered by the PRA.
4. Promoting the Estates of the PRA as an invest opportunity for residents to buy a property.

8.0	<b>A.O.B.</b>
8.1	<p>A calendar for the year was discussed with the aim of effectively schedule meetings. With advanced notice participation at meeting should be optimised.</p> <p><b>Action</b> Propose format of 2023 PRA calendar and at next PRA committee meeting. Possible key events include. A Meeting calendar and events calendar?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. PRA committee meeting dates to include AGM.</li> <li>2. PRA executive committee meeting dates.</li> <li>3. UL CRC meeting dates.</li> <li>4. Key academic year events Term dates. Freshers week Charity week etc.</li> <li>5. Non-official UL student events that take place e.g. Christmas day, Race day.</li> <li>6. Summer events on campus E.g. Frisbee and La Croisse championships from this year.</li> </ol>
8.2	<p>Finances were discussed.</p> <p><b>Action</b> Philip to provide update at next PRA meeting about transfer of accounts from old committee (Milford) to new PRA committee.</p>
8.3	<p>A coffee morning with Andrea La Touche (UL SCELO) and UL Students will take place at the Don Bosco Centre. Committee members will promote and try to attend the event that aims to develop links between residents and students at UL.</p>
8.4	<p>The executive had discussed web portals as a channel of communication for the PRA.</p> <p><b>Action</b> Brendan to set up website plasseyra.ie and associated social media handles</p>
8.5	<p>A membership fee to help run the association was proposed. Under the current scope of operations of the association, a nominal fee of €10 is an appropriate amount.</p> <p><b>Action</b> Discuss with treasurer at next meeting how to collect the membership fee.</p>
9.0	<p>The meeting closed at 21:30</p>