

Shandon News

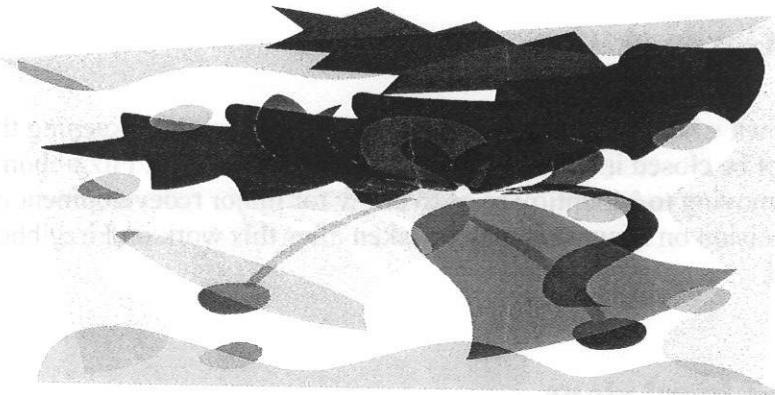
November 2007

Shandon residents' Christmas party 2007

The Shandon residents' Christmas party will take place as follows:

Date: **Saturday 15 December 2007**
Time: **4.00-6.00 p.m.**
Venue: **Bohemians Football Club.**

Hot finger food will be provided for the children, along with a kiddies' disco. We are also hoping that Santa will pay us a visit! All ages are welcome.



Shandon residents' Christmas carols 2007

The annual Christmas carol singing will take place on **Friday 21 December**. Further details will follow nearer the time.

Transport issues

The Committee is to write to the Taoiseach, the Minister for Transport, the City Councillors and the Railway Procurement Agency about the possibility of extending the Luas line to Broadstone, and will also propose a new station for mainline trains at Cross Guns Bridge. A request will also be made for the placing of a Metro station near the Mater Hospital. The support of neighbouring residents' associations will be sought in relation to these issues.

Car parking

Residents in Connaught Street were informed that new parking discs were issued stating that they can now park on Shandon Road. The Committee is concerned that no consultation with Shandon Road residents took place, and is following this matter up.

Local Area Plan

Pre-indicative plans are now available on the Dublin City Council website at http://www.dublincity.ie/business_services/planning/local_area_plans/preparation_of_draft_local_area_plan_for_phibsborough_mountjoy.asp. Information can also be obtained from the Central Area Office (tel. 222 7400).

The final draft plan will be put on display for six weeks' public consultation. Once the commencement date for the display is known, the Committee will call a meeting of local residents to provide information and prepare the response to the draft plan. Local councillors will also be invited to attend.

Mountjoy Garda station

It is not yet known what the long-term decision will be in terms of keeping the station open. It will not be closed in the short term. All the Gardaí from Fitzgibbon Street station will shortly be moving to Mountjoy so as to allow for major redevelopment of their station. The decision on Mountjoy may be taken after this work on Fitzgibbon Street has been completed.

‘Children at Play’ signs

These can be erected, but nearby residents would have to pay for both the signs themselves and the poles to hold them. Further information is available from the Committee.

Playground equipment in Mount Bernard Park

Playground equipment for younger children is to be installed in Spring 2008 – the timing having been chosen to allow for maximum use and to try to forestall the occurrence of vandalism before children have used the equipment. The Committee is seeking information from Dublin City Council on the exact type of equipment that is planned.

Graffiti removal

Residents are requested to submit feedback to Committee members, as soon as possible, about their experience of the recent graffiti removal exercise (following from the provision of graffiti waiver forms).