

Shandon News

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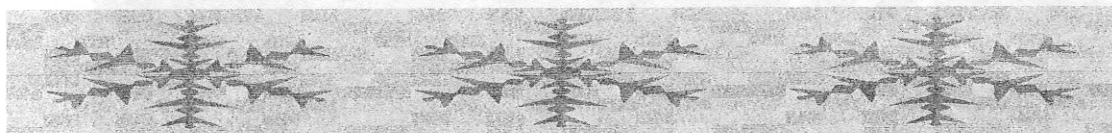
Planning issues

A public meeting took place on 23 May to discuss the implications of the planned move by Bohemians from Dalymount Park. Since then, a different offer has been made to Bohemians. It appears very likely that they will in fact move.

The planning application for the Cross Guns bakery site, which the Shandon Residents' Association and other local groups opposed, was refused by the City Council. We have just learned that the refusal is being appealed to An Bord Pleanála. We will be making a submission to A Bord Pleanála supporting the refusal.

The Association has joined several other local residents' groups to set up the Phibsborough Area Plan Campaign. Dublin City Council have said that they will draw up a framework plan for the area, but the Campaign is seeking a stronger and more effective type of plan, known as a Local Area Plan. The City Council have given Ballsbridge a Local Area Plan, and we believe that Phibsborough has a stronger case than Ballsbridge had for such treatment. Residents are encouraged to make sure to ask our public representatives to take up with the City Council this call for a Phibsborough Local Area Plan.

Work is starting soon on a plan to improve the Royal Canal between Cross Guns Bridge and Shandon. We expect public consultation on the plan to take place early in 2007.



Christmas party

Details about the Christmas party will be circulated as soon as possible. Keep an eye out for them! The venue will be different this year, as St Peter's School is undergoing refurbishment.

Appreciation: Tommy Geraghty

The Shandon area benefits greatly from the work done by Tommy Geraghty, resident of Shandon Crescent and staff member of Dublin City Council, to keep Mount Bernard Park as tidy and user-friendly as possible. The Committee presented Tommy with a small token of appreciation and will also ask the Council to extend the staff allocation year round, as it currently covers only the March-October period.

Meetings with An Garda Síochána

The Committee intends to reactivate the regular meetings held with the Community Gardaí with the aim of keeping the lines of communication open for discussion about local security and related issues. It has been reported in the media that, when Mountjoy prison closes, Mountjoy Garda station will also close. The future of Fitzgibbon Street station is also unclear. We have sought clarification of its plans from the Department of Justice, but have heard nothing so far.

Other ongoing work

The Committee has, along with other residents' associations, been lobbying for improvements in relation to traffic calming, road crossings and limits on the use of heavy goods vehicles in the area.

Representatives of the Committee regularly attend Dublin City Council Area Committee meetings and bring relevant issues back to the Committee for discussion.

The Committee also wrote to the Finglas Cabra Partnership to seek assistance in getting children's playground facilities for Mount Bernard Park. If any resident has a particular interest in helping to lobby for playground facilities, it would help enormously to have your involvement.

Street party

Despite worries about bad weather early in the day, the street party took place successfully on Saturday 24 June, and the rain held off when it counted most.

