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Dún Laoghaire Central

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

LIVING STREETS

What it means for you

the 12th of March, the councillors of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council approved the Living Streets scheme by a vote of 30 votes in favour and 7 against. In this article, we are going to cover what was voted on and by whom, as well as explain what the scheme will mean for our town and most importantly, how it will effect you.

The Beginning of Living Streets

Over the last few years there have been a number of issues that local community groups were raising with the County Council, including safety on Tivoli Rd, the future of Clarinda Park and the future of retail on Georges St.

In the last number of years Ireland has made strong commitments addressing climate change, for example, making a legal commitment to reducing CO2 emissions by 51% by 2030, giving environmental groups presence in all Strategic Policy Minister Ryan Committees and invested a lot in active travel funding with the highest investment in cycle infrastructure globally.

Council Executives saw an opportunity to address issues while also helping to realise its climate obligations and the Living Streets Project was born.

The funding comes from the National Transport Authority who want to reduce the number of car journeys, to achieve Net Zero targets. Living Streets should also enhance the heart of the town and the overall quality by pedestrianisation and changes to the roads.

The core elements of Living Streets will include

- > Closing 3 roads for through traffic with modal filters:
 - 1.Tivoli Road near Patrick St
 - 2.Cross Ave at the junction of
 - 3. Clarinda Park West, near Georges

- At 1:40am on the morning of Tuesday > Pedestrianise Georges St between Patrick St and Myrtle Square
 - > Real time signage for car parking
 - > New Street Lighting, paving, planting, landscaping and decluttering for the entire length of Georges St from York Rd to the Peoples Park.
 - > There will be a campaign to publize and promote Dun Laoghaire town upon completion of the Project.

The Council Meeting

The council engaged in consultation and traffic modelling for many months all of which culminated in the vote on March the 11th. Some of the main concerns expressed by Cllrs were:

Tivoli Road Modal Filter / Closure

Those against the modal filter said it would push traffic on to other roads and cause disruption everywhere in and around the town, for example Monkstown Farm. Those in favour concede it will cause some delay but believe it is essential to get the emissions reductions that the project requires and that it will improve all the streets in central Dún Laoghaire.



Tivoli Road Modal Filter

Closing Tivoli Road to through traffic from cars means if you were travelling from CBC Monkstown to the Harold NS you would have to either drive down York Rd, up Marine Rd and out of the town towards Glenageary, or turn right up Mounttown Rd and across Upper Glenageary Rd or, of course, simply cycle or walk.

Happy Easter



Pedestrianisation & access to the hospital/Bloomfield by bus users

Concerns are that the elderly and infirm could be among the worst effected and they are who need access the most. Those who are in favou say that the hospital was fully consulted and a new bus stop on Crofton Rd with access to the rear mean that the impact is minor and acceptable for the benefit the project

Impact of the loss of Car parking on Clarinda Park to Businesses and residents

Losing too many car parking spaces will hurt both businesses in the town, especially those near the peoples park but also hurt residents. Those for it say that we need the reduction to achieve the emissions targets and that there is a lot of car parking in the town already with many spaces empty in the car parks, on street parking should be for residents and short visits. Also increasing the park will create an amenity for everyone in the town.

There was a motion from Cllr Favne to remove the Tivoli Road modal filter from the project. Before the councillors voted the CEO of DLRCC Frank Curran along with the Director of Climate both said they felt the filter was essential to the successful funding of the project. The following 14 councillors voted to remove the filter, O'Leary, Baker, Dockrell, Fayne, Halpin, Moylan, Clark, Gildea, Lewis, Smyth, Ahmed, Murphy, Sexton and Dockery. Cllrs O'Connell and McNamara did not vote, while the remaining councillors all voted in favour of retaining it.

There was a motion to keep buses running along Georges St during day on weekdays by Cllr Gildea, this was defeated. Many Cllrs felt that the shuttle bus would help resolve this issue, see amendments below.

Two motions were put forward about parking in Clarinda by Cllr O'Connell, one to increase the level of parking on Clarinda, this was defeated by a single vote, then a second amendment was put forward to reduce the proposed park size and remove a reduced amount of car parking space retaining two smaller car parks. This passed easily.

Living Streets Continued.

Amendments

The councillors did vote in favour of some additions to the project. These amendments included:

scheme for a shuttle bus around the moving of bus stops.

Cllr Quinn raised a motion for a data based review of the project to be done 2 years after measuring emissions, footfall numbers, air quality, economic activity and car numbers in and around the town. A review.

Cllr Hall raised a motion for an Implementation Committee that will be created to work with community groups including but not limited to DLBA, Tidy Towns, LEO, Gardaí, Emergency Services Resident Groups and Associations. This committee will engage with the community during the success of the project. We welcome this amendment and we encourage residents to get involved to raise any issues and hopefully

The project has elements across the have them resolved quickly during the implementation phase.

This had a surprisingly large voting against it, including Cllrs going. You can contact DLRCC as an

Moylan, Fayne and O'Connell within our local ward all against the idea.

The Vote

After 30 amendments were debated Cllr Quinn proposed a 6 month pilot and voted on, the actual vote on Living Streets took place at 1:40am, more town to see if there is demand and than 8 and a half hours after the if it helps alleviate disruption caused meeting had started. 30 councillors by the pedestrianisation and the voted in favour, 3 did not vote, Cllrs Blain, Murphy and O'Connell while 7 voted against, Baker, Clark, Dockrell, Fayne, Gildea, Moylan and Sexton.

How this will affect you?

Nothing will change immediately as the first step is for the tendering process to report to be written as part of the begin. The council will spend the rest of 2024 engaging with companies, assigning contracts and creating a schedule to complete the works with the least amount of disruption.

Work will probably start in early 2025 Even with the extensive modelling that and will continue for over 12 months. It is hard to estimate how long it will take, public infrastructure works regularly take longer than expected and run into the unexpected problems. The size and implementation phase to assist in scope of this project means that few would be brave enough to commit to any deadline but hopefully it will be finished sometime in 2026.

whole town so the construction phase will impact you. It is important for residents to be able to communicate to number of dissenters with 17 Cllrs the council while the works are on

individual through info@dlrcoco.ie, this is always recommended but we would also urge residents to form even small WhatsApp groups with neighbours to be able to send individuals to take part in regular meetings with DLR the construction phase. Everyone has on option to be part of Implementation Committee through their local group.

If you are unsure, please contact us at info@dlcra.ie and we will try to help.

When the scheme is fully implemented it will effect everyone. It will make driving through or around Dún Laoghaire more time consuming, that is, in part, an aim of the project. It will also make the town more pleasant for pedestrians and cyclists. The modal filters will remove a lot of traffic from streets across the whole town, this should make it a better place to live. The hope is also that this will make Dun Laoghaire town a better place to shop as well as live, with the town becoming a destination rather than through way. Time will tell.

was undertaken, the full impact, both positive and negative, of the project will only be fully known once it is Thankfully DLRCC has completed. committed to measuring the impact of the project and publishing a review. The business association, who are in favour of the project, will be doing their own monitoring and review. We will continue to work with all stakeholders in the town to help keep residents engaged and communication open so that no matter what happens, we can all work together in good faith for the betterment of our town, our home, Dún Laoghaire.

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The current editorial team will be changing later in the year and we need help making this newsletter.

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Best Decorated House

It is always strange writing this article about Christmas Decoration at Easter, so please bear with us as we celebrate the home owners who take the time and put in the effort to decorate their houses during the darkest days of winter.

It was long time resident of Dún Laoghaire, Ellen Moiselle, who remarked that walking around the residential streets at night during winter was a joy with all the lights and beautiful decorations that people had put up. She said it was like



One of Nolan's window displays

people were giving gift a gift of beauty to the neighbours and herself and her husband enjoyed talking evening walks during winter admiring how beautiful the town looked.

This year there were a large number of beautifully decorated and illuminated houses across all areas of the town, Crosthwaite Park is always a delight, especially the east side. Cross Avenue has some really unique and eye catching displays, while Adelaide Street has some gorgeous stylish houses which warm your heart as you take a walk down towards the East Pier.

However there can be only one winner, and this year the winner is Mr. Tony Tallant who lives on St. Michael's Terrace, a small cul-de-sac off York Rd.

At night from Library Rd, the terrace looks like one large mansion, but on arrival you



One of Nolan's window displays

discover that it isn't one huge across the row of houses. house but a small terrace that shared decorations across the row of 6 homes. Some of the trees in the gardens were also decorated with beautiful baubles and you could see that the home owners on the terrace all worked together to create a heart warming display. It was this sense of community and working together that helped us to quickly make up our mind to reward them the prize.

Tony lives in number 6 and enlists the help of neighbour Eric Byrne to hang the lights The rest of the neighbours contributed to paying for the lights and each year they give a few bob towards the cost of the electric. Tony and his husband Declan store the lights themselves throughout the year.

Working together, helping the older members of our community, this is what being a neighbour is all about. Its only a small Gift Tony, but we want to thank you for taking the time and making the effort you don't know how many smiles you put on peoples faces. Thanks Tony!

Local Policing Forum:

Working together to create safety in the community vandalism as well as more

attending the local Policing Forum over the last few months which she has found very useful.

Here is a summary of the news from the meetings.

Laoghaire will be getting a third community shortly. officer Any community group organisation that has any questions or would like any support from An Garda Siochana community officers are there to work partnership, aid communication and crime prevent in communities. There is a new retail crime prevention logged. It is essential that

Our Chair, Mary, has been Laoghaire being run by Garda James Mallone. There is which hopefully have a big impact on a serious problem in the town for our businesses.

> There are some new Garda cameras installed Convent Lane and Myrtle Square. These cameras are monitored at all times and if any trouble occurs please call the gardaí. Cameras are an essential part of modern crime prevention.

On the issue of calling Gardaí, there is a new system in place so that all calls will be answered and project taking place in Dun issues are logged, any

anti-social activity such as dangerous occupancies such as robbery or assault. It is only when calls are logged that issues can then be assessed and resources given where they needed.

Regarding the worry of anti -social behaviour, especially the concern of anti-social behaviour taking root Myrtle Square. forum meetings have shown that Gardaí understand residents and businesses concerns and are working to prevent problems arising as a priority.

Dun Laoghaire is fortunate enough to have been given one of only 10 Community Engagement Vans in the

country. They are used to enhance the visibility of Gardaí in their locality and operate as mobile Garda Stations where a range of services can be provided. They have audio visual equipment for use at public gathering, outdoor events, community events, etc.. If you are a part of a community group no mater how informal and would like the van to attend you can contact the Gardaí directly and make request.

Finally, Operation Irene with its mobile bicycle gardaí will be in place in the summer again. This is always very welcome in the town and we want to thank the Gardaí for their service.

Retail Survey

What shops do you want to see in Dún Laoghaire?

What are the traders or types of retail that you think the town is missing?

Please take a minute to tell us via email or survey what would be a beneficial addition to the town.

There is a **prize of a €40 voucher** to one lucky submission, so please, if you have a minute to spare, take the time to send in your thoughts.

If we are to be a successful 15 minute town, residents need to be able to get most of their requirements within the town itself.

What do you think we are missing?

Upmarket grocery shops, high end women's fashion, more boutiques, restaurants, fishmongers, Marks and



Spencer's, Electronic goods, Zara, JD Sports, shoe shops, Toy shop, Next, Butlers Pantry, Avoca, what would you like to see in the town?

Other counties use their Enterprise Offices to showcase individual towns and attempt to attract important traders that would benefit the overall economy and community. We will collate the answers, share them with the DLBA and the

council and maybe things can happen.

We will have a report on the answers we received in the next newsletter.

Email us your thoughts on info@dlcra.ie

Or fill in the survey on our website.

WWW.DLCRA.IE or https://bit.ly/3TPNzc9

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Dún Laoghaire
Business Association

The Dún Laoghaire **Business Association has** recently elected new members to its executive and now represents a range of different types of businesses across the town. They are working on many new and exciting initiatives for the towns future and the DLCRA welcomes their new energy and enthusiasm and look forward to helping in any way we can to make Dún Laoghaire a great town to shop in.

Chairperson: Niall Lawlor (Sostrene Grene) Vice Chair: Marty O'Byrne

(Frewen & Aylward)
Secretary Wesley Hudson
(Hudson Solicitors)

Treasurer: John Rogers Chad Gilmer (*iPlanIT*), Brian Dunphy (*Stomare*), Ian O'Meara (*Viking Marine*)

Here is a message from the DLBA

The DLBA's membership is made up of a growing number of local businesses. The membership consists of retail, hospitality, B2B and professional services. Its mission is to help make Dún Laoghaire a great place to come to work, to

shop and to socialize. We are excited by the wave of positivity in the town, and were privileged to be involved in the organization of the St. Patricks Day Parade. We are delighted the Living Streets initiative has been given the green light and we believe it will be a stimulus for commercial growth and development in Dun Laoghaire. We look forward to working with local resident groups in order to help make their experience of shopping and coming to work in Dun Laoghaire better. We want to thank all residents for their support of our businesses and look forward, with your help, to making the town an even better place.--

Local Elections On Friday 7th of June

The local elections are coming around again and the councillors will be soon knocking on your door and asking for your vote.

What to ask councillors when they come knocking?

What they will do for the town? Ask for concrete plans or projects that they will try to implement.

How easy will it be to contact them to get help or respond?

Weekly clinics? Where if so?

They are your most important representatives when dealing with local government and do a largely thankless job. Please engage with them on good faith, most have the towns best interests at heart

And most importantly...

VOTE



Clean Green Nurture Preserve

Tidy Towns Update

Community Climate
Action Programme –
Feed the Bees!

We are submitting a major grant application to DLRCOCO as part of the Community Climate Action Programme 2024 - Building Low Carbon Communities.

Our project is intended to empower our local community to, in a small way, address and reverse the impact of climate change on the pollinator population. This can be achieved through the delivery of a project to support the introduction of floral-rich areas and habitats across Dún Laoghaire, effectively making the town a haven for native Irish bees.

The reduction of foraging and nesting sites across the country has resulted in over 50% of Irish bee species being in decline, with two species already extinct. As over 30% of our food supply is dependent upon pollination, the situation is critical. Moreover, dependence on our pollinator population extends beyond food security.

Utilising Green Space

Plants capture carbon dioxide from the air which is then converted into oxygen. A low-carbon community is dependent upon a thriving plant population, and a thriving plant population is dependent upon successful pollination. Our project will address this theme through the utilisation and transformation of several

green spaces across the town. There are a significant number of parks and green spaces in the town, that through the introduction of additional strategic planting and the appropriate positioning of suitable habitats, could be transformed into havens for bees.

The solitary Irish bee will only travel up to 250 metres for food, so it is essential that the two components, bed and board, go hand in hand.

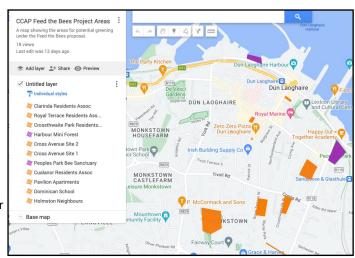
The project has a clear community focus, as the work will involve nine community groups, across multiple locations. In our proposal, we have targeted five parks, one school, three streets and one seafront area. In each area, we are proposing the installation of trees and plants complemented by the introduction of bee habitats.

We have recently met with several resident groups/ schools including, Clarinda, Royal Terrace, Crosthwaite, Cross Avenue, Cualanor, Pavilion and the Dominican Primary School. We will keep you informed of our progress and look forward to working with all groups within DLCRA. The attached map displays the current project proposal.

Living Streets

Dún Laoghaire Tidy Towns group has been a positive supporter of the Living Streets project. However, we take note of the reservations expressed by many within our area and our neighbouring communities.

Whereas we welcome the



Green areas in the Feed The Bees project

positive vote of our councillors for the project on Monday 11th March, we recognise the need to build a community spirit amongst all those who supported or opposed any part of the project. It is important to persuade those who opposed all or any part of the plan that our vision of Living Streets is a vibrant, warm and welcoming community for all within the Living Streets area, our

neighbouring communities, and beyond. Dún Laoghaire will not thrive without the custom and support of our neighbours. Our vision as a Tidy Towns group is to make Dún Laoghaire a "safe, clean, tidy, green, nice and lively town in which to live, work, shop, stroll and visit". Lets do it!

Please support the **Table Quiz** its lots of fun & is our main fundraiser.

BUMPER TABLE QUIZ

Wednesday 8th May 2024 The Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire 7.30pm sharp (Doors open 7.00)

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Spring is Here "Nothing is so beautiful as Spring

When weeds, in wheels, shoot long and lovely and lush;

Thrush's eggs look little too low heavens, and thrush Through the echoing timber does so rise and wring The ear, it strikes like lightnings to hear him sing; The glassy peartree leaves and blooms, they brush The decending blue; that blue is all in a rush With richness; the racing lambs too have fair their fling." G. M. Hopkins

Dear Residents,

Welcome to our Spring newsletter and a return to the light.

Congratulations to all the organizing committee which included DLCRA members who gave us such an uplifting and joyful Saint Patrick's Day Parade. The first Dún Laoghaire St Patrick's Day Parade ever and the sun shone. Up to 30,000 thousand residents and visitors were all welcomed to celebrate our

culture, heritage and community. The Parade was led by Saint Patrick and the Communications Worker's Union Band, local schools, sports clubs, community groups, music and dance groups and businesses all contributed to this spectacular event. The Irish Navy sailed in to the harbour on the LE George Bernard Shaw which docked at Carlisle Pier. The crew took part in the parade as did the National Sailing School with a fully crewed colourful Viking Ship. Members of the **Dun Laoghaire Harbour** RNLI lifeboat and the Dun Laoghaire Coastguard were both well represented. The grand Marshall was Olympic boxer Jack Marley from Monkstown. We are already looking forward to next year.

Meetings continue to support the activation of Myrtle Square and Convent Lane as a public space. The general view is that it has been a very good addition to the town. We look forward to seeing the Canopy covered in green and ringing with birdsong. A digital screen is planned to provide



Our Skatepark project behind the West Pier

information on town events and security is being maintained with cameras on the square and on the lane. Let's hope the empty Argos Building will soon have a new tenant who will enliven the space. An Easter event is planned for Myrtle square on Saturday 30th March.

At the Local Community Police Forum meeting we were told the Gardai have just secured a new Community Van, one of ten new vans nationally. The Community Engagement Vans will operate as a mobile garda station and increase visibility of the Gardai. The public will be invited to sit in and chat to the gardai when they are on sight. Look out for them at public events. Inspector Ronan Waldron is the new Chair of Dún Laoghaire Local Policing Forum. Advice for all residents is to quote their Eircode when ringing 999 for Garda assistance as it makes it easier to locate

DLCRA continues its support

by the Dún Laoghaire Tidy Towns volunteers through the publication and sale of the Calendar. Thank you to all who purchased one. The work on this continues this year in cooperation with the DLBA and Tidy Towns.

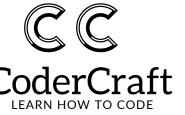
Tidy Towns are currently trying to get individual streets and areas in Central Dun Laoghaire to form their own community groups to maintain and enhance their immediate environment and liaise with Tidy Towns. If you would like to become involved please contact dltidytowns@gmail.com.

Wishing all our readers a Very Happy Easter

Mary Kelly Borgatta DLCRA, Chair



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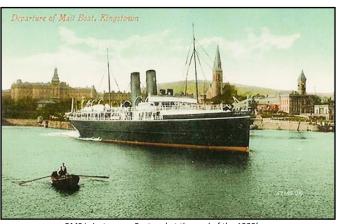
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The East Pier in <u>Dún Laoghaire</u>
Harbour has become one of
the most popular destinations
at weekends for walkers,
joggers and cyclists alike. It is
also a popular Sunday
afternoon venue for many
families and pleasure seekers
who make the journey out to
Dún Laoghaire just to take in
the wonderful sea view and
sea air. We wonder how
many of these visitors know
what lies just 12 miles

offshore in about 100 feet of water? How many walk along Queens Road, passing the anchor without knowing its history. The history of Irelands worst maritime disaster, the sinking of the RMS Leinster mail boat on October 10th, 1918, by a German submarine, which saw the loss of over 500 lives. (The submarine itself was also lost in the North Sea just nine days later with all on board).



RMS Leinster on a Postcard at the end of the 1800's



The RMS Leinster Memorial at Dún Laoghaire HArbour

However, all that could change and Dún Laoghaire might become an even greater global visitor's destination, if the rumour about the possible making of a docudrama about the event by Netflix or other production companies is to be believed.

If such a production did materialize soon, think of the spinoff and financial benefits for Dún Laoghaire and Ireland overall. We shall keep you informed of any future developments in that regard.

If you would like to know more about the RMS Leinster there is a website which has a wealth of information and we would strongly recommend that you have a look if you are interested.

www.RMSLeinster.com



Hello again,

We return again with some mental entertainment

courtesy of our resident Riddle Master.

We have 4 questions this issue. If we receive more than one response with the correct answers, we will draw the winner out of a hat.

All answers to info@dlcra.ie
Good luck !!!

Q1. Can you figure out what number comes next in the sequence?

1, 3, 8, 15, 24, 35,?

Q.2 A man in Dun
Laoghaire claims to have
come from a parallel
universe where Later comes
before Now, Afternoon
comes before Morning and
Tomorrow comes before
Yesterday. But you don't
need to go to a parallel
universe to see the same
things happening right here
in Dun Laoghaire. Where
can you see these things?

Q3. What is the next number in this everyday common progression? 5. 10, 20, 50,?

Q4. What appears twice every moment and once every minute, but never appears in a thousand vears?

Q5. Can you work out the last digit in the sequence.

2533, 4540, 6124, 8131, 10921, 12361, 14503, 16114, 1810......?

Q6. What can go up a chimney down, but never go down a chimney up?

Q.7 What is the one question you can never say yes to?

There was no winner of the competition last issue, so the prize will be a roll over, rather than a bottle of wine we have a lovely bottle of wine for this issues winner



Can you guess what is the prize?

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St Patricks Day Parade

Dún Laoghaire hosted its first St. Patrick's Day parade in his history on Sunday 17th March. Over 45 community groups took part including Dun Laoghaire Tidy Town, RNLI, INSS, Monkstown Boxing Club, Irish Coast Guard, LE Bernard Shaw, Ukulele Hooley and many others and it is believed that there were about 30,000 people in Dun Laoghaire for the event and festivities. Bobby

Kerr was MC for the morning and Jack Marley, local Olympic boxing hopeful, was the grand marshal.

The event was brought to the town by Dun Laoghaire Business Association and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. Thank you to the Organising Committee who worked over the past five months to organise and deliver the Ruth Anna Coss (DLE John T Murphy, Nada Pupovac, Eoin K. Cos (Digital Dun Laoghaire Yasmin Kahn, Garda Georgina Reillly, Nige Duffy, Mark Fennell, a Brendan McLaughlin"

event including: Emily
Barton (DLCRA), CLLR
Lorraine Hall, Marty
O'Bryne (DLBA), Ursula
O'Connor (DLRCC), Dave
Lawless, Tom Dwyer, Ruth
Ruth Anna Coss (DLBA),
John T Murphy, Nada
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