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## DUBLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY GAMES

# DALKEY SWIMMERS EXCEL



*The winning Girls Swimming Team 2018 that won 6 Gold Medals in the Dublin County Community Games finals on Sunday 22nd April. See page 11.*

*Photo: Ian Rowlands*

## ❖ Summary of Dalkey Community Council (CLG) Public Meeting 2018 ❖

The 13th DCC Public Meeting was held on Monday 14th May in Our Lady's Hall. The Chairman welcomed Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor T.D., the Gardai, DCC members and members of the public to the meeting. Supt. Martin Fitzgerald opened the proceedings and emphasised the importance of communication between the public and the Gardai in the fight against crime. Sgt. James Malone Crime Prevention Officer for the DMR East Division gave a talk on the incidents of criminal activity and ways of minimising it. Among the matters that arose was the concern of speeding in the area and the Gardai have given an undertaking to monitor the situation and report back to DCC with their findings.

The presentation of the various reports from the sub-committees followed, and the many activities that they were involved in during 2017 were given. All the reports are published in the centre of this edition of the Newsletter.

*The next DCC Monthly Meeting is Monday 11th June 2018.*

## ❖ DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE ❖

**Dalkey Bloomsday Festival 15th & 16th June.** Begin your Joycean celebrations on Friday 15th June, the eve of Bloomsday, with 'A Joycean Evening' in Dalkey Castle. The stage show, in the Heritage Centre, features Joycean extracts linked by music and song. You will get a whirlwind taster of Joyce's work at this highly-popular, annual Joycean event.

**A team of actors** will perform fun and enlightening extracts from 'Ulysses', 'Dubliners,' and 'A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man'.

Baritone Simon Morgan and Soprano, Donna Malone will be accompanied by Josh Johnston in songs that James Joyce sang or which feature in his work. Gather a few friends and come along and join us. Refreshments will be served. Admission €15.

**On Saturday June 16th,** the Dalkey Schoolroom Scene from 'Ulysses' will be re-created at 15.30. From the Nestor Episode, the schoolroom scene will be brought to life before your eyes in a memorable dramatization. It features Mr Deasy, Headmaster, and Stephen Dedalus (James Joyce). There are surprising Dalkey connections with James Joyce which will be uncovered in the guided **Joycean Walk**, led by an expert Joycean Guide immediately afterwards. Must be pre-booked. Admission €12.50. Bloomsday Festival is supported by DLR Festivals & Events.

**The 'Maeve Binchy and Famous Irish Writers Walks'** begin again on Fridays from 8th June. The walk begins in the Writers' Gallery at Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre. Here, the visitor can explore the Gallery which features the work of forty-five writers and creative artists, from Joyce to Bono and Beckett to Maeve Binchy alongside our contemporary writers.

**From Dalkey Castle**, along the streets, walkers will enjoy snippets from the work of the said Maeve Binchy, James Joyce, Hugh Leonard and Flann O'Brien, with surprising site-specific references.

**Maeve Binchy Memorial Garden.** The walk will finish in the beautiful Maeve Binchy Memorial Garden in Dalkey Library where there is a mosaic by ceramicist, Laura O'Hagan. Here, also, the 'Rosa Gordon Snell' that Maeve commissioned for her husband, Gordon, flowers in season. The walk lasts just under one hour and is fully microphoned to the lead tour guide for ease of listening

**Dates:** Walks will take place **on Fridays at 13.15** from June 8th –7th September. Minimum





*Steve Curran as Mr Deasy and Martin Linnane as Stephen in the Joycean Festival at Dalkey Castle.*

*Photo by John Fahy*

numbers and advance booking essential. Other times can be booked for groups.

**Dalkey Book Festival (14th -17th June).** We will be hosting many events of the Book Festival in the Town Hall and the Heritage Centre as usual. [www.dalkeybookfestival.org](http://www.dalkeybookfestival.org)

**Open:** Dalkey Castle is open 6 days from 10.00 on weekdays and 11.00 at weekends until 6.00pm. Closed on Tuesdays.

**Book online** for Bloomsday at [www.dalkeycastle.com/book-tickets/](http://www.dalkeycastle.com/book-tickets/). **Tel 01 285 8366** for credit card bookings.

## ❖ DARA NEWS ❖

### THE ANNUAL SUMMER CONCERT OF THE DALKEY ACTIVE RETIREMENT CHOIR

will take place in Loreto Abbey Concert Hall at 8pm on Saturday June 30th 2018.

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*Red Squirrel, it had stopped to have a scratch before racing across to the other hill.*

*Photo: Lucy Desierdo*

Good news from Killiney Hill where a recent round of trapping by park staff and a squirrel researcher found the baited traps had caught three reds including a female red squirrel who they found was lactating so evidently had recently given birth. She wasn't in the trap for long before being recorded, weighed and then released to return to her little family.

We hadn't seen any reds for a while ourselves when one of the park staff told us he'd seen one at the base of Dalkey Hill. The following day we had a look near the car park and the sound of a larch cone dropping to the ground alerted us to a red squirrel on a branch overhead. A magpie took exception to its presence, began to attack it and off it dashed through the treetops. It stopped a few minutes to have a scratch on an ivy covered trunk then was off again, moving very high along the huge Monterey pines, throwing itself from tree to tree, crossing over the path where the trees meet, then up Killiney Hill. We were hard put keeping it in sight but we followed it all the way then saw it come down on to a fallen trunk and a minute later it sat eating something before disappearing into a clump of ivy.

In last month's Newsletter I wrote about a pair of Long Tailed Tits that were building a nest in our garden but I expressed concern for them, citing figures that show there is a very high failure rate for that species' nests. Sadly the article hadn't even gone to press before my pessimism was proven correct. We'd picked up some feathers in the woods the day before and left them for the pair to collect. They took most of them but the following day some feathers remained uncollected and as the day progressed there was no sign of the pair who, for the previous weeks, had been buzzing in and out of the tree dozens of times a day.

I thought maybe one of the pair had been predated on as the nest was almost directly on the flight path of a sparrowhawk that darts in low over the garden wall and glides swiftly a few feet above the ground before heading around the corner of the house and across the back

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*The Red Squirrel we'd followed from near the car park to half way up Killiney Hill.*

*Photo: Michael Ryan*

followed them around the garden and they both individually flew into the little tree where the nest had been, emerging a few seconds later before flying off so we thought there was every chance they were the same pair, maybe recycling material from the failed nest for a new one they were building.

That sparrowhawk we'd regularly see in the garden was a male, with grey wings and back and russet striped chest but a few weeks later it was a much larger female we came across in the woods. I'd have blundered out and inadvertently scared it away but Lucy spotted it on the ground holding down a woodpigeon it had just caught and we froze. We weren't much more than thirty feet away and although we were standing behind a bush it was hard to imagine she hadn't seen us as she frequently stared directly at us. But we watched her for over ten minutes as she stood astride the unfortunate bird, wings spread protectively and tore at it, rending off bits of flesh but always alert to her surroundings. A woodpigeon is probably the largest bird a female sparrowhawk can take and when they do catch one they probably do so by flying down and forcing it to the ground so it was very impressive feat of strength to witness when, as two walkers approached, she picked up the remains of the pigeon and carried it off to another more secretive part of the wood.



*The sparrowhawk was feeding on a woodpigeon it had just caught*

*Photo: Michael Ryan*





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*Loreto Primary School Musical – The Sound of Music*

*Photo: L.P.S.*

### LORETO PRIMARY SCHOOL MUSICAL

Loreto Primary School performed extracts from four mesmerising musicals - *Matilda*, *Annie*, *The Sound of Music* and *Sister Act* during the last week of April.

*Matilda*, performed by 3rd class started us off with a bang. The plot of this story is about an extraordinary girl who has magical gifts such as reading, writing and solving the hardest maths problems in her head at the age of just six. Matilda is not afraid to play a trick or two on her mean parents and her horrible headmistress, Miss Trunchbull.

4th class did the amazing *Annie*! This story is about an orphan called Annie, who lives in an orphanage with her orphan friends and the evil Miss Hannigan until a billionaire, Mr. Warbucks, chose her to be his daughter!

5th class did *The Sound of Music* which was fantastic with music we all know and love! The plot of this story is about a postulant who is always late for everything, and she loves to sing. The head nun decides to send her off to be a governess in the Von Trapps' house. She ends up getting on very well with all the children, and their father.

Last but not least, 6th class performed the brilliant *Sister Act*. This is the story of Deloris Van Cartier, a singer in Philadelphia who is in hiding in a convent. Deloris is horrified by the nuns' singing and finds that it is her duty to help lighten the mood of everyone in the convent, but the only thing standing in her way is the pious Mother Superior.

All the classes put a lot of hard work into this musical and it paid off. We performed four shows, two matinees and two evening shows, which were completely sold out. It was very exciting. We are all very grateful for this amazing opportunity, and for all the super helpful teachers that we have in Loreto.

***Christy Piggot and Victoria Fontes (6th Class)***



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## Masters Swimming

Masters sessions now take place on Tuesday evenings at 8.15pm and Saturday afternoons at 4.45pm. Sessions are coached by fully qualified Level 2 & 3 coaches and are ideal for triathletes, sea swimmers, competitive swimmers or those who simply want to swim for fitness or refine technique. Come along! PAYG €7.00

## Summer Multi Activity Camp

Summer camp bookings will open in May. At our Multi Activity Camp, children aged 4 - 12 years will enjoy a wide variety of sporting activities, games and art & crafts. There is also a fun swim daily. The camp is fully catered by our onsite chef with children getting a healthy break, a hot nutritious lunch and a dessert each day. The camp day starts at 9:30am and finishes at 3pm. Extended day-care options are available at an additional cost.

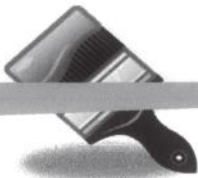
## Parent & Toddler Class

New Parent & Toddler class continuing on Wednesdays at 10:45am. This class is for babies and toddlers aged 6 months to 2.5 years, accompanied by a parent in the water. The basics of swimming are introduced whilst babies become accustomed to the pool environment. The class will run for 7 weeks at a cost of €52.50. Bookings are now open online via our website.



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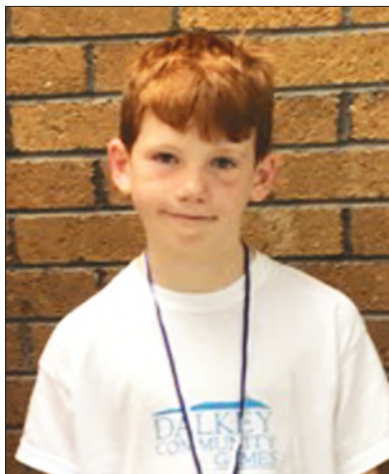


### **Dalkey Community Games – Swimming Team**

Young Dalkey Swimmers excelled in the Dublin County Community Games finals on Sunday 22nd April. The girls' team won **6 Gold** medals. The winners were Kyla Harford – U8 Freestyle, Eavan Ramsay – U10 Backstroke, Aisling Ramsay – U10 Freestyle, Nemone Rogers – U14 Freestyle, Aisling Rowlands – U14 Backstroke and Tia Harford – U14 Butterfly.

The boys' team put in a great performance and brought home silver and bronze. Eoghan Rowlands – U10 Backstroke (Silver), Lorcan Flavin – U12 Backstroke (Bronze) and Samuel Herlihy – U10 Freestyle (Bronze).

Other swimmers who had entered the finals for the first time just missed out on other medals.



*Eoghan Rowlands  
U10 Backstroke (Silver)*



*Samuel Herlihy  
U10 Freestyle (Bronze)*



*Lorcan Flavin, U12 Backstroke (Bronze)*

The Gold medal winners will represent Dublin County in the All Ireland Finals at the University of Limerick Sports Campus on May 26th. We wish them the very best of luck!

*Images: Ian Rowlands*

*Ian Rowlands, Team Manager  
See Cover Photo*

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### DSP becomes Style School for an evening

With spring finally making an appearance, a new event was introduced to the school at the end of April. Like so many schools, we need the support of our school community to raise additional funds to enhance the learning experience that our children enjoy throughout the year. Our hard-working PTA always try to come up with new ways to make fund-raising fun. This year they introduced STYLE SCHOOL. The Fashion PTA took over the school Halla on a Friday evening and transformed it into a wonderland of clothes, shoes and bags – both pre-loved and new, all of which were donated by family, friends and business connections.

The savvy shoppers had a wonderful time browsing for bargains – many of which were found judging by the ‘oohs’ and ‘aahs’. The cheese and wine area awaited when shopping

was finished – a chance to relax and socialise with other parents.

This style event gave us an opportunity to recycle some clothes and spring clean the closet (to make room for the new items we brought home). It was a wonderful chance to meet other parents while raising funds for the school. All in all, a fabulous social evening browsing through some fab clothes and picking up an absolute bargain.

It may have been a new event for DSP, but it's bound to be a firm favourite for years to come!



*Happy Shoppers*

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*School Hall transformed*

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*Our Rang a 6 team at the National Basketball Arena*

### **National Basketball Arena**

*Image: HBNS*

On March 21st we visited the National Basketball Arena. It was great fun. We played well as a team. That helped us perform well and made us win two games. Our team was placed 3rd. All the teams we played were very good. The team that won deserved to win as they did not lose any games. Our great supporters helped boost our confidence. The team's formation was a bit of a strange one. Our first game was against Rush National School and we won 7-5. Our second game was against Our Lady of Good Counsel B.N.S. and we won again 8 baskets to 4. Later we played our second last match against St. Patrick's B.N.S. and lost 20-6. For our last game, which we knew would be the toughest, we lost to the overall winning team. They were GIANTS (6ft!). There were no sad faces on the bus journey home. It was a great day.

*Written by Harry Brereton and Ciarán Fitzgerald, Rang a 6*

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*Photo: An Garda Síochána*

Sergeant Angelene Confrey retired on Thursday 10th May after 32 years' service in An Garda Síochána. She worked with the many diverse groups in the area, the Homeless, the Travellers, the Islamic, etc. At a Farewell Charity Coffee Morning held in St. Anne's Resource Centre in Shankill in aid of "My Canine Companion Autism Services" Angelene was feted by many representatives from the various community groups, friends, colleagues and local Minister, Deputy Mary Mitchell O'Connor, T.D. The event raised over €1,500 for that most deserving charity.

We salute Angelene and wish her a long and happy retirement!



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As our thoughts turn to summer holidays and no more school runs, we'd like to remind you all that the library remains open every day, except Sunday, that all the services we offer are provided free of charge and that everyone is welcome to visit and use our lovely library.

There is a significant body of research to indicate that children who are not participating in formal literacy programmes, like those undertaken in school, suffer a significant decline in their reading attainment levels during the summer months. With this in mind we'll be encouraging all children to enrol in our *Summer Stars Reading Adventure* and keep reading over the summer. There will be a membership card and rewards along the way for books read. Every child who participates will be presented with a completion certificate in September. Enrolment commences in June with the challenge running through July and August. We will be running some events for children in August to tie in with the challenge.

*Maria O'Sullivan, Senior Librarian, Dalkey Library, Castle Street, Dalkey, County Dublin, Telephone: 01-2855277.*

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*MOW Entrance*

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From premises at 11 Kilbegnet Close in the heart of Dalkey, we continue to provide nourishing, tasty dinners on five days a week to any person in our area who needs the service. At present we provide approximately 50 meals per day and the cost to the recipient is **€3.00** which includes a main course and dessert.

Dalkey Meals on Wheels is run by a team of dedicated volunteers, both cooks and drivers, who faithfully turn up every week, regardless of the weather. We all know what a long, hard winter we had this year, with Storm Ophelia, the Beast from the East and the worst snowfall for many decades.

Despite the weather conditions, the service continued uninterrupted, with some drivers delivering meals on foot during the worst of the snow and cooks continuing to provide hot meals as usual. The ethos of the service is thus continuing, providing regular food and a friendly house call, as provided by so many of our volunteer friends and colleagues over the years since our inception.

We always welcome new volunteers and can be contacted at our premises on 01-2857863.



*Volunteer cooks Brian Hanna and Dorothy Gibbs*

We particularly welcome helpers during the summer months, when due to holidays etc. our volunteer numbers can be low.



*Meals on Wheels Volunteers*

**Anyone who would like to avail of the service should be referred to us through the local District Nurse, who can be contacted at The Dalkey Health Centre, Kilbegnet Close, Dalkey. Tel. 01-2859291.**

*Dalkey Meals on Wheels Committee*

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### **DALKEY TIDY TOWNS TEAM URGENTLY ASKS FOR YOUR HELP**

Very soon, our Heritage Town of Dalkey will be visited once again by the National Tidy Towns adjudicators. They will award marks for what they see on the day!

### **DALKEY CAME IN THE TOP 5% OF ALL 870 ENTRIES LAST YEAR AND WON THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE CATEGORY FOR POPULATIONS OF BETWEEN 5,001 AND 10,000.**

This year we are in trouble – but it is not too late to get back into the awards circle once again. This week, our Dalkey Tidy Towns team called on the experts to clear the unsightly Castle Street chimneys of enormous weeds – and what a difference that made. Tom Doyle and his Foxcover team did an extraordinary job at extraordinary heights to help repair the skyline! Now we are calling on each of us who can help with the following:

**Our Garden Hedges** / overhanging footpaths – do they need trimming?

**Our Shop Fronts** – do they need some fresh paint?

**General Litter** – can we check our frontages and bin any mess?

**Graffiti** – call on our Tidy Towns Team for removal help?

**Trees and plants** – a little tidying up would be great

**Weeds** – a serious problem after all the rain and need removal

Dalkey is our Town. Our sense of community is stronger than ever. If we all make an effort to go for a GOLD MEDAL again this year, who knows, we may be surprised!

*Des Burke-Kennedy – Dalkey Tidy Towns*

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## FURTHER EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH



### DALKEY UKULELE KLUB

Tuesdays 8-10pm upstairs at The Club. Free Ukulele Jamming session. All are very welcome. Call Debbie 087-2350726 for more information.

### NATURE NOTES JUNE 2018

#### *Outdoor Meeting*

**Sunday 10th June:** Walk to see the Sandmartins at Shanganagh cliffs. Meet at 10:30am at Shankill DART station.

### U3A (UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE)



Dun Laoghaire Dalkey Killiney.

U3A DLDK meets alternate Tuesdays at 10.30 am in St Josephs Pastoral Centre, Glashule. The last meeting before the summer break is Tuesday 26th June. U3A DLDK will resume in September. Membership list is currently full. Website for full program: [www.u3adldk.ie](http://www.u3adldk.ie)



## GARDA CLINIC DATES

**Thursday 7th  
and  
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**June 2018**

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## PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 15-19 9/4/2018 to 11/5/2018

*The material in the Planning Section of the Newsletter is based entirely on data taken from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council's website. If you are concerned about a particular item it is strongly recommended that you examine the relevant file in the Council's offices.*

*Due to variation in the publication dates by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, please note that the deadline for planning observations/objections may have lapsed when it is read in the Dalkey Newsletter.*

**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0999

**Application Rec'd Date:** 13-Nov-2017

**Application Name & Location:** David & Sarah Kelly, 10 Old Quarry, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for: 1. Demolition of the existing garage to the rear and partial demolition of the rear structure of existing house. 2. Construction of a single storey flat roof extension to the side and rear. 3. New roof lights in existing and proposed roof. 4. Rear elevation changes and internal works. 5. Works to driveway, landscaping, soak away, drainage works and ancillary and associated works. **Add. Info. Rec'd** (New Adds): 13-Apr-2018.

**Reg. Ref.:** D18A/0332

**Application Rec'd Date:** 13-Apr-2018

**Application Name & Location:** Tracey Taylor, Queenstown Castle, Coliemore Road, Dalkey. (A Protected Structure)

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the following works; (a) Amendments to previously approved car ports (ref. no. D14A/0373) to provide two additional parking spaces under extended canopy roof, and (b) new pedestrian gate beside main vehicle entrance (inserted into existing modern stone wall). **Declare Application Invalid:** 18-Apr-2018.

**Reg. Ref.:** D18A/0336

**Application Rec'd Date:** 16-Apr-2018

**Application Name & Location:** Wayne & Amber Byrne, Site of c.932 sqm at Newlands, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for the demolition of the existing bungalow and all associated buildings within the site and the construction of 2 no. replacement residential units etc.

**Declare Application Invalid:** 19-Apr-2018.

**Reg. Ref.:** D18B/0173

**Application Rec'd Date:** 16-Apr-2018

**Application Name & Location:** Claudette & Robert Walsh, 11 Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for the construction of a single storey bay window extension to the front, internal modifications and all associated site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0988

**Application Rec'd Date:** 9-Nov-2017

**Application Name & Location:** Solly Whites Ltd. The Dalkey Duck, Castle Street, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Retention permission to retain single storey administration/office extension and separate binstore to the rear of property. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

**Additional Information:** 23-Apr-2018.

**Reg. Ref.:** D18A/0362

**Application Rec'd Date:** 23-Apr-2018

**Application Name & Location:** Eamon & Dervla Donelon, Lissadell, Ulverton Close, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for construction of a two storey extension to side, new lean to roof over existing first floor terrace, lowering of window cills to first floor bedroom windows, new velux roof light to roof, new window to gable elevation, general internal alterations and all associated site works.

**Application Name & Location:** Wayne & Amber Byrne, site of c.932sqm at Newlands, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for development. The proposed development shall provide for the





# **DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **ANNUAL REPORTS**

from the

## **PUBLIC MEETING**

held in

**OUR LADY'S HALL, DALKEY**

on

**Monday 14th May, 2018 at 7.30pm**

## **Special Supplement**

## BACKGROUND

Dalkey Community was born out of a tragedy when the entire Howard family was lost in a house fire in 1974. With such an amount of community and, indeed, national grief, it was felt that an active community-based organisation was necessary to assist and support the growing community of Dalkey at that time. The Community Council was formed on the back of the success of the Ladies Club and a formal inauguration was held in Hyde Road presided over by the then President, Erskine Childers.

Ever since, the Community Council has striven to build on the initial goals through its Memorandum of Association, having being incorporated in recent years.

This has been done through the following goals as listed in the Memorandum:

1. To represent the residents, businesses, clubs and organisations in Dalkey.
  - (a) To increase community harmony and fellowship.
  - (b) To foster the well-being of all the inhabitants of Dalkey without any distinction of any nature whatsoever.
  - (c) To foster facilities in the interest of social well-being, health, recreation and leisure.

The overall improvement in the general well-being of people in Dalkey during this time is marked. One of the methods used successfully has been the regular publication of a Newsletter, which is believed to be the longest running free community-based newsletter run entirely on a voluntary basis. Indeed, the entire Community Council is run by residents who are volunteers in their community and new members are always most welcome.

This Supplement represents the Reports from the various parts of the Community Council at the recent Annual Public Meeting held in Dalkey. We would like to sincerely thank all those who contributed Reports to the Meeting.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2017

### FOR MAY 2018 PUBLIC MEETING

As can be seen from the various reports, the Community Council is involved in many areas and continues to liaise with the County Council, An Garda Síochána and other organisations etc. We work very closely with Dalkey Tidy Towns, many of our members being involved in both organisations. The result of this community involvement is very visible around us as Dalkey continues to improve its score in the national Tidy Towns competition, winning Gold for the second year running.

Our Newsletter is going from strength to strength with Road Representatives delivering it to every house in Dalkey. Our circulation is increasing as more homes are built in our area and now our circulation is at 3,500 each month.

We are aware of the increase in planning applications for Dalkey which we monitor every month and publish the monthly Dalkey list in the Newsletter. We send our observations to the planning department of DLRCC if the community or public realm may be affected.

We also work with the Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre; a representative from the Community Council sits on its Board and reports back to our monthly meeting. The success of the Seven Castles project was a result of cooperation with Dalkey Tidy Towns and the Heritage Centre and other organisations.

Our Community Garda, Ailbhe Boyce joins us at our monthly meetings and updates us of any issues which we should be aware of and answers any queries that our members might have.

The Community Games was initiated in Dalkey by the Community Council many years ago and we continue to give them financial support. It is a great opportunity for children to take part in; “*Dalkey Dashers*” meet every Wednesday during the summer to train for the annual Community Games competition in Santry. More details of their activities can be seen in their report. We also have an excellent swimming team that has done Dalkey proud, bringing home several gold medals this year.

Our Functions team continue to organise events for both the public and our members, including the Annual Garden Competition, the Garden Outing and the Art Exhibition. We continue to organise the Annual Christmas Event when Santa visits Dalkey and meets hundreds of our children!

All these activities require funding and I should like to thank all of you who donated to our Annual Collection; without your support we could not continue our work for the community.

We are always looking for new members and would welcome anyone who would like to become involved with us; it is a great way to make new friends and become part of an active community organisation that benefits us all.

I should also like to take this opportunity to thank all our members for their work throughout the year.

**DR. SUSAN McDONNELL**  
(Chairman, Dalkey Community Council)

## DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE ANNUAL REPORT 2017

The Living History Tour featured on Nationwide in October. Anne Cassin was the presenter. The Tour with the costumed characters from Deilg Inish Theatre Company and historical content from the Manager filled the first half of the programme. We got a lot of positive feedback from this, with people still turning up 6 months later saying that they saw it.

**Awards:** There were several awards won during the year: most recently, Dalkey Castle among the top 5 in Dublin to receive the **Failte Ireland Customer Service Excellence Accreditation Award 2018**.

Other awards include **CIE Award of Excellence 2017** and **TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence Award 2017**.

**Visitor numbers** continue to improve, mainly from the USA. We had 33,791 visitors in 2017 up by 5%.

**DLR Spring and Summer of Heritage** Programmes with free tours for the locals, sponsored by DLRCoCo were fully subscribed. Contact the Centre if you would like to refresh your local history by coming on one of these free tours.

We had, as usual, a number of highly successful literary events:

**Bloomsday Festival** on 15th & 16th June, where we celebrate all the Dalkey Joycean connections. Check it out on our website for the coming festival.

**ECHOES Maeve Binchy and Irish Writers** weekend event last Sept/Oct. For this, we had people travel from all over the world to attend. Maeve Binchy fans know no geographical bounds. We get fans of her work into the Heritage Centre constantly. With this in mind, we set up 'Maeve Binchy and Irish Writers' Guided Walks during the summer months. We are very grateful to Dalkey Library staff who facilitate the entry of these groups to the Maeve Binchy Memorial Garden at the Library.

We hosted a number of events for Dalkey Tidy Towns. These included:

A re-cycling evening, the commissioning of an expert from the National Monuments Service to identify the locations the Seven Castles of Dalkey, followed by a guided walk to their locations. Local man, Charles Smith (Society and Economy in a Small Medieval Town) was most helpful in this also.

**7 Castle icons:** The Castles project came to fruition, and the Castle icons were inserted along the street by Dunwoody & Dobson, for which Dalkey Tidy Towns sourced the funding. Dalkey Castle hosted the launch event for Tidy Towns when the Cathaoirleach unveiled a plaque at Archbold's with a Map of the Castle locations. Dalkey Castle compiled the brochure to accompany the launch, now freely available in the Heritage Centre and Dalkey Library.

**Dalkey Town Hall** was the venue for the rehearsals of RTE's 'Dancing with the Stars' with Deirdre O'Kane and her partner John Edward O'Connor. The beautifully refurbished hall by DLRCoCo looked magnificent in the TV footage.



**Cuala Win:** we delighted in, and supported the PR around Cuala's qualification for the All-Ireland Senior Clubs finals in Croke Park on St Patrick's Day. We were proud to fly the Cuala flag from the castle in honour of the occasion. In the event, the game went to a replay which Cuala won. This was their second year in a row to win. Congratulations! History in the making!

**Thanks::** The Chairman of Dalkey Irish Heritage Town Company, Martin Allen of DLRCoCo has retired and will be replaced by another DLR Executive. We thank him for his years of chairmanship and support of the Manager and the Heritage Centre.

**Local Dalkey People:** We would especially like to thank the locals for all their support in sending people to our tours and attending our literary events.

The Company would also like to thank **Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown CoCo** for continuing support.

**FLOR O'MAHONY**

*DCC Rep on DIHTCo*

## FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2017

**ANNUAL DINNER:** The Annual Dinner this year was again held in Killiney Golf Club on Saturday, May 6th. Our numbers were quite low again this year but, as always, the food and ambiance were excellent. For our entertainment we had our very own Michael Ryan (who writes each month in the Newsletter). He gave us a talk, accompanied by wonderful slides, of the birds and wildlife to be found on the hill in Killiney and some of the birds found on the rocks around White Rock. It was absolutely fascinating and the bar and waiting staff in the Golf Club were also watching.

**GARDEN COMPETITION:** There were a similar number of participants as last year. We had two wonderful judges, pleasant, interesting and amenable. Again, it was held in July which seemed to suit most of the participants and it was, a lovely day. We had a number of gardens that have not been entered before. The judges were meticulous in their study of all the gardens. They were so concerned about the feelings of the owners of the gardens I don't know how they made a choice and, added to which, most of the gardens were so lovely that I don't know how they managed to decide on the winners. The judges went home to discuss their thoughts and in due time sent us the results.

**GARDEN OUTING:** We went up to Boyne Valley area again this year and our first stop was Collon House, which had been the home of Speaker of the House, John Foster in 1740. We had our morning coffee and then went on a tour of the house and the garden. We visited another garden, College Hill House in Slane, which was fascinating and had some interesting artefacts. After our lunch in Kells we visited a garden centre and then went to Loughcrew but an unexpected heavy rainstorm kept us in the tea room where we enjoyed tea/coffee and cakes.

**GARDEN RECEPTION AND COMMUNITY WARD:** Once more, the Garden Reception proved to be a most popular event. The judges talked us through the gardens they had looked at before giving the prizes. The first three winners in each category were given vouchers for a local garden centre, with each overall winner receiving a cup.

This year the community cups were awarded to:

*Community Cup* – Dessie Conroy for his unstinting support and help to the people in his area.

*McCabe Sports Cup* – Cuala Senior Hurling Team

*Comerford Cup for Achievement* – Dalkey Tidy Towns

**ART EXHIBITION:** John Keating, artist and Dalkey Resident, opened the Exhibition. He told us how he had become an artist (it wasn't in his family) and about some of his achievements along the way including winning a Gold Medal in the London Olympics for painting. He offered great encouragement to the artists who were exhibiting.

**CHRISTMAS MEETING:** This is a quiet event and is for members of the Community Council only. After our monthly meeting we enjoy mince pies and stollen as we socialise and look forward to the festive season.

I would like to thank the other Function Committee members who have been a wonderful support and encouragement especially during this year.

**ROSALEEN CALLAGHAN**  
*Functions Manager*

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT 2017

Neighbourhood Watch is a crime prevention and community safety program for urban areas. It operates as a partnership between An Garda Síochána and the public. It works on the basis that every member of a community can help to improve the quality of life in the area by keeping a look out for neighbours and reporting suspicious activities to the Gardaí.

NW Steering Committee for F District met four times during 2017. These meetings were held in Foxrock Pastoral Centre where NW co-ordinators from the various districts and Community Gardai from F Division area came together to report incidents of crime, suspicious activity, traffic problems, etc and exchange information and advice. The WhatsApp/ texting alert that is operational in some areas is proving to be a successful tool in pre-alerting residents of any unusual activity/behaviour in their area and for security updates.

This year we lost our Community Garda Cathy Burke and she was replaced by Garda Marion Power. Garda Marion was not long with us when she was assigned to overseas duties. At the end of the year Dalkey welcomed Garda Ailbhe Boyce as our new Community Garda.

The Garda Clinics are held in Our Lady's Hall twice monthly where the attending Garda can assist with forms, authenticating signatures, etc. These clinics are held on the first and third Thursday in each month.

Dalkey does not suffer from serious crime but burglaries are prevalent, followed by theft from vehicles and criminal damage. The graffiti problem is very well managed by Des Burke-Kennedy and his small team of volunteers who erase the tags as soon as they appear and keep the town free of defacement. If charged with a graffiti offence it can lead to a conviction and a criminal record that can have a negative impact for the future.

DCC has a good relationship with the Gardai and there were two meetings with Superintendent Fitzgerald and Inspector Condon in February and October in Dun Laoghaire Garda station. The Gardai are kept informed by the Community Garda who attends the DCC monthly meetings and any the significant matters of concern are discussed at the higher level meetings. We appreciate the "open door" policy that Supt. Fitzgerald has extended to Dalkey Community Council.

We would like Dalkey to be a welcoming town and one that visitors come to spend time in and leave with the best of impressions of the place. There has been an influx of "new" residents and more people want to live in the area, it is very important that we maintain the standard of it being a safe and good place for all to live in.

It is very important that all incidents should be reported to the Gardai in order to help them in their fight against crime.

**Emergencies: 999/112**

**Dun Laoghaire Garda Station: 01-666 5000**

**Confidential Line: 1800 666 111**

**Traffic Watch: 1890 205 805**

**Crimestoppers: 1800 250 025**

**ANN PERRY**

*Neighbourhood Watch Rep., Dalkey Community Council*

## SPORTS REPORT FOR 2017

The Wednesday after the clock goes forward the hockey pitch at Loreto is a busy hive of activity. On Wednesday 29th March 2017 the enthusiastic athletes descended on the pitch and within a short time they were segregated into their age groups and training for 2017 Community Games commenced.

On the final night in Loreto there were races for all the children with everyone who attended getting a medal. Dalkey had the largest contingent at the Dublin Finals held in Santry on 17th and 18th June 2017 with over 50 children participating over the weekend. Competition was very tough with children from all over Dublin. At the end of the weekend all the athletes had delivered fantastic performances and the happy bunch of participants came through victorious with Afra Tormey Murphy winning Gold for the U14 Long Puck, Silver for the U10 60m Hurdles and 2 Bronze medals and 4th place for the U13 Mixed Relay. Each person competing for Dalkey and Glenageary in Santry received a medal from their coaches as they finished their final race.

Dalkey Community Games are very grateful for the continuing support of Mr Dunne, Principal of Loreto Abbey Dalkey and thank him for the use of the hockey pitch for the training sessions. The Dalkey Community Games depend on the assistance of the parents who are willing to help out each week and this ensures the continuity and the success of Dalkey Dashers. DCC thanks all those coaches who work tirelessly with the children each week. In particular Anna Brady who organises the training schedules and with her Mum registers the athletes for the competitions on the Community Games website.

The swimming team managed by Ian Rowlands had another very successful year. Dalkey won 4 individual gold medals, 2 silver and the U13 girls relay team won gold in the Dublin County Community Games competition on 26th March. In May Dalkey representing Dublin at the Community Games National finals in the National Aquatic Centre brought home 2 Gold, 2 Silver and 1 Bronze from the County Finals. The swimmers are a very young team and they have a very bright future ahead of them.

DCC thanks the swimmers who train very hard throughout the year and the coaches and parents who organise and prepare them for the competitions.

This year the DCC McCabe Sports Cup was awarded to The Cuala Senior Hurling Team who had a very successful year being crowned All Ireland Senior Club Hurling Champions. It is very encouraging to see so many young people from Dalkey involved in sport and representing the area at such a high level.

Community Games is a child-centred organisation and the focus is on **participation** rather than winning. Children take part in friendly competition, in a fun and healthy way. With the support of Dalkey Community Council and the many local volunteers Dalkey Community Games offers the children of the area an opportunity to perform and enjoy sport in the true spirit of the Community Games.

**ELAINE FEELY**

*Secretary, Dalkey Community Games*



## NEWSLETTER REPORT FOR THE 2017 ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING OF DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL LIMITED

**EDITORIAL:** Last year was another very successful year for the Newsletter. The regular contributors continued to maintain a steady flow of interesting and readable material for every issue. Our readers also enjoyed what we gave them. Our regular contributors were wonderful in the way they delivered their material in accordance with our production schedule. The most popular subjects were Nature Corner, Gardening, Planning, Local History, Schools' Updates, Heritage Centre, Tidy Towns, Letter(s) to the Editor. etc. with the occasional other article of general interest. We have been approached by a number of local residents with a view to being published in the Newsletter. It appears to be hitting the spot in Dalkey in terms of interest from local residents.

**PRODUCTION:** Printing costs were maintained at the same level again this year in keeping with the general trend in the industry. We kept a grip on costs and deliveries with our current printer during the year. We also investigated other print quotations but, whilst apparently good, they were not good enough to warrant changing to a new printer and typesetter. Our conclusion is that we are getting a good price for the service we expect from both the printers and the typesetters.

We streamlined the Newsletter's publication scheduling even further during 2017 which has proved quite successful. This manifests itself in the fact that every Dalkey resident gets a regular delivery of the Newsletter and this must, inevitably, improve our local profile as a reliable and a worthwhile community service. We also received an increasing number of enquiries from potential advertisers outside the Dalkey area. Clearly, our 'reach' is increasing; we also have some regular readers who view it on our website as another means of keeping in touch with events in Dalkey. The average issue size during the year was 48¾ printed pages.

**ADVERTISING:** Last year saw our advertising income maintain at a high rate thanks to the excellent work of Ms Helena Feely, Advertising Manager and the attractiveness of the Newsletter to regular and potential advertisers. The continued use of colour advertising has also been an attraction to many of our advertisers. We found that we had to squeeze in some advertisements and balance them with the actual editorial copy. This is a direct result of our overall success with the Newsletter's readership which is obviously of keen interest to advertisers.

*The fact that we accept full-page advertisements is a significant help in covering our costs.*

Again, special mention must be made in that we are most fortunate to have had the benefit of the experience and knowledge of our Advertising Manager, Helena Feely, throughout the year. She has been an excellent contributor to our Editorial Team and has maintained an excellent relationship with the advertisers, even those who are regularly late with payments!

**DISTRIBUTION:** The sorting of the Newsletter normally takes place on the last Thursday of the month before the cover date of the Newsletter being published in Our

Lady's Hall. Road Representatives collect their own bags as well as the bags for some others in their nearby areas. This has actually resulted in a more efficient distribution of the Newsletter, despite initial concerns. We delivered more than 38,500 copies of the Newsletter in Dalkey last year. As always, there will be minor hitches mainly to do with Road Representatives not delivering their Newsletters quickly after publication; this can be due to family commitments, illness, holidays, etc. In this regard, special thanks are due to our Distribution Manager, Danny Merity, who, with his wife, Rita, has done a terrific job in 2017 and continues to do so this year. Danny is a great organiser. Our thanks are also due to Christine Feely for her great contribution to the Newsletter sorting.

**COSTS:** The overall cost of the Newsletter is in the region of €42,000 per annum. This is entirely offset by the income from Advertising with the balance coming from a tightening of the issue sizes where possible. We have maintained our advertising charges at the same levels as in past years but have expanded (*a little*) the number of pages available to advertisers. This overall approach has resulted in every issue's costs being covered during 2017. The loyalty of our regular advertisers is to be very welcomed. Also, we are fortunate in that we are getting more and more people interested in becoming contributors. We welcome this as long as we can maintain control on our costs and reflect what is happening in Dalkey generally. Finally, we can report that the Newsletter returned a (*very small*) profit in 2017, which marks an improvement on some past years.

***Many thanks to all the Newsletter Team!***

**GERARD COAKLEY**

*Editor, Dalkey Newsletter*

## SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2017

DCC held ten Monthly meetings during 2017 as there is a break for the summer and no meeting is held in August. The Public Meeting was held on 8th May after which Sgt. James Malone gave an excellent presentation on personal safety and crime prevention. The Executive meetings take place after the main meeting each month and action items are discussed in more depth and strategies agreed. I am grateful to Mairéad O'Donoghue, Manager of Our Lady's Hall who assists with the annual schedules, completing the application forms and the postal correspondence. Mairéad is always very willing to promote DCC and acts as a conduit not only for Dalkey Community Council but for the many organisations that are based in OLH.

DCC also thanks Reverend Bruce Hayes and The Select Vestry for the use of the room in St. Patrick's, Harbour Road. The Editorial Team use this venue each month to review the content for publication in each month's newsletter and discuss its distribution.

The main matters to be addressed this year were: the traffic issues, parking and the sustained increase in the volume of vehicles with particular reference to Barnhill Road and Castle Street. All these matters are ongoing with the local authority.

DCC met Supt. Fitzgerald and Insp. Tom Condon in February and October where policing of the town was discussed.

I attended NW meetings during the year and it is good to see that this scheme has been revitalised and is enthusiastically steered by an energetic committee.

Blathnaid MacGinty began a campaign for lifts at Dalkey DART station and with the help and input from Alan Winter this is being progressed further. Thanks to the Transition Year Students from Loreto who also supported the issue by placing the petition online.

I assisted the Advertising Manager with the VAT sheets for the Newsletter and submit the lodgement figures each month to the accountant in order to make a VAT return for Revenue.

I relay the information for the meetings, details for scheduled events, fundraisers and other pieces of information by text. I do remind members that their mobile numbers are never given to third parties without full permission. There have been meetings to redesign the DCC website and it is a work-in-progress. It is hoped that the project will be completed in 2018 and DCC looks forward to raising the profile of the organisation and to interact on another platform.

I thank my Assistant Secretary Elaine Feely who supports me and my appreciation also to the Chairman and members of the Executive for their assistance in 2017.

**ANN PERRY**

*Secretary, Dalkey Community Council*

# ANNUAL REPORT OF DALKEY TIDY TOWNS 2017

## ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2017

**An Taisce ‘Ocean Heroes’ Group of the Year**

**DLRCC-Tidy Districts Competition**

**Best Town Overall Winner 2017**

**DCC-Endeavour Award**

**National Tidy Towns Competition** We were in the top 5% of 870 entries

**2nd/Highly Commended in County Awards**

**Won Gold Medal for 2nd year**

## MAJOR PROJECTS 2017

**Dalkey Seven Castles Project:** DTT initiated the creation of 7 specially commissioned bronze icons that have been inserted into the pavement along Castle St at the original castle locations. As one of the most significant DTT projects of the past year, the planning, design, development funding, and instillation of the icons, and related information panel at Archbold’s Castle also required a major community involvement over the past year. This included the following, The Heritage Council, D.L.R.C.C. Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre, An Pobal, our Dalkey Tidy Towns Group and Dalkey Community Council. We would like to thank DCC for their financial support which helped to make this project possible.

**Dillon’s Park:** This involved the restoration of public access to large areas that had become inaccessible, the removal of large quantities of litter, the removal of invasive vegetation and the restoration of vistas across to Dalkey Island that had been lost for years. This work is ongoing.

**Bullock Harbour: Harbour Improvement Programme:** This programme involves working and liaising with the owners, Dublin Port; this has resulted in the structural monitoring of the 200 year old piers to confirm their stability, reconstruction of the main slipway, installation of new safety ladders, new pier lighting and installation of toilets, resurfacing and cleaning of the quayside outdoor boat storage area.

**Maintenance Programme:** DTT accepted the responsibility for the day-to-day maintenance programme agreed with Dublin Port Co. This includes ongoing painting around the harbour, grass cutting, tending the flower bed etc.

**DTT with Bulloch Harbour Preservation Association** spearheaded a major community response to address a large scale inappropriate quayside development at the former Western Marine site. We also organised a public meeting to inform the public of the various issues surrounding the proposed development.

**Ancient Well at Dillon’s Park:** This was discovered after the removal of very heavy



overgrowth at the lower part of the park close to the shoreline. We hope to further research its history and install an information panel at the site.

**Sorrento Park Summit Viewing Area:** In April 2017 DTT and DLRCC completed the installation of the new Sorrento Park Summit viewing area complete with benches and a stone compass. We had an official Easter Monday opening ceremony by An Cathaoirleach Cormac Devlin.

We hope to work with DLRCC to upgrade this park where the pathways have been allowed to disintegrate and the green areas to become totally overgrown resulting in a shameful neglect of one of our most beautiful amenities. We have been looking for the renovation of this park for many years but have been met with a reluctance to engage with us by the Council; we will continue to press for this park’s restoration for the benefit of locals and the many visitors who come to Dalkey.

**Vico Road Blitz:** DLRCC cut back the overgrowth of the gorse and brambles along Vico Rd which uncovered accumulated rubbish both along the wall by the road and the pathways through the Vico Fields. DTT removed 21 sacks of rubbish which had been revealed following the annual spring clean by DLRCC.

Tidy Towns works throughout the year on general maintenance around the town;

**Graffiti:** When this is reported to our team, the tags are photographed and then removed as speedily as possible. Last year there were 424 tags removed. There was a surge in numbers during the school holidays. We have an ongoing problem with the removal of graffiti from the Dart Station especially on the bridges, due to problems with access onto Iarnród Éireann property.

**Sites on our Maintenance List;** This usually involves the cleaning and removal of excessive vegetation and litter from these areas.

Writers’ Corner	White Rock Beach	Cat’s Ladder
Vico Rd steps	Ulverton Steps	Torca Rd Right of Way
The Metals	The Flags	Bullock Harbour
Hawk Cliff	Dillon’s Park	

**Planted areas:** We also maintain the planted areas around Dalkey, weeding year round and supplying plants.

Dillon’s Park	Entrance to Dalkey Park from Dalkey Ave
Bullock Harbour	Writers’ Corner
Masonic Hall	Archbold’s Castle
Squareabout Planters	Hyde Rd/Castlepark Rd junction
Ulverton Steps	SuperValu Carpark
Kilbegnet Close	Ormeau Dr
Barnhill Rd/Barnhill Ave junction	St. Patrick’s Sq.

**Litter Patrols:** This is a major activity for DTT in terms of energy and hours consumed throughout the year by our volunteers. With a 30% growth in visitor numbers over the past three years, litter management is a growing challenge.

In total, 140 DTT litter patrols operated on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays.

TOTAL VOLUNTEER LITTER COLLECTION HOURS AMOUNTED TO **2,480**.

All cans and bottles collected are now recycled.

This is a brief overview of our activities which take place throughout the year which ensures that this beautiful town we live in is looked after and enhanced for all those living in and visiting Dalkey. We should like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers for their many hours of work and commitment- without them Dalkey would not be the town we see and enjoy today.

**PATRICK RIGNEY**

*Dalkey Tidy Towns Committee*

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## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **for the year ending 31st December 2017**

The 2017 envelope collection realised just over €13,550 with a return of 500 envelopes. The average contribution is €20 and all monies raised go towards the running expenses of the council and any residue is invested back into the community. This year DCC received an individual gift of €3,000 for which the Community Council is very appreciative.

The Community Council relies on the annual collection to fund the running costs of the organisation, rent of Our Lady's Hall, insurance, accountancy and general expenses. DCC supports many activities such as the Lighting of the Christmas Tree, Planning Matters, Sponsorship of Local Groups, e.g. Community Games, Annual Garden Competition, Garden Outing, Annual Art Exhibition and Local Projects.

In addition Dalkey Community Council works with DTT, DLR and other local organisations to maintain and improve Dalkey and to keep it a lovely place for both residents and visitors to enjoy.

**ED O'NEILL**

*Treasurer, Dalkey Community Council*

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## PLANNING REPORT FOR YEAR 2017 FOR MAY 2018 PUBLIC MEETING

There were 93 planning applications during 2017 in the Dalkey area compared to 77 applications in 2016. 14 applications were declared invalid, usually as a result of problems associated with the site notice; however the majority applied again successfully.

There were 5 applications for retention and 4 of these were granted permission, the other was refused permission.

Additional information was requested in 10 cases and supplied in 8 cases; the remaining 2 applications were decided this year.

There were 4 applications for an extension of duration of permission last year –this was a category that appeared several years ago as a response to developments for which the permission had lapsed during the recession.

85 decisions were made, of these 67 were granted permission, 18 were refused and 2 other applications were withdrawn.

16 decisions were appealed to An Bord Pleanála; of these 10 were 1st party appeals against either refusal for permission or the conditions imposed by the planning department of the County Council. There were 6(no) 3rd party appeals lodged against the County Council's grant of permission.

An Bord Pleanála handed down 14 decisions during the year, of these 6 had previously been granted permission by the Council and then upheld by the Bord.

4 decisions were refused; 1 other appeal was withdrawn.

There was a small increase in the number of applications last year; planning applications are still nowhere near the numbers applied for during the “boom” years.

However, the number of construction sites around Dalkey this year has increased significantly compared to last year.

**DALKEY MANOR (BARNHILL RD):** In January 2015 a proposal for the demolition of the house known as Dalkey Manor and its entrance gates and walls and the construction of 57 apartments in two blocks on the site was lodged with the planning department.

There was widespread unfavourable reaction on many grounds by residents throughout Dalkey. These included overlooking and overshadowing of adjacent properties, removal of large numbers of trees from the site, impact on the adjacent Protected Structure- Dalkey Lodge and traffic issues along Barnhill Rd amongst others.

Residents held meetings to discuss the issues raised- something which has rarely happened for a residential development in Dalkey.

The application was withdrawn in March before a decision had been reached by the Planning department.

The developer, Pegasus, had decided not to proceed with the aim of developing the site for ‘later-living’ due to ‘planning issues’ and put the site up for sale.

In February 2016 a proposal for the demolition of the house and the construction of 29 houses was lodged with the planning department.

Similar objections were raised as for the previous development – overshadowing,



inadequate open space, traffic issues and the impact on the adjacent protected structure, Dalkey Lodge.

Permission was refused in April 2017 for a variety of reasons that had been highlighted by the public and ourselves but interestingly the planners felt that the proposed density (number of houses per acre) was too low for the site due to the inappropriate mix of housing types (ie. too many large houses).

This decision was appealed by the developer and we sent in our observation to Bord Pleanála. Bord Pleanála refused permission in November 2017 for three reasons-the impact on houses in Old Quarry, the impact on the protected structure Dalkey Lodge and an inappropriate mix of house types.

A further application has been lodged this month for 13 houses and 23 apartments; we would urge neighbouring residents to lodge their concerns with the planning department.

**BULLOCH HARBOUR:** In December 2016 a proposal at the former Western Marine site for 7 commercial units with 6 2-storey residential units above them and 3 large three storey houses with roof terraces at the rear of the site was lodged in the planning department.

Additionally, there was a second application for only the demolition of the current warehouse and sheds

There was huge public opposition to the development involving not only local residents but also the wider public and additionally, opposition from people living abroad who had known Bulloch Harbour previously.

A Facebook page was set up which was very important in informing the public about the proposal and publicising various aspects of concern.

A public meeting was held in January 2017 at Fitzpatrick's Castle organised by Bulloch Harbour Protection Association to outline the concerns. We are part of that association with Dalkey Tidy Towns, local residents, boat owners and local businesses at the harbour.

An audience of almost 500 people attended the meeting, including local councilors and TDs.

The main concerns about the proposal included the impact of such a large scale residential development on the Harbour in a variety of ways and the possible negative effect on the existing commercial businesses. Future public access to the rocky coastal area at the rear of the site was also highlighted. Other concerns included parking, inadequate open space for the development, drainage issues, overlooking, flooding. It was felt that the proposal did not integrate with the local community at Bullock harbour and did not respect the historical and natural history of the area.

Over 400 hundred observations were lodged with the planning department, something which had never previously happened for any other planning proposal in the area.

The planning department refused the application with an extensive list of reasons for its decision.

The developers did not appeal this decision

A further application was lodged in December 2017. This time the development consisted of a 3 storey tower block at the end of the pier consisting of 2 apartments with parking for them on the ground floor level and a café. A separate boat building facility, a

small area for community use with some changing facilities, 3 small units for the owners of the “sheds” that are currently located along the pier and 3 very large houses at the rear of the site were also proposed.

The developer suggested that should permission be granted for the development, they would “gift” the rocky coastal area at the rear of the site to the County Council for public amenity use.

However, as the public has had access and the use of this area for generations and the access gateway would still remain in the ownership of the developer (as indicated on the planning drawings accompanying the application), this could not be considered a planning gain for the County Council.

A public meeting was held in January in the Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire where approximately 300 people attended in addition to several County Councillors and Minister Mary Mitchell-O’Connor.

The concerns remained similar to the previous proposal but the major concern was the issue of flooding and over-topping. These concerns were highlighted when storms occurred in February and March of this year resulting in major over-topping with flooding of the site and the pier resulting in serious damage to the pier.

The planning department refused permission in February of this year; this time the developer appealed the decision to Bord Pleanála in March; we are waiting for their decision which will be made later this year.

We should like to thank all the members of the public who took the time to attend meetings and lodged their concerns and objections to the planning department and Bord Pleanála to help to protect this much loved public amenity.

**CHARLEVILLE, HARBOUR RD:** An application for 56 units in 4 4- storey blocks over an underground car park was lodged in August. There were widespread concerns regarding the proposal mainly its scale, density and massing, the impact on the surrounding properties particularly the Protected Structures St Patrick’s Church, Sexton’s Lodge and Rocklands House and the visual impact on the streetscape. We have serious concerns in regard to the potential impact of the traffic generated from the proposal. Harbour Rd is seriously compromised already due to high volumes of traffic as it is the main access road to the 3 schools in the area.

The planning department refused permission on the grounds of loss of amenities due to the scale and massing of the development and also that the development does not provide a suitable mix of housing types as it proposes only apartments.

The developer appealed the Council’s decision in October. We await Bord Pleanála’s decision any day now.

**CASTLEPARK SCHOOL:** In June an application for 50 units in 8 blocks of three and four floors over an underground carpark for 80 cars in the grounds of Castlepark School was lodged. The proposal is located amongst the wooded area necessitating the removal of 53% of the trees; it is to be accessed via the entrance gate to the school, but construction traffic is to be routed through Castle Close and out through Castlelands. This new access point to the site was proposed to remain a pedestrian and cyclist access after the development was completed. Castle Close is a cul-de-sac and these proposals caused serious concerns to the residents.

There were other concerns relating to the scale of the development, its proximity to the Protected Structure Castlepark School, the loss of the woodland area and traffic issues in an area that already has severe congestion with traffic generated by the school. The removal of vast quantities of granite (10,000 sq. mts) from the site is also a concern.

The planning department refused permission in July on the grounds of excessive scale and massing, uniformity in design, its undue prominence in the area which would detract from both the Protected Structure of the School and also the adjacent residential areas. It would also seriously injure the visual and residential amenities of No 5 Castle Close due to its proximity and height on rising ground and the loss of the woodland area at this part of the site.

The decision was appealed in September; we heard at the beginning of this month that Bord Pleanála had upheld the appeal and granted permission for the development with some alterations to the block adjacent to 5 Castle Close to lessen its impact. The Bord did not agree with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown's planning department and took the opposing view that the development would not be injurious to the amenities of the area, or have a detrimental effect to either the setting of the school or to the residential housing adjacent to the development.

**34 BARNHILL RD:** In August an application for the demolition of the existing motor service /sales garage and the construction of 10 duplex units and a 1-bedroom apartment and the refurbishment of 2 existing town houses was lodged.

We had concerns about the density and height of the development and the potential for overlooking and overshadowing adjacent properties. Other concerns were the lack of both adequate private and public open space, lack of parking provision, and traffic issues along Barnhill Rd.

The planning department concurred with our concerns and refused permission in October.

**ARD MHUIRE PARK:** In June, an application for the demolition of 2 Ard Mhuire Park and the construction of 2 semi-detached houses and one detached house was lodged.

There were concerns about over-shadowing, overlooking and overbearing of adjacent properties; Traffic concerns and local flooding issues were also highlighted.

Permission was granted by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown in August but was appealed by several residents. Bord Pleanála upheld their decision in February of this year.

**REDAN HOUSE:** In August an application was lodged for the demolition of Redan House and the construction of a terrace of 3 x 2-bedroom houses. We had serious concerns about the demolition of Redan as it is the last vernacular farm house remaining in Dalkey. We were also concerned about the height and length of the proposal as it would cause overshadowing and overlooking of adjacent properties at Dalkey Rock, 5 Ardburgh Villas and the opposing properties across Ardburgh Rd.

The flat roofed design is inappropriate at this site as it would intrude into the adjacent Killiney Hill Park.

Car parking provision and construction management details were also inadequate.

Ardburgh Rd is presently the site of many new builds and its character is being radically changed by the building of very large houses that are intruding into the views from Killiney Hill Park with a loss of visual amenities for the public.

The planning department agreed with our and the neighbouring residents assessment of the application and refused permission in October.

The developer appealed the decision in November; we have yet to hear Bord Pleanála's decision.

**14 BARNHILL PARK:** In October an application for a detached house in the rear garden of 14 Barnhill Park was lodged. Serious concerns were raised by the surrounding neighbouring residents in Barnhill Park, Saval Park Gardens and Saval Park Rd including over-looking of the gardens and the rear of some properties with loss of their residential amenities. Minimum separation distances between the rear of No 14 and the proposed building have not been achieved. Also the new access road into the proposed house requires that the garage of No 14 has to be demolished; notwithstanding that, an adequate width for the access road has not been reached between Nos 13 and 14.

We would be concerned that a development at this site would set an undesirable precedent for backland development in this area.

However, the Planning Department granted permission in December; this decision was appealed by the residents in January. Bord Pleanála has not yet reached a decision.

**SUNNYSIDE:** An application for the demolition of this house on the Vico Rd was lodged in March of this year. We have concerns that its removal will alter the character of this area. We are also concerned that no adequately reasoned submission for its refurbishment as opposed to demolition has been submitted. There are also significant concerns about the management of the construction phase of the development.

No decision has been made by the planning department at this time.

In regard to planning applications, I should like to stress to everyone, the importance of vigilance in respect of site notices. If one appears in your neighbourhood, it is important that you find the time to inspect the relevant plans for the particular application in the Planning Office in County Hall, Dun Laoghaire if you believe the proposal will affect your property or view it on-line on the County Council's website.

The applicant must lodge the plans with the Planning Department of the County Council within 14 days of displaying the site notice.

Following the lodgment of plans in the planning office, the public has 35 days to submit their observations and objections, accompanied with a 20-euro fee. If you believe you will be affected, it is vital that you write into the planning department to voice your concerns.

The planning authority will then make their decision.

Following the decision, the public has 28 days to appeal to Bord Pleanála if they had previously submitted the relevant objection to the planning department. The fee for this is 210 euros.

Following the lodgment of an appeal with An Bord Pleanála, the public has 28 days to submit their observations the fee being 50 euros in this case.

I should like to thank all the members of the Community Council for their support during the past year.

**Dr. SUSAN McDONNELL**  
(Chairman, Planning Group)



demolition of the existing bungalow and all associated building within the site, and the construction of 2no. replacement residential units. The residential development proposed includes 2no. 4-bedroom residential units with associated private gardens and garden terraces and the provision of PV panels on the sedum roofs. The units are part one-storey/part two-storey over basement. The development will include modifications to the existing boundary wall and access arrangement to include the provision of two new entrances (3.5m in width) for each of the units. The development will also include all associated site development works above and below ground including site services and landscape works.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D18A/0384

**Application Rec'd Date:** 27-Apr-2018

**Application Name & Location:** Richard & Carol Cullen, Lismore, Knocknacree Grove, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for works to a protected structure to consist of the demolition of the existing single storey pitched roof extension to the side and rear of the existing 3 storey pitched roof dwelling and the demolition of the detached flat roof garage and the replacement with a new single storey flat roof extension to the rear and new detached flat roof garage/carport. Within the existing house, development consist of: 1. general internal refurbishment and modifications to include the removal of internal partitions and reconfiguration of existing rooms and conservation of existing features, 2. provision of 3no. rooflights within the main roof, 3. fenestration revisions at ground floor and 2no. new window openings at first floor level on the Southern elevation, 4. 2no. new window openings at first and second floor level on the Western elevation, 5. All ancillary site works.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D18A/0194

**Application Rec'd Date:** 6-Mar-2018

**Application Name & Location:** Chris & Diane Davison, 'Aelagh', Rockfort Ave. Dalkey. (A Protected Structure).

**Proposal:** Permission sought for refurbishment, alterations and extension to existing two-storey detached period mews dwelling, including the demolition of an existing single storey kitchen extension and the construction of a new 2 sqm single storey entrance porch extension and dormer window to the front (south west) elevation, the reconfiguring of two existing flat roof dormers to the rear (north east) elevation, alterations to existing windows/opes on the front (south west) and the side (north west) elevations, the removal of existing windows on the side (south east) elevation, the removal of existing dry dash/pebbledash renders and re-rendering with coursed lime plaster, the replacement of fibre cement slates with Blue Bangor natural slates and general alterations to internal layout. Permission is also sought to demolish and replace an existing 1970's glasshouse with a smaller single storey glasshouse/potting shed and to replace the top concrete portion of the adjoining wall with a lime mortar pointed granite wall to match the original.

**Additional Information:** 3-May-2018.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D18A/0397

**Application Rec'd Date:** 2-May-2018

**Application Name & Location:** Tracey Taylor, Queenstown Castle, Coliemore Road, Dalkey. (A Protected Structure).

**Proposal:** Permission for amendments to previously approved car ports (ref. no. D14A/0373) to provide two additional parking spaces under extended canopy roof, screen wall to bin store and 1m wide pedestrian gate beside main vehicle entrance (in existing modern stone wall).

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**Reg. Ref.:** D18A/0404

**Application Rec'd Date:** 2-May-2018

**Application Name & Location:** Ciaran Brady, Killea, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for the following works: Demolition of the existing single storey

dwelling and replacement with 4 No. new dwellings. These are to be two storey with dormer level, all with four bedrooms comprising Houses A1 & A2 to the front (both 152m<sup>2</sup>), B1 & B2 to the rear (169m<sup>2</sup> & 166m<sup>2</sup> respectively). Site works include: replacing the existing front boundary wall with a new 2.1m wall set further back with a consequent widening of the public footpath, widening of the existing entrance, provision of an access driveway with 8No. parking spaces to serve the proposed dwellings, provision of a 2.1m high timber fence on part of the western boundary and miscellaneous site and landscaping works as part of the development.

**Reg. Ref.:** D18A/0418

**Application Rec'd Date:** 4-May-2018

**Application Name & Location:** Melmoussa Devco Ltd. lands at Dalkey Manor, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for a new mixed-residential development comprising: erection of (a) 13 no. houses with private gardens comprising 2 no. two-bedroom detached single storey, 2 no. three-bedroom end-of-terrace two storey and 9 no. three-bedroom terraced two-and-a-half storey; (b) 23 no. apartment units with associated private amenity space comprising 9 no. one-bedroom, 10 no. two-bedroom (including 1 no. private terrace area), and 4 no. three-bedroom with private terraces in a three-storey over basement apartment building. The basement level will include 29 no. car parking spaces, 42 no. bicycle parking spaces; refuse storage, gym and associated courtyard, plant area and additional apartment storage units. Other works as part of the development to include: (c) 15 no. car parking spaces and 24 no. bicycle parking spaces at surface level; (d) upgrade of existing vehicular entrance on Barnhill Road with provision of internal roads, footpaths, shared surfaces and street lighting; (e) provision of public open space including courtyard with landscaping works to include tree planting and provision of green areas and treatments to site boundaries; (f) surface water and foul drainage; water connections and alteration to site levels; (g) demolition of existing two-storey dwelling (273 sq.m), entrance gates, piers and splay walls and ancillary single-storey outbuilding; and (h) all other site works necessary to facilitate the development on a site of c.0.935 hectares. The proposed development is adjacent to a protected structure.

**Reg. Ref.:** D18A/0438

**Application Rec'd Date:** 10-May-2018

**Application Name & Location:** Windsor Homes Ltd. Lands at 34 Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for: 1. Demolition of existing single-storey commercial unit and ancillary single-storey flat roofed concrete block outbuildings to the rear. 2. Construction of 7 no. dwellings (2 no. single storey two-bedroom apartments, 2 no. 2 storey three-bedroom townhouses and 3 no. three-bedroom duplex apartments). 3. Refurbishment and conversion of existing former forge building to provide 2 no. two storey two-bedroom townhouses. 4. 13 no. parking spaces, bicycle parking and private gardens to each dwelling. 5. Upgraded vehicular entrance on Barnhill Road, internal road footpaths, shared surfaces and street lighting. 6. Landscaping, tree planting and boundary treatments. 7. Alterations to site levels, SuDS surface water drainage, refuse store, foul water and potable water connections. 8. All ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development.

## PLANNING DECISIONS for Wks. 15-19 2018 9/4/2018 to 11/5/2018

**Reg. Ref.** D18A/0031

**Decision:** Grant Permission

**Date:** 11-Apr-2018

**Application Name & Location:** David & Rachel Shanley, 5 Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for demolition of 3 no. garden sheds, construction of a single storey extension to the rear and side of the existing house, garden store, alterations to the street façade. including windows, entrance door and vehicular gates, internal alterations, 4 no. roof lights and associated site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D18A/0135    **Decision:** Grant Permission    **Date:** 11-Apr-2018  
**Application Name & Location:** Frank & Maura Duggan, Saint Annes, 66, Coliemore Road, Dalkey. A96 P899

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the demolition of the existing single storey coach house (with mezzanine), single storey boiler enclosure at rear of the main house and the two storey extension at the side/rear of the main house; the construction of a part single, part two storey extension to the side and rear of the main house and the part single, part two storey annex adjacent to the south and west boundaries. Works will also include new window opening at first floor to side / north-west elevation, enlarged window at first floor to rear / south-west elevation, new rooflights and all associated roof, site, drainage and landscaping works.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D18B/0071    **Decision:** Grant Permission    **Date:** 9-Apr-2018

**Application Name & Location:** C Sibley, Deja Vu, Torca Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for a two storey residential extension of 78.5m<sup>2</sup> to existing two storey house of 125m<sup>2</sup>, to include replacement of part of existing roof with a new profile, replacement of 2 existing windows in east elevation with 1 new window, external terrace at upper site level, modifications of existing house and associated works.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D18A/0183    **Decision:** Request Add. Info.    **Date:** 20-Apr-2018

**Application Name & Location:** Gwen Porter & Richard Porter, Rear of 59B Castle Street, Dalkey. A96 P997 (within an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA))

**Proposal:** Permission for the demolition of an existing sub-standard ground and first extension and shed and the construction of a ground and first floor extension. In ACA.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D18A/0194    **Decision:** Request Add. Info.    **Date:** 26-Apr-2018

**Application Name & Location:** Chris & Diane Davison, 'Aelagh', Rockfort Ave., Dalkey. (Protected Structure)

**Proposal:** Permission sought for refurbishment, alterations and extension to existing two-storey detached period mews dwelling, including the demolition of an existing single storey kitchen extension and the construction of a new 2 sqm single storey entrance porch extension and dormer window to the front (south west) elevation, the reconfiguring of two existing flat roof dormers to the rear (north east) elevation, alterations to existing windows/opes on the front (south west) and the side (north west) elevations, the removal of existing windows on the side (south east) elevation, the removal of existing dry dash/pebbledash renders and re-rendering with coursed lime plaster, the replacement of fibre cement slates with Blue Bangor natural slates and general alterations to internal layout. Permission is also sought to demolish and replace an existing 1970,s glasshouse with a smaller single storey glasshouse/potting shed and to replace the top concrete portion of the adjoining wall with a lime mortar pointed granite wall to match the original.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D18A/0215    **Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention    **Date:** 27-Apr-2018

**Application Name & Location:** David & Kate Woolfson, Torca Hill, Torca Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Retention permission for alterations to previously approved permission Ref: D12A/0106 to include internal reorganisation and reduction in size of basement, garage conversion, repositioning of front gate and wall, and associated site works.

**Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

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**Decision:** Request Add. Information    **Date:** 4-May-2018

**Application Name & Location:** Ian Curley, Sunnyside, Vico Road, Killiney. A96 YF97

**Proposal:** Permission for the demolition of the existing three-storey four bedroom detached dwelling and its replacement with a new three-storey five bedroom detached dwelling of approx. 582 sqm and all associated ancillary works to facilitate the development including site development works and landscaping.

**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0999 **Decision:** Grant Permission

**Date:** 9 May 2018

**Application Name & Location:** David & Sarah Kelly, 10 Old Quarry, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for: 1. Demolition of the existing garage to the rear and partial demolition of the rear structure of existing house. 2. Construction of a single storey flat roof extension to the side and rear. 3. New roof lights in existing and proposed roof. 4. Rear elevation changes and internal works. 5. Works to driveway, landscaping, soak away, drainage works and ancillary and associated works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D18A/0229 **Decision:** Grant Permission

**Date:** 9-May-2018

**Application Name & Location:** Eamonn MacAodh, Steephholm, 17 Killiney Road, Dalkey. A96 VH99

**Proposal:** Permission for Retention of roof lights to existing dwelling. Also, full planning permission is sought for removal of existing single-storey structure to side of dwelling and the construction of a new single-storey flat roof extension to side of existing dwelling, new entrance porch to front, widening of existing vehicular entrance piers to 3.5m with new entrance gates and all associated site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D18A/0231 **Decision:** Grant Permission

**Date:** 10-May-2018

**Application Name & Location:** Michael & Brid Murphy, White Rock House, Vico Road, Killiney. A96 V329

**Proposal:** Permission for the demolition of existing extensions and pitched roof, construction of a new second floor level and terraces, amendments to all elevations, internal amendments and all associated site works.

### Appeals Notified by An Bord Pleanála Wks 15-19 9/4/'18 to 11/5/2018

None for Dalkey Area.

### Appeal Decisions of An Bord Pleanála Wks 15-19 9/4/'18 to 4/5/2018

**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0551 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **New Determination Date Due:** 16-Mar-2018. **Appeal Decided:** 26-Apr-2018

**Council's Decision:** Refuse Permission

**Location:** Lands at Castle Park School, Castle Park Road, Dalkey.

**Proposed Development** Permission for development at this site. The proposed development comprises 50 no. apartments consisting of 5 no. 1-bed, 30 no. 2-bed and 15 no. 3-bed apartments, each with balcony / terrace space; the apartments are arranged in a number of blocks within 8 no. buildings which are linked by 7 no. glazed atrium, each providing access to two apartments blocks; the blocks range in height from 3-4 storeys over a single basement level; 80 no-car spaces are provided at basement level, 4 no. drop-off car spaces at surface level and 60 no. cycle spaces at basement and surface level (including a covered bike parking store catering for 10 spaces at surface level); all associated site development works including site excavation works, landscaping, provision of open space, all boundary treatments, lighting, children's play area, a single storey garden pavilion (c.92.3 m2), ESB substation (c.21.9m2); bin stores and plant at basement level and ancillary site attenuation (including green roofs to the apartment buildings); a new controlled pedestrian/cycle access gate is [proposed connecting to Castle Close. Vehicular access serving the scheme is off the existing avenue also serving via the existing school entrance off Castle Park Road; the use of the existing gate to the school for emergency/fire tender access purposes, for pedestrian access and for temporary construction access; All on a site of c.1.27ha within the grounds (House and Entrance Gateway both designated Protected Structures). **Applicant:** Curve Devco Limited.



*A newer cultivar 'Bacopa Secrets', with larger double flowers, it will give a continuous trailing display in containers*

*Photo: P. Thomas*

Our longest day of the year is June 21st. The extra warmth and light encourages our gardens to put on an exuberant burst of growth. The risk of frost has passed but maybe pause a thought for ten or eleven weeks ago, when our wonderful Dalkey was covered in Snow. And on this note, many plants are tougher or more obliging than we worry about and even up to today, see what I thought we had lost in our severe snowy conditions - , with new fresh green struggling growth. So, with the extra light and warmth weeds will invariably sprout up from seemingly nowhere. Try and keep on top of them by hoeing regularly in dry conditions.

Hopefully, this June will bring long sunny days, allowing us to reap the benefits of our Spring preparations with an abundance of growth and lush bright spectacular colours. Particular attention should be given to anything newly planted as it is imperative that they do not dry out while they are settling in – so water, is a vital part of our garden maintenance presently. Each day in the garden some new beauty shakes out the crease in her petals. Today, it is the turn of some poppies and the scarlet taffeta of these oriental beauties is brightly blazing in the hot mid-day sun – what a sight against the various sound levels of bird song. ...Now, enjoy planting up your containers, hanging baskets, plants etc. I heard on the radio this afternoon, how a former Consumer Research Manager found his Lifeline In Gardening; “It became my medicine. My physical and mental state significantly improved and it was clear in my mind that gardening was something so special.”, so keep weeding and deadheading in order to maintain beds, borders, displays and water new and young plants before our Summer really heats up. ...Sowing made in curves rather than straight lines often creates a more pleasing effect.





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Maybe, Rediscover the Romance of Roses

June is our month for rapturous roses. Every rose will bring you weeks of pleasure this Summer and for so many years to come. ...Remember, roses can suffer from black-spot, rust and powdery mildew – all fungal diseases which thrive in damp, warm weather. ...Their new flower buds are also very attractive to greenfly, whitefly and blackfly, all of these problems can be addressed by spraying with a combined fungicide/pesticide such as Rose Rescue or Rose Clear Ultra. Remove any leaves showing signs of disease, then an application of rose feed with enriched horse manure will ensure both good flowering as well as a healthy immune system for fighting pest and diseases.

### **Think, Just A Thought – Not Fantastic Plastic**

Seed trays, pots, modules in black and green etc., plastic cloches, plant labels, fertiliser containers, compost sacks. ... These cracked pots that I binned yesterday could have been somewhere out there, more than three hundred years from now – maybe even in our Pacific Ocean poisoning our sea bed life. So maybe, consider going back to the 19th century gardener – they gardened in a pre-plastic world. ...But then, aren't clay pots and wooden trays such a delight. Yes, they do need gentler handling, cleaning etc. but they are things of beauty and such a pleasure to use.

**Do You Know** – Seed tapes have carefully spaced seeds impregnated between two layers of paper. They work well if lightly buried with soil and kept well watered so the germinating seedlings can get through. They are quick and easy for gardening with children. The best selection of seed tape is available online.

**Do You Know** – There are approximately 60,065 tree species on this Earth. Wild populations of more than three hundred species are down to fewer than fifty individuals.

**Do You Know** – That Phlox grows so well on moist-ish sandy soil (even a North facing bed) – such a site to us gardeners is like gold dust. The cooler shade helps them keep their perfume longer. Excellent varieties and ten out of ten are: -

*Orange-red, Prince of Orange* and *Monica Lynden Bell* which has pale pink flowers contrasting well with darker foliage. David has awesome white flowers that re-flower and re-flower. Mount Fundi – another excellent white.

**Courgettes** – were bred to be cut lengthwise and then cooked on the barbeque. They come in three colours; green, yellow and pale green. The oval fruits have firm flesh and are so easy to turn on the barbeque. These bushy plants have smooth stems so are pain-free to



*A New Plant, Digiplexis 'Berry Canary', an outstanding cross between the Canary Island Foxglove and our native Foxglove. Its fresh blooms stay open for several months*

*Photo: P. Thomas*

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## *Dalkey Community Council CLG 38th Annual Garden Competition*

This competition is open to all amateur gardeners resident in the Community Council area. There are several prizes including four Perpetual Cups. In addition to nomination for the "Surprise" Garden section there are the following categories:

- > **Best Overall Garden**
- > **Best Display** - window boxes, hanging baskets, flower troughs and pots
- > **Best Communal** - Garden/Open Space
- > **Best Front Garden**
- > **Environmental Award** (Presented by Dalkey Tidy Towns)

**Entries to be submitted not later than Wednesday, 4th July, 2018. Judging will take place on Wednesday 11th July. Presentation of the prizes will take place in the Autumn.**

*If first place was achieved in any category in 2017, entry will not be eligible in that category in this year's competition. Members of DCC and anyone professionally involved in gardening are not permitted to enter this competition.*

### **DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL CLG GARDEN COMPETITION ENTRY FORM**

I / we wish to enter for (please tick ✓)

- ☐ Overall Garden  
☐ Front Garden

- ☐ Display - window boxes, hanging baskets etc.  
☐ Communal Garden / Open Space

Name(s): .....

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Signature: .....Date: .....

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pick.

**A New Herb – Wasabi Rocket** – A rocket salad leaf with a fiery taste of Wasabi and can be grown year round.

**Turn Up The Beet – Beetroot** – The increasing popularity of beetroot in restaurants, ready-meals and juices suggest it has become a so-called superfood. Rich in nutrients, beetroot is easy to grow and can supply baby roots and salad leaves too – and all from a single row of seeds. It will even grow in a pot. Plants need little maintenance other than watering during extended dry spells to ensure they do not bolt.

**Choice Cultivars – Boltardy** – the most popular and won't bolt. *Bulls Blood*, ornamental and could be grown in a flower border –, it has deep purple leaves. *Chiggia*, candy-striped beetroot and is perfect for slicing raw – its red and white rings are so attractive in salads. *Bettolla* and *Bona* earned the award of Garden Merit in 2016.

### **MIGHT DO MAYBE JUNE JOBS**

Maybe add splashes of bright colour and contrasts of form to your plantings, e.g. *Verve*. Pinch out the tips of your fuchsias to encourage a bushy habit and more flowers.

Feed your lawn, it will instantly green up and will help strengthen it for extra traffic during our Summer.

Centipedes are a gardener's friend. They kill soil pests when they hunt at night. Maybe provide some cool damp places such as log piles to encourage more to live in your garden. Towards the end of June, if your hardy geraniums have finished flowering, cut them back to encourage new foliage and flowers.

*Alyssum* and *Aubrietia*, trim back after flowering to prevent plants looking tatty.

Trim *Clematis Montana* if it's outgrowing its allotted space. A hedging shears is the thing to reduce long whipping growth.



*Chelsea Flower Show, Mulberry 'Charlotte Russe', Named 2017 Plant of The Year. This Ground-breaking plant is Self-Pollinating, Dwarf and Highly Compact, making it ideal for small gardens and patios*  
Photo: P. Thomas

***"No price is set on the lavish Summer, June maybe had by the poorest comer."***

James Russel Lowell

***"The quiet stars came out, one by one, the Holy twilight fell upon the sea, the Summer day was done."***

Celia Thaxter

***"From a small seed, a mighty trunk may grow"***



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The most common causes include:

- Not eating enough fibre – such as fruit, vegetables and cereals
- Not drinking enough fluids
- Not exercising or being less active
- Often ignoring the urge to go to the toilet
- Changing your diet or daily routine
- Stress, anxiety or depression
- A side effect of medication
- It is also common in pregnancy and after giving birth.



Often by looking at the cause of the constipation it will give the best idea how to fix it and is often easily rectified with lifestyle changes.

These include increasing fibre in the diet, drinking more fluids and increasing daily exercise including walking.

If these are not successful, then you can talk to your pharmacist about medications that are available over the counter to treat constipation. These are only designed for short term use and will normally work within a few days.

The most gentle of these are osmotic laxatives which increase the amount of water that goes into the bowel softening the stool and making it easier to pass.

Bulk forming laxatives increase the amount of fibre in the stool and give a feeling of fullness in the bowel which triggers the body into a bowel movement.

Stimulant laxative stimulate the bowel to speed up the movement of the stool.

Other options include suppositories and enemas.

If the use of these agents is not successful in the short term then we would advise a visit to your GP for a more long term solution.

**If you have any questions you would like answered please email us on [maxwellpharmacydalkey@eircom.net](mailto:maxwellpharmacydalkey@eircom.net) and put Dalkey Newsletter in the message subject line.**

## June

In honour of the Goddess Juno, patroness of women, marriage and the home.

**A swarm of bees in May is worth a load of hay.  
A swarm of bees in June is worth a silver spoon.  
A swarm of bees in July is not worth a fly.**

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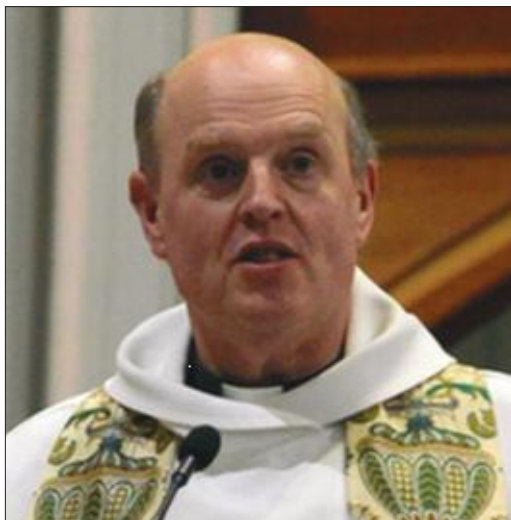
### SERVICES FOR JUNE 2018

**Sundays:** 8.30am Holy Communion, 10.45 am Morning Service

**Midweek Services:** Thursdays at 10.30 am

**Rector's Institution** – On Friday, 20th

April, 2018 we welcomed Gary Hastings as our new Rector. In the presence of a large congregation the Service of Institution was conducted by Archbishop Jackson and the preacher was Canon Stephen Fielding, Rector of Agherton, Diocese of Connor. We were pleased to welcome clergy and parishioners from Gary's former Parish of Galway and Kilcummin Group as well as a good number of clergy and lay readers from the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough. Public representatives in attendance included Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor T.D. and Senator Victor Boyhan. We were also joined by Fr. Tom Dalzell, the Moderator of St. Stephen's Church,



*Gary Hastings – our new Rector*



*After the Service of Institution*

*Images: Holy Trinity Church*

Killiney. After the Service a reception was held in the Carry Centre during which speeches of welcome and thanks were made and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

**Rector's Remarks:** A very big thank you for the great welcome to the parish for Caitríona and me. I hope to get round to meet you all in the coming months, but if you need a pastoral visit or would like to meet me privately, please get in touch.

**Service & Social:** The next gathering will be on Sunday 9th June at 3pm. Please contact Joan Whyte or the Rector for more information.

**Select Vestry:** The Vestry will meet at 8.00pm in the Carry Centre on Monday 11th June.

**Carry Centre:** Over the summer there are bookings for 'Bricks 4 Kidz' from 9th-13th July and 13th-17th August.

**Glenageary-Killiney National School** – As everyone begins to prepare for the summer holidays, every blessing to students who are moving on to other schools; thank you to the wonderful staff team in the school, especially to the Principal; and to all the boys and girls who make G.K.N.S. a very special and happy place. Enjoy the summer!

**Finally...** Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who are sitting exams.

**Summer in Holy Trinity** – It is planned to have the Church open daily (Thursday to Saturday 2-4pm) for July & August.

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*Canon Ben Neill, Ricky Rountree, Rev. Bruce Hayes and Canon Ginnie Kennedy at the 175th Anniversary Service in St. Patrick's Church*

*Image: St. Patrick's Church*



## Sunday Services for June

3rd June	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
10th June	9am Eucharist	10.15am All Age
17th June	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
24th June	9am Eucharist	10.15am Morning Prayer
<b>Midweek</b>	Every Thursday	10.30am Eucharist

**Our Lady's Manor** – The Eucharist will be celebrated on 5th and 19th June in Our Lady's Manor at 2.30pm.

**Parent & Toddler** – Come along and meet others for fun, support and fellowship at our Parent and Toddler Group. It takes place in the Northover Hall each week on a Tuesday at 10.30am for an hour and a half.

**Choir Practice** – The choir meets to prepare the music for the Sunday Service each Wednesday of the week at 7.30pm in the church. New members are always welcome.

**Football** – St Patrick's football club restarted on Saturday 28th May at 4.30pm in Castle Park School and runs for 8 weeks. It is open to young people of National School age. Booking forms are available from the Parish office or on the first day.

**Dalkey Book Festival** – Dalkey Book Festival 2018 runs from Thursday 14th June to Sunday 17th June. This year, we have the pleasure to host some famous authors like Steven Pinker, Roddy Doyle and John Banville and musical events in our church and the Northover Hall. You can find more information from the Book Festival website: <http://www.dalkeybookfestival.org/>





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## LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY EVENTS – JUNE 2018



**Saturday 2nd at 1pm:** There is a 60-minute ‘*Women in Viking and Medieval Ireland*’ tour in the Museum of Archaeology, Kildare Street, Dublin 2. Admission free – not wheelchair accessible.

**Sunday 10th at 3pm:** There is a 60-minute ‘*Hands on History: Life in Victorian Ireland*’ Drop-in Activity in the Museum of Decorative Arts & History, Collins Barracks, Benburb St., D.7. Adm. free. **At 3pm** there is a 45-minute ‘*The Bog Bodies*’ tour in the Museum of Archaeology, Dublin 2. Admission free – wheelchair accessible.

**Monday 11th at 11am:** Cormac Moore will present ‘*The 1918 General Election*’ in Richmond Barracks, Off Bulfin Road, Inchicore, D.8. Booking via Eventbrite.ie or email: richmondbarracks@dublincity.ie.

**Tuesday 12th at 7pm:** Séan Bagnall will present ‘*The Love of the Land: the Importance of the Potato*’ to the Tallaght Historical Soc. in the Co. Library, The Square, Tallaght, D.24. Admission free.

**At 8pm** Declan F. Brady will present ‘*History and Genealogy: you can’t have one without the other*’ to the Genealogical Society of Ireland in Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute, Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire. All welcome - €3 donation.

**Thursday 14th at 7pm:** Brendan Moriarty will present ‘*Ulysses on the South Dublin coast*’ in Dalkey Library, Castle St., Castle St., Dalkey. All welcome – admission free.

**Saturday 16th at 2.30pm:** Philip Lecane will present ‘*Torpedoed! The Sinking of the RMS Leinster*’ to the Western Front Association (Dublin Branch) in the Museum of Decorative Arts & History Lecture Theatre, Collins Barracks, Dublin 7. All welcome - €3 donation appreciated.

**Wednesday 20th at 5.30pm:** Conor Lenihan will present ‘*C.J. Haughey – Prince of Power*’ in the Little Museum of Dublin, 15 St. Stephen’s Green North, Dublin 2. Fully booked but some tickets (€15) may be available at the door – call 01-661100 to check availability.

**At 7pm** Sinead Murphy and Darina Gallagher will present ‘*James Joyce’s Dublin in Song*’ in the Little Museum of Dublin, Dublin 2. Fully booked but some tickets (€15) may be available at the door – call 01-661100 to check availability.

**Wednesday 27th at 11am:** There is ‘*A Musical Tour of Richmond Barracks*’ in Richmond Barracks, Dublin 8. Booking via Eventbrite.ie.

### A Matter of Vaccination Fees for the Dalkey Medical Officer for Health

In 1896 Dr. Wright, Medical Officer of Health for Dalkey, had lengthy correspondence with the Local Government Board over the vaccination of a registered child in his district who had moved from the district shortly after his mother had received the usual notice of vaccination. She later returned and then presented this child for vaccination. He asked if he could refuse to vaccinate the child while the mother was residing in another district and that if he did vaccinate the child, was he entitled to the vaccination fee. The Local Government Board advised him that he was entitled to receive 2s. for every successful vaccination or re-vaccination whether or not the person vaccinated was a resident of the Dalkey Dispensary area.

### PUBLICATIONS

#### ‘*Genealogical Society of Ireland Journal 2018*’,

Editor Tom Conlon, published by the Genealogical Society of Ireland.

Variety and excellence of content is the hallmark of this excellent annual publication which includes in this issue articles on ‘*The Irish DNA Atlas – Publication of Results*’ by Ed Gilbert; ‘*A Radio Officer’s Last Days at Sea*’ by Anna Stavely-Finnerty; ‘*From Charlemont Avenue, Kingstown to the House of Lords – Valentine McEntee, 1871-1953*’ by Charles Callan; ‘*Stepping Stones at Glendalough*’ by Tom Conlon; ‘*The Royal Marine Hotel and the Last Days of Charles Stewart Moriarty*’ by Seamus Moriarty; ‘*Maher/Meagher of Clonan/Cloneen, Roscrea*’ by Thomas Burke; ‘*Writing the History of an Irish Townland*’ by Billy Saunderson; ‘*Kingstown to Kilmainham – An Insight into a Bygone Era*’ by Mary P. Conway; ‘*Uncle Denis Cavanagh and World War I*’ by Cathal Cavanagh; ‘*Limerick – a city of three towns*’ by Gerald Costello, and ‘*An Odlum Letter to Buenos Aires, 1884*’ by Sean McCartan.

Copies of this journal, €10, are on sale at monthly meetings of the Society or from the Society’s Archive and Research Centre in the grounds of Loughlinstown Leisure Centre which is open on Tuesday and Wednesday 10am to 4pm, and on Saturday 2 pm. to 5pm, or via [www.familyhistory.ie](http://www.familyhistory.ie).

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In April, in what is hoped will become an annual event, representative teams from the Dalkey United U13 & U14 age groups travelled to Madrid to play local side Fundación ADF.

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DCC Monthly Meeting at 7:30pm in OLH	Mon 11 Jun
Dalkey Book Festival ( <a href="http://www.dalkeybookfestival.org">www.dalkeybookfestival.org</a> )	Thurs 14- Sun 17 Jun
Celebration of Bloomsday in HC (check <a href="http://www.dalkeycastle.com">www.dalkeycastle.com</a> )	Fri 15 – Sat 16 Jun
Father's Day	Sun 17 Jun
Sorting of July Newsletter in OLH (1pm-2pm)	Thurs 28 Jun
DARA Summer Concert in Loreto Abbey Concert Hall @8pm	Sat 30 Jun
DCC Garden Competition closing date for entries	Weds 4 Jul

### EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

**Dalkey Players:** Rehearsals take place in Harold Boys' School from 7:30-10:30pm-Tuesdays & Thursdays. New members welcome.

**St. Patrick's Dramatic Society Dalkey:** Rehearsals in Northover Hall, Harbour Rd. from 8-10:30pm – Mondays & Thursdays. New members welcome.

**The Irish Vintage Radio & Sound Society** meets monthly in Dalkey. If interested please call 086-8391839 - *NO Texts Please*

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**Scrabble & Afternoon Tea** in aid of Barnardos every Wednesday at 3pm in Derrymore, 35, Coliemore Road, Dalkey. Call Di Fitzpatrick at 285 0593 for more information.

**Baby & Toddler Group** All pre-schoolers with parents/minders welcome on Tuesdays from 3-4.30pm in the Methodist Church, Northumberland Ave., Dun Laoghaire. €2 includes light refreshments & story time. Contact Diane 087 778 7608

**Parkrun - Every Saturday at 9.30am in Cabinteely, Shanganagh and Marlay Park**

**Dalkey Library Local History Group** meets on the last Tuesday of every month in Dalkey Library starting at 6-6:30pm. All welcome.

**Community First Responders** – Volunteers needed for Dalkey First Responders (CFR). Training is given. Please contact: [info@dalkeycfr.ie](mailto:info@dalkeycfr.ie)

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*I am hoping to take delivery of a new Ferguson combination receiver shortly, which I am going to put through its paces. By all accounts this is a pretty serious receiver, to start with it can receive 4K (ultra HD), it also has a full 7 day EPG (electronic programme guide), and in addition an internal hard drive can be added to store all your recordings. If that was not enough it's a full blown Android box, and you can also access all your favourite on line channels (Netflix, Youtube etc), you can also watch recordings on your smart phone, schedule recordings from anywhere.*

*Here's hoping it does what it says on the tin!*

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