News from the PCA

PCA AGM

The PCA AGM took place on Monday 1st December in Portmarnock Hotel and Golf Links. I am glad to report that the numbers were up on previous years but were nowhere near the 300 that one time attended such meetings. However the association is alive and well. The chairman in his address to the meeting spoke about the work of the PCA over last year. He referred to the damage done to our beach, dunes and revetment in last winter’s violent storms. He said the work carried out by Fingal to repair the damage and have our beach ready for the summer beach goers was due to the efforts made by Maier O Brien and Angela O Flynn-Bury from the Beach Committee.

He mentioned the sale of the Hotel and Golf Links and the efforts made by the PCA to make sure that the lands on the estuary side of Golf Links Rd be taken over by the council before the sale was completed. This exchange was satisfactorily completed.

He said that the attainment of the Green Coast Flag was mainly due to the fortnightly clean-up of beach/dunes and other black spots throughout the spring, summer and autumn by all our volunteers.

The chairman was delighted to report that we didn’t have a repeat of the anti-social behaviour of previous years due to the great efforts made by the Gardaí during the summer when large crowds visited our Velvet Strand. The presence of the ‘Paddy Wagon’ was certainly a deterrent as well as the confiscation of alcohol from a number of individuals

He reported on his attendance at the Dublin Airport Stakeholders Forum meetings and said that the community groups had the best attendance record from the 25 other bodies represented on the forum.

He mentioned the Greater Dublin Drainage Project now under the control of Irish Water and how the PCA were monitoring the development of the this plant at Clonsaugh with the outflow off Portmarnock. The project was not on time due to the large amount of submission from individuals and groups

The relocation of the bus stop in Lower Wendell would continue to be high on the agenda for next year as well as the completion of the foot path on Blackwood Lane.

He referred to the Text Alert system that was now operating in three estates in Portmarnock (not two as mentioned in December Progress)

He said that the bag packing in Dunnes Stores in March to replenish our funds was very successful and thanked the people of Portmarnock for supporting our effort

The review of the PCA Memoorandum and Articles of Association would continue in 2015

He said that the Solstice Celebrations in June and December as well as the Kingsford Smith Day were now turning into great community events and he complimented the people responsible for Portmarnock Village days which were also very well supported.

The chairman thanked the committee for their help during his three years in office and was grateful to a number of others who helped the PCA. He referred to the Community Employment Workers, Paul and Imelda, the Staff and students of Portmarnock Community School as well as ULtan O Moran for managing our website, the Gardaí, Fingal county Council, our volunteers who helped with the clean-up and the management and staff of Portmarnock Hotel and Golf Links for looking after us so well over many years

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