

Edenderry Residents Association AGM 26th August 2019**ITEM****1****Chairman's summary of previous year**

Finances are good with currently c. £1500.00 in the account. This will ensure that the villages yearly event insurance costs can be met.

During the year the following events were held; Village Quiz Night, Halloween bonfire fireworks and parade, Christmas Carols, Bat Walk, Summer Fun Day (ERA) and Summer on the green (BCC Parks). Due to works on the green the Summer Fun Day had to be moved and due to the lack of other availability of the inflatable equipment the event was moved to a Sunday. The ERA recognises that this was unpopular with a portion of the village and as such no future ERA organised events will take place on a Sunday.

The RDP process is almost complete and the ERA feel that the final works undertaken have been a good compromise between the contrasting views of the village. The following items are yet to be completed; the side door on the shed, fixing the front of the shed, the electric box access, access to the noticeboard and the crown raising around the green. The new marquee is unlikely to be delivered until the side door is in place on the shed. It will be of a size which fits on to the hard standing in front of the playpark and will have a floor (similar to that which was put up for the Summer on the Green event). The bin on the hard standing was to be in a different position than where it has been placed and a request has been made to move it to the agreed position closer to the notice board. Due to the items agreed to be undertaken with BCC being over budget when quotes were delivered a number of items (goalposts, fencing at the end of big street) were not undertaken, the ERA are pursuing other grant options to have these works undertaken. An application is currently in process for the goalposts, and this will also include free coaching sessions hosted by BCC, expressions of interest from local families will be sought once full details are known.

An application has been made to "Openreach Community Broadband" (the company who manages BT's cabling) and the entire village has been registered for an upgrade. There has been no response at this stage and the ERA will escalate to a complaint if no word has been received by the end of the week. An update will be made as soon as a response is received. In addition Virgin have indicated that they will be laying their own fibre cable in the Spring with expected download speeds of 320mb and upload of 22mb. A number of the attendees at this stage raised the varied nature of broadband access, with a number of people having regular outages and low speeds, while some were satisfied with their service. There was a feeling that it depended somewhat on the particular cable into the village which the property was on.

The developer has requested that the ERA committee sign a letter of support for the proposed development at the front of the village (opposite Ruby Cottages) as planning approval is outstanding they felt that a letter of support would assist this process. They want the committee to sign off on this as it is deemed to be better than the previous approved application. The ERA committee unanimously agreed that this was not a letter they could sign on behalf of the village, but if an individual within the village is supportive of the developers position that they should be free to write a letter of support. John White (ERA committee member) raised the issue of what the village was getting for their support and suggested that we re-engage with the developer to seek a village benefit (potentially a community meeting space) from the developer.

	General call from the ERA for volunteers who wish to help out at events as the committee is very small and due to that it is impossible for the committee alone to organise and then undertake a large number of events across the year.
2	<p>Discussion of Fun Day</p> <p>It was accepted that the Fun day (or any other ERA event) should not be on a Sunday going forward.</p> <p>The fun day was too child centric and that more should be present for adults (though some child friendly items are still good, ie. the bouncy castles)</p> <p>The following have been suggested for next year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The date confirmed sooner • Stalls which are available for arts, crafts, baked goods, etc. (for villagers and those living in the immediate surroundings only) • An Allotment vegetable/fruit competition • The photo stall and the bug stall from the Summer fun day were deemed to be good (nb. There was no discussion of the ceilie from the summer fun day and it is assumed that this was not popular in the village) • Falconry display • Green woodworking • Potential photo competition for the day
3	<p>Discussion of Halloween</p> <p>Only change suggested was that there should be a BBQ again</p>
4	<p>RDP grant discussion</p> <p>No items were raised</p>
5	<p>Proposed Future events</p> <p>It was discussed that the Carol Singing should become a larger event and include some form of meal in the marquee.</p> <p>No other events were proposed</p>
6	<p>5 Year Plan discussion</p> <p>It was recommended that the ERA use the list prepared by the village in regards to proposals for the RDP grant to inform future projects.</p> <p>The following are the items from the original list that were agreed to be undertaken as part of the RDP grant but were later removed by the council and have not been completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide visual representation of the village's history, whether through art or text. Use local knowledge to shape this, in the form of interview with local residents – to be incorporated into seating area and notice boards • Improvements to area of park used for football: permanent nets and improved drainage/surface. Also ball stop net (requires planning permission) • Basketball net for park. A permanent basketball net was rejected by the village, but a mobile net is being considered • Extra picnic tables for park • Signage and/or sculpture on right hand side when entering village • Replacing border of Big Street and "The Field" with a new wooden fence and stile, and planting a native hedge (potential assistance likely from Woodland Trust with provision of plants). BCC had advised that an estate fence was more suitable for durability.

	<p>The following items are from the various lists prepared by the village and are not ranked in any order of preference (these were not approved by BCC as items which could be undertaken within the RDP grant, their rationale is noted beside each item but this should not preclude the ERA committee revisiting the items):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a feature of the water pump in Front Row. Restore and improve surrounding area – Required planning approval and there was not enough time to have this passed • New signage for the street in the village using old local names i.e. Bride’s Row, Front Row etc. This could also incorporate house numbers – rejected as causes issues of change of postal address and applications to other statutory bodies • Reinstatement of path down to river (phase 1) with gravel path and bank planted with flowers/shrubs. Provision of some picnic tables – Not deemed viable due to H&S concerns and insurances and ongoing maintenance, concerns of cost to remove landfill, ownership issues • Village community Hall – Not viable within the timeframe and would require planning permission • Potential liaison with developer to help design boundary wall (potential artistic improvements) at bottom of hill – Not in BCC ownership, no permission from landowner • “Slow, children playing” signs, using artistic design.– BCC can’t approve as it is part of DFI roads responsibility, not valid for grant application • Painting facades of houses in big street (approx. 19 houses) – not feasible as in private ownership • Replace street lamps with the more traditional style already bordering the roundabout.– BCC can’t approve as it is part of DFI roads responsibility, not enough time to secure agreements • A sheltered area with potentially some seating which could be used for by residents waiting for bus and/or residents using park. Could perhaps be sited amongst trees at roundabout end of park so that it does not impact on usable green space of park. In visible spot so it is not magnet for antisocial behaviour. – BCC can’t approve as it is part of Translinks responsibility, needs planning permission • Phase 2 of river path development: develop riverside space – Not deemed viable due to H&S concerns and insurances and ongoing maintenance, concerns of cost to remove landfill, ownership issues • Edging and mulch for flower beds – under review with parks department, BCC say it’s a maintenance rather than grant item • Restore and preserve whatever length is possible of the original fence bordering the new development and Front Row – Not in BCC ownership, no permission from landowner • Tree House for the park for kids to play in – Cannot be considered due to H&S concerns
7	<p>Any other business</p> <p>It has been noted that a poster relating to a car boot sale at a nearby church was removed and that several other posters relating to church activities have been removed over the last few months. The consensus among those attending was shock that this had occurred and that the village was not supportive in any way of the removal of non-offensive posters and advertisements for activities of the local church organisations.</p> <p>A query was raised over whether there was any other place except for the back lane that the bins at the rear of big street (left hand side as you go to the field) could be placed. In response members of the village said that the roundabout end of big street would be unacceptable to</p>

	<p>those living in Edenderry Cottages and would also block the pavement and that the field end of Big Street was not suitable as it is required for vehicle turning.</p> <p>The car parking on the roundabout was raised as an important issue as it is creating difficulties for the bin lorries and the bus. Bin lorries on at least 2 occasions being unable to service the cottages and the bus has had severe difficulty turning.</p> <p>Car parking at the end of Big Street was also raised as this is an important turning circle and is needed by all the residents on Big Street for this purpose. Parking in front of the field gate is a particular problem which occurs on a regular basis. This blocks any larger car from turning.</p> <p>After the AGM a correspondence was received to request that Laura Bell be thanked for her work on the flower beds at the roundabout. The ERA committee wholeheartedly agree with the correspondent and thank Laura for all her work as the beds do indeed look fantastic.</p>
8	<p>Election of new committee (run by John White)</p> <p>The Chair thanked last years committee for all their hard work and then handed proceedings on to John White to elect a new committee.</p> <p>There were two nominations for Chairman, John White was elected by majority</p> <p>The following were elected with no second nominations:</p> <p>Shariah Chesney was elected Treasurer</p> <p>Colin Dunlop was elected Secretary</p> <p>Michael Chesney, Ann Seaton, Kelsi White, Bruce Watson and Maurice Brogan were elected committee members.</p>
9	<p>Village Quiz on the Green</p> <p>Just to remind everyone that Quizmaster Tom will once again be hosting the Village Pub Quiz on Saturday 14th September. BBQ from 6.30pm, Quiz starts at 7.30pm. (all proceeds to the Halloween fireworks fund)</p>