

Libraries

Approximately €500,000 has been allocated in 2005 for the purchase of new books for the library service. More money has also been allocated for cultural events and the running of more IT courses in the various libraries throughout the County.

Taxi Ranks

One issue I highlighted during last year's local elections was the inadequate number of taxi ranks throughout the County.

The Council will shortly be publishing a plan in relation to this issue. I would anticipate the plan providing for an increased number of ranks, including ranks at the main Dart stations.

Taking in Charge

I am happy to advise that the necessary procedures for the taking in charge of the following estates in the Blackrock Electoral Area have commenced:

- Treesdale, Stillorgan
- Fosterbrook, St. Helens, Booterstown

Gravity Locks for Wheelie Bins

Many residents have enquired as to how they can obtain gravity locks for use in connection with their wheelie bins. These can be obtained from the following:

L. Breen Phone: 087 277 2497
also 285 0866

A. Dutton Phone: 087 690 5356
also 086 404 8275
also 204 2777

Fairtrade

The Council recently adopted a motion supporting the Fairtrade movement.

The objective of the movement is to ensure that the proceeds of goods and products from third world countries enure to the benefit of farmers and workers in those countries.

I am happy to have supported this motion as a contribution to equity in the third world.



If you would like any further information on the above issues or if I can be of assistance on any other matters please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Yours sincerely
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If you would be interested in joining Fianna Fáil please call me or write to me at the above address.

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Dear Resident

I am writing to update you in relation to recent developments at local government level at Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

Dun Laoghaire Baths Site

Council management recently unveiled their proposals for the development of the baths site. Their proposals include the following:

- Waterworld facilities including 25m swimming pool, wave pool with sandy beach, seaweed baths, sauna etc.
- 400m coastal promenade.
- Public amphitheatre/civic plaza available for open air functions and gatherings.
- A maritime park of similar size to the People's Park.
- A multi-storey development involving shops, restaurants and apartments culminating in a 10 storey tower with roof top restaurant and public-viewing facilities.

The proposals will be on public display from:

Tuesday 24 May to Friday 10 June 2005

At: County Hall, Marine Road

From: 9am to 7pm - Monday to Friday

Furthermore, members of the design team will be available to answer questions in County Hall.

At: 3pm and 6.30pm

On: Wednesday 25 May, 1 June and 8 June 2005.

I would encourage members of the public to view these proposals and make their views known to me and their other local representatives.

Blackrock Park

The Council are developing a five year improvement programme for parks throughout the County. Improvements in Blackrock Park in 2005 include:

- The provision of additional play equipment for the playground.
- The removal of the remnants of the old playground.
- Improvements to existing footpaths.

Childrens' Playgrounds

The Council are also drawing up plans for the construction of playground facilities for children throughout the County including three sites in Blackrock; one in Booterstown; one in the central Blackrock area and one in the Deansgrange area.

I will update you when further details of this programme are available.

Frascati Centre

A planning application has been recently submitted for the development of the Frascati Shopping Centre. The proposal involves extending the centre out to the line of the Frascati Road. The extension will be five storeys incorporating retail and residential units. The proposal also involves the construction of a two storey over basement car park bringing the total number of car parking spaces at the centre to 702.

It also includes traffic rearrangements so that traffic from Dublin can turn right into the Centre and south bound traffic can turn right out of the Centre. The public has until Thursday 2 June 2005 to make a representation to the Council in relation to the proposal.

A model of the proposed development is available for viewing at County Hall.

Blackrock Post Office

Several representations have been made to me in relation to the current inadequate postal facilities in Blackrock. The new post office is at a peripheral and obscure location, is too small and operates inadequate opening hours.

I recently secured the passing of a motion of the Council calling on An Post to arrange more appropriate facilities for Blackrock in light of its importance as a commercial and residential area. In response to my motion the County Manager also undertook to discuss with the developers of the proposed extension to the Frascati Centre to see if a better and more prominent location can be secured for the post office.

Graffiti

Residents throughout the Blackrock area continue to express dissatisfaction with the increasing proliferation of graffiti throughout the County. Current Council policy is to remove graffiti only if it includes offensive language and only where there is such a high incidence of graffiti in a particular area that it is economically efficient to employ a contractor to remove it.

I believe the current Council policy is inadequate. Graffiti defaces public property and reduces the amenity of a residential area. I see graffiti removal as a basic housekeeping measure. Accordingly I am working to change the Council policy so that a regular and systematic programme of graffiti removal is undertaken throughout the County on a district by district basis.