

All Hallows Area Association

Annual General Meeting 4th March 2026 at 8 pm

All Hallows (John Hand Lecture Hall)

Draft minutes

Attendance

45 members signed the attendance register for the meeting.

The meeting was chaired by Catherine Hazlett, Chairperson with the Committee members listed below in attendance. Denis Hodson recorded the minutes.

- Bernadette Flanagan
- Robbie Dale
- Barry McHugh
- Keelin Moloney
- Denis Hodson
- Louise Connolly

Public Representatives in attendance included: Councillors Kevin Breen, Alison Field, Donna Cooney, Janet Horner and Deirdre Heney. Ruth O'Dea represented Maria Sherlock TD.

Apologies were received from Barry Heneghan TD, Naoise o' Muiri, TD and Marie Sherlock. TD

Neighbouring Residents Associations: GADRA and Marino Residents Association could not attend and sent their regrets. Toby and Grace from Richmond Road Residents attended.

Introduction and Agenda

Catherine Hazlett welcomed all, including the Public Representatives and representatives from the neighbouring residents' association; also, Mark Stanley from the Griffith Avenue Mile Committee. The AHAA committee was introduced.

The proposed agenda was adopted having been proposed and seconded by Sabrina O'Donnell and Mary Thuillier respectively.

The Agenda 2026:

- Adoption of the Agenda
- Minutes of 2025 AGM held on Wednesday 12th March 2025.
- Matters arising
- Treasurer's and Auditor's report
- Committee's report on the work of 2025
- Election of Auditor
- Election Committee and Officers
 - a) Executive Committee members
 - b) Chairperson

- c) Honorary Secretary
- d) Honorary Treasurer
- Any Other Business

Minutes of AGM held on 12th March, 2025

The minutes of the 2025 AGM were proposed and seconded by Aislinn Cremer and Philip Hamell.

There were no matters arising.

Treasurer's and Auditor's Report

The Treasurer and Auditor's report for 2025, presented by Robbie Dale was adopted, having been proposed by Bernadette Flanagan and Robert McCutcheon.

Robbie asked members if they had any questions or remarks on the accounts. Donal O Brolcháin had a number of questions: He asked:

1. why there was no money received from Griffith Avenue Mile (GAM) in 2025 as opposed to €2,000 in 2024. Robbie said the change in relationship with AHAA and GAM was the reason. GAM is set up as a separate entity. In 2024 and 2025 AHAA had made donations to the GAM and there will be no refund of the donations. In 2026, AHAA will review its finances and the Committee will decide on a financial contribution, if any, for the GAM;
2. why the Christmas Tree event in 2025 was more expensive than 2024. Louise explained it was a much bigger event. DCC also provided funding for most of it; In relation to a follow up question as to whether there were conditions attached to the DCC grant, Robbie responded that there were, including that that no junk food was to be purchased with the grants;
3. why did Shelbourne FC make a contribution to the AHAA event? Robbie responded that it was part of their local community engagement.

Robbie further clarified that the figure shown for deposit interest received in the published accounts was incorrect and that the error had been has been rectified.

Catherine mentioned that the annual subs collection will be starting shortly.

Committee's Report on work of 2025

A summary of the Committee's work over 2025 was presented by the committee members. See PowerPoint presentations for further information.

(a). Summer Community Event

Barry McHugh noted that the summer event held on Sunday 22 June 2025 was the sixth time the AHAA held this event. He noted that the main aim was to provide entertainment to all ages. A special thank you was expressed to Paul Sheridan and his family for all their culinary support on the day and to Dominican College and sponsors for the prizes and goody bags.

(b). Christmas Tree Event

Louise Connolly noted that the turning on of the lights at the Christmas Tree on Philipsburg Avenue was the second event of its kind for the Committee. Attendance was around 400. Louise expressed gratitude to all the volunteers who made the event successful. Vincent De Paul's Girls Primary School choir, the Songmartin's choir and MUGs Ukelele Band for the excellent music entertainment. Also, special mention to St. Vincents GAA All Star Children's Team, DCC, Fingal First Responders, Clontarf Garda Station and Paul Sheridan. The event will be scheduled again this year and Louise put out a request for more goodies as they ran out of the 200 selection boxes last year.

(c) Clean-ups – Clonturk/Ormond Road/Church Avenue

A successful clean up event took place on 26th April 2025. Bernadette thanked all the residents who participated. Provisional date for 2026 cleanup is Saturday 25th April – yet to be confirmed. Bernadette also said that the An Taisce national Spring clean will take place later in the year. She directed members to www.nationalspringclean.org to register. Keelin Moloney and Robert Mc Cutcheon gave an update on the Ormond Road and Church Avenue Clean-up that took place at the same time.

(d) Leaves Collection Autumn 2025

Catherin Hazlett noted that the Autumn leaves collection started a few years ago and there are many coordinators/volunteers who help make the initiative successful. It covers Griffith Avenue, Calderwood Road, Beresford and volunteers from Charlemont also join in. ASR, St Vincent de Paul Girls School and Scoil Muire join in which is great to see. Catherine noted that 2025 was the busiest year yet and acknowledged the support from the volunteers to make it happen.

There was an early start this year in September with a focused cleanup on week of 18th November. It was disappointing that DCC workers were delayed in cleaning the cycle way and the footpaths on account of the storms. The Council's pruning of many of the trees on Griffith Avenue earlier in 2025 helped to reduce the volume of fallen leaves for collection.

(e) Triangle Glandore Road

Robbie Dale updated the meeting about the planting of the Triangle at the bottom of Glandore Road. He encouraged all residents who have an idea for enhancing their local area to request the support of the AHAA Committee while stressing that getting the planter is only the first step and that they need to be maintained (watered and renewed) on an ongoing basis. Mark Stanley has started refreshing the planter on Grace Park Terrace. Robbie acknowledged a number residents who have been particularly active in maintaining the Triangle on Glandore Rd.

(f). Trees

Denis outlined the many benefits of trees for the environment.

There have been many efforts trying to get the trees replaced outside the Cairns (Griffith Wood) development. The Parks department maintain the site is too dark. Denis and others disagree. Efforts will continue in this regard to find a suitable solution.

There was good news on Calderwood Road. 10 trees were planted last April and a further 5 in late February 2026. This was welcome news. However, it took a tremendous community effort last year to keep the young vulnerable trees watered in the hot dry spell last May.

(g) Planning Observations – Ormond Road

Keelin Moloney provided an update on the planning application at 2a Ormond Road. Permission was granted for the development and residents are in the process of appealing this decision to An Coimisiún Pleanála. A planning consultant has been engaged by the residents. AHAA made an 'observation' in support of the residents at an early stage in the planning process and provided some funds to the residents group to help with the cost of a planning consultant.

Clonturk House, a listed building, is for sale. It is not known yet whether it has been sold. Keelin asked that AHAA be kept informed of any developments.

There were a number of contributions on this point from the floor. Councillor Donna Cooney said the Councillors passed a motion that the building should be acquired by DCC for use as a community centre but the Arts Officer could not fund it. She suggested the residents should write to the Planning Department and advise them that this is a protected structure.

Sabrina O'Donnell expressed concern that high rise apartments would be built there and that the building was not secure. Donal O Brolcháin suggested that the Ormond Rd Action group request an early meeting with the vendors/ potential purchasers. Helen (?) advised that they make preparations and have a strategy in place before the premises is sold rather than waiting until permission is granted or some damage is done to the building or listed balustrades. She gave the example of the demolition of a Presbyterian Church on Jones's Road. She suggested a planning consultant's report was needed.

Priorities for 2026

Catherine Hazlett spoke about the AHAA Committee's priorities for 2026 including similar events to last year and noting that the more volunteers we have the more we can do.

Griffith Avenue Centenary

Catherine said that an important project will be the Griffith Avenue Centenary in 2027/8. We will need to start planning this year. She said that AHAA is open to ideas. Councillor Deirdre Heney suggested getting our application in early for discretionary funding for the year. She also suggested the Assistant City Architect Brendan Healy. Councillor Donna Cooney said the Arts Officer will also help.

Donal O Brolcháin volunteered to be part of the project team.

Election of New Committee

The following persons were elected to the 2026 AHAA Committee.

Catherine Hazlett - Chair.

Robbie Dale - Treasurer

Barry McHugh – Secretary,

Deis Hodson (Calderwood Road), Bernadette Flanagan (Clonturk Park and Gardens), Keelin Moloney (Ormond Road), Louise Connolly (Beresford) and Owen Ingarfield (Griffith Walk/Grace Park Terrace).

The Committee for 2026 were proposed by Aislinn Cremer, Donal O' Brolcháin, Philip Hamell, Mark Stanley and seconded by Colin Wrafter.

Owen Ingarfield from Griffith Walk and Grace Park Terrace was proposed by Catherine Hazlett and seconded by Denis Hodson and was elected to the Committee.

Community Events: The Griffith Avenue Mile

Mark Stanley were welcomed by the AHAA Committee to speak at the AGM. Mark noted that the Griffith Avenue Mile would not have been possible without the support from the AHAA. He noted that it will be the 6th race this year with c. 2000 participants. He noted that this year's event will take place on Sunday 20th September and encouraged sponsorship and support from the local community. Mark had 3 asks of members:

- Please participate in the event in 2026 by running or walking
- Please volunteer at the event
- Please support the event financially if possible.

Catherine Hazlett noted that the Committee had been delighted to have been associated with the event and will continue to support in whatever way possible into the future, including through volunteering.

He said that the GAM has been designated as a one-mile race in the Athletics Ireland National One Mile Championship which is a great achievement.

AOB.

Gavin Power Griffith Avenue – flooding issues

Gavin outlined the flooding problems in this part of Griffith Avenue. A number of issues were identified, such as shores too small on the northern side of the road; shore on the wrong side of the Avenue; run off from Griffith Wood Apartments in heavy rain. Discussion took place. Councillor Donna Cooney undertook to show the video of the flooding Gavin experienced to the officials.

Poor driving and parking at Dominican college

Seamus Hanney who was not present raised via email the issue of poor parking and driving on the footpath opposite Dominican College by parents who are collecting their children from school. A general discussion took place. Some suggestions included asking the school to ask the parents to stop parking badly; installation of bollards; school wardens (Cllr Deirdre Heney); Traffic Wardens, New legislation may be required for "dangerous parking" offence (Cllr Donna Cooney).

All Hallows boundary wall at Church Ave

Robert McCutcheon said this wall has deteriorated since April 2023 when DCU allocated funding. He will follow up with DCU.

No 73 Bus

Denis reported on complaints from residents particularly older residents regarding services and rerouting away from O'Connell St and the problems of the Gardiner St bus stops. Cllr Deirdre Heney said that transport policy was alienating older people. The policy makers are not interested in the needs of older people, she said.

Councillor Kevin Breen said that the bus companies measures of success do not take into account the human dimension.

Councillor Donna Cooney spoke of up to three-month delays in getting answers to correspondence from Bus companies/TII/NTA.

Councillor Allison Field said the bus services were not serving the needs of older people.

General Public Transport issues

Philip Hamell said there should be a simple map explaining the new bus routes dropped into peoples' doors. Communications were poor he said.

Donal O Brolcháin asked why there was a delay in the Swords Bus Connect route. Councillor Janet Horner explained that a judicial review had delayed it.

Sabrina O'Donnell noted that tour buses in Dublin City Centre took up a lot of space and wondered could anything be done about them?

The AGM concluded at 9.30pm