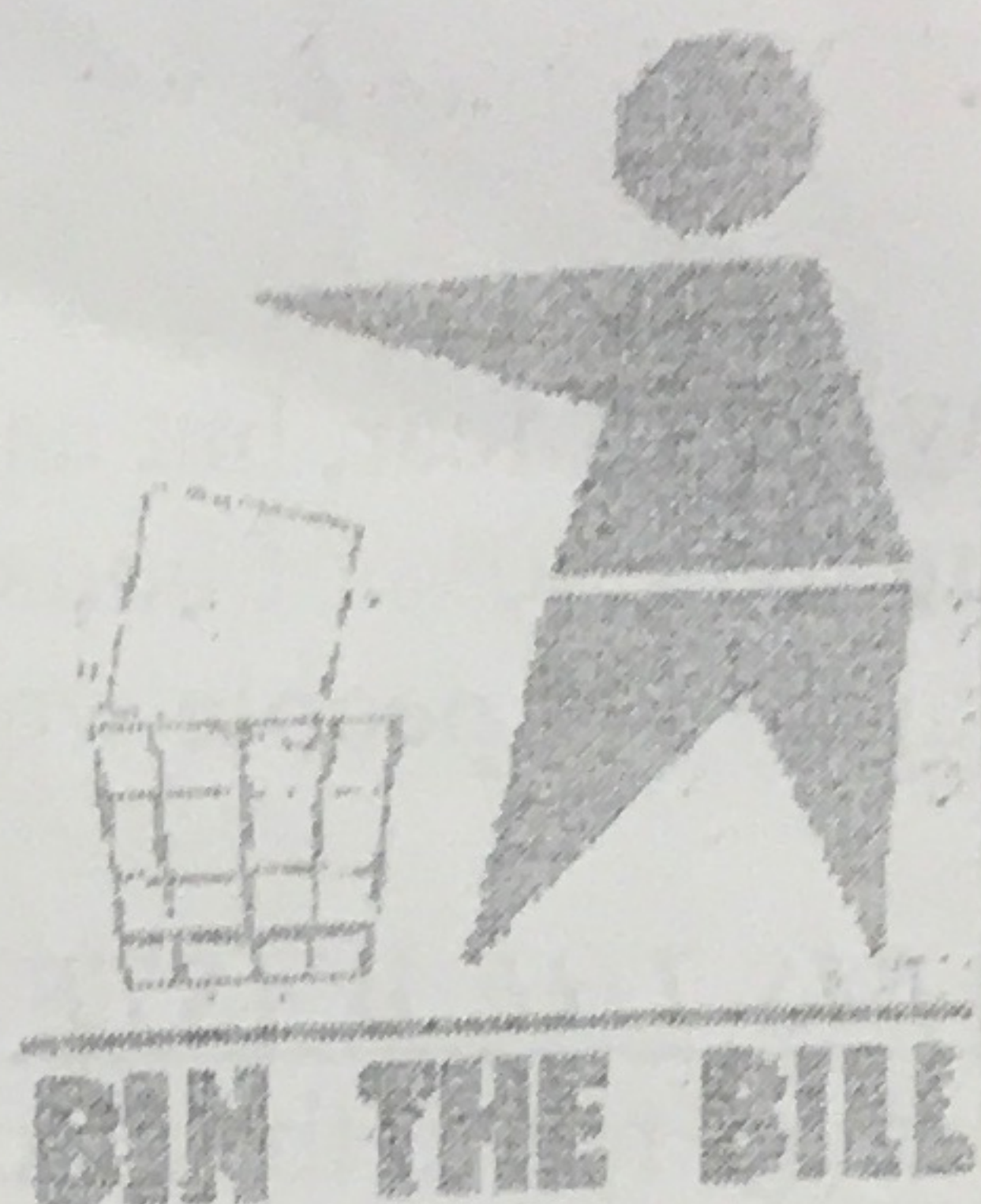


CRUMLIN ANTI-BIN TAX CAMPAIGN

**MONSTER MEETING, THE TRANSPORT CLUB,
CLOGHER RD, 8.15pm TUESDAY 1st Of APRIL**



12/03/2003

Dear Member

WE WON'T BE INTIMIDATED BY THREATS OF NON-COLLECTION OF OUR WASTE

In Response to the Governments threat to change the Constitution through the Dail the CRUMLIN, WALKINSTOWN campaigns are organising a monster meeting in The Transport Club to challenge the change in Waste legislation. We want to pressurise the T.D'S in South Central particularly the F.F. T.D'S as Fianna Fail and the P.D's can carry this vote with their majority in the Dail . We want to pressurise the T.D's with a show of strength in numbers and to let them feel the huge opposition to this Double Tax (and any other taxes like Water Charges etc) in South Central. We want to tell them that in the event that they vote for the new Waste legislation your Crumlin Anti-Bin Tax Campaign with the Dublin City campaign will let every household know how they voted and that they support double taxation and the intimidation of ordinary people. We want to challenge them in relation to "waste management". We want to put them under pressure. Our message is "**ALL BINS COLLECTED OR NO BINS COLLECTED**". We want to ask the Drimnagh and Terenure/harolds X campaigns to link into this meeting. There are about 1500-1800 members in the area.

If one person from every household turns up it would be a huge show of strength to the T.D's and the political establishment. If two shows up from every house it would be a massive show of strength. In other words every member of the Campaign should turn up on 1st of April to support the campaign and yourselves and your neighbours. Mark this date on your calendar 8.15pm Transport club, Clogher Road, Tuesday, April the 1st. Tell your neighbours, bring your friends. Be there, let the Politicians know that we are not paying and we are angry. All the other campaigns in Dublin City are organising similar meetings in their areas. If the meeting is small it will send out a message to the politicians that this is not an issue with people. I know that is not the case from talking to people on the doorsteps and at meetings. We need **you** to pull yourself away from Coronation Street, organise baby minders, cancel your bingo or football and be there.

CAMPAIGN SUCESSFULLY FRUSTRATES CITY COUNCIL

As you may be aware a number of areas in Dublin City have been targeted by the City Council with summonses for non-payment of our Bin Tax bills. They seem to be targeting areas where we don't have strong campaigns and think that because of that householders will be intimidated by the summons. That has not been the case. In Raheny where a number of summonses went out a couple of weeks ago the campaign organised a meeting in the Old Sheiling hotel where over 150 people turned up. The Campaign represented the cases and got them adjourned on the basis that the High Court case is pending (no date set yet). The Campaign is now set up in Raheny where local residents are organising membership etc. Similarly in Ashington on the Navan Road summonses were sent out, a meeting held and the Campaign will look for adjournment of these cases. So our tactic of frustrating the Council in the Courts is proving very effective.

MASS NON-PAYMENT IS WORKING

The level of non-payment is still huge our figures from before Xmas were that 74% of householders had not paid. Obviously a number of households were intimidated by the threatening letter just before Xmas and some

did pay out of fear, but as the Minister of the Environment Martin Cullen has publicly stated "he can not tolerate over 50% of households not paying". This from a man who only a month or so earlier was saying that the majority of people were paying the charge!!!!

WHAT IS THE WASTE LEGISLATION BILL?

This brings me to the next point. Because of the huge non-payment after 2 years and the fact that we are frustrating them in the Courts, it would obviously take years to bring over 60,000 households to court, the Government are now going on a new tactic. Martin Cullen announced recently that Bin Charges will be €700 and the Government want to re-introduce a Water Tax and possibly a Local Authority Tax. **Householders could be facing bills of €1500 with in the next few years.** When the majority of City Councillors refused to vote through the increased Bin Tax (an increase of 30%) for 2003, the City Manager, under the direction of Martin Cullen, threatened to **abolish** the Council and run the City with an unelected commissioner!!! The Council caved in after 3 meetings by vote management and the Lord Mayor, Dermot Lacey using his casting vote to carry it. Obviously the Government are worried that Councils may actually in future vote down Local Authority Taxes or oppose the building of incinerators and possibly be a democratic check on them and many Councillors are worried that opposition on these issues from the people who elected them might see them ousted at the next Local Elections (2003)

The waste legislation Bill

1. Legislates for tougher measures on illegal dumping (hospital waste etc)
2. Legislates for the Minister to implement the non-collection of waste of householders for non-payment.

At the moment the Council must collect our waste

3. legislates for the planning decision's to be taken out of the local Council's and into the control of the City managers and Board Pleannala

These are undemocratic measures and 1. Let's Local Councillor's off the hook in relation to important decision's and 2. Gives unprecedented power's to unelected official's on key issue's like incineration and other controversial planning. But more importantly it will give power to the Minister to impose the non-collection of waste to intimidate householders for non-payment.

Campaigns response ALL BIN'S COLLECTED OR NO BIN'S COLLECTED

The Dublin city Campaign will immediately respond to any attempt not to collect with a determined an organised campaign to force the Government to back down. We are in contact with the Fingal, Dublin South, Dunlaoire/Rathdown, Drogheda and Cork Campaigns to organise a joint response.

We will be organising a protest in the run up to the change in legislation (we think around end of April) and in all areas we will be organising protests at local T.D'S clinic's and appealing top member's to phone, write or E Mail local T.D's to put them under pressure.

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LOCAL PROTEST ON F.F. CLINIC'S for Walkinstown, Crumlin, Drimnagh, Terenure/Harold's X Campaign's

MICHAEL MULCAHY CRUMLIN SHOPPING CENTRE 6.30 FRIDAY 21st MARCH
SEAN ARDAGH 168 WALKINSTOWN ROAD 5.30 TUESDAY 25th MARCH

Unity is strength

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