

Organised mass non-payment can defeat the double tax

The Council, after voting the bin tax in for the third year, is set on collecting as much money as possible from it.

They can't afford the 74% level of non-payment to continue. Like before, they will resort to scare tactics such as threatening letters and even summonses to court.

When the Council tried this before, in the battle against water charges in the mid 90s, the campaign was successful in fending off these threats and defending people in court and went on to defeat the charges.

This campaign can do the same. So far, the solicitors of the campaign have successfully tied the Council up in knots over the legality of the charges. As a result, a High Court case is pending. This means that you MUST contact the campaign to be defended.

It is crucial that the campaign is

organised in every street, every estate, so that people know who to contact, get the proper information and don't panic.

The Council's disgraceful tactics play on people's genuine fear of being brought to court and being left on their own.

The water charges campaign has shown that this is not the case. A mass campaign of non-payment, when people stand together, can defy the courts.

The Campaign against the Bin Tax has through its membership fees built up a "war chest" to pay for solicitors. The more people join, the stronger we stand: not just financially, but also by extending our network of activists all over Dublin City.

We can win this battle over unjust taxation, but we have to be prepared to fight it all the way.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: contact the campaign if you get any further correspondence from the Council
Phone Joan Collins 087 7758942

How the local councillors voted:

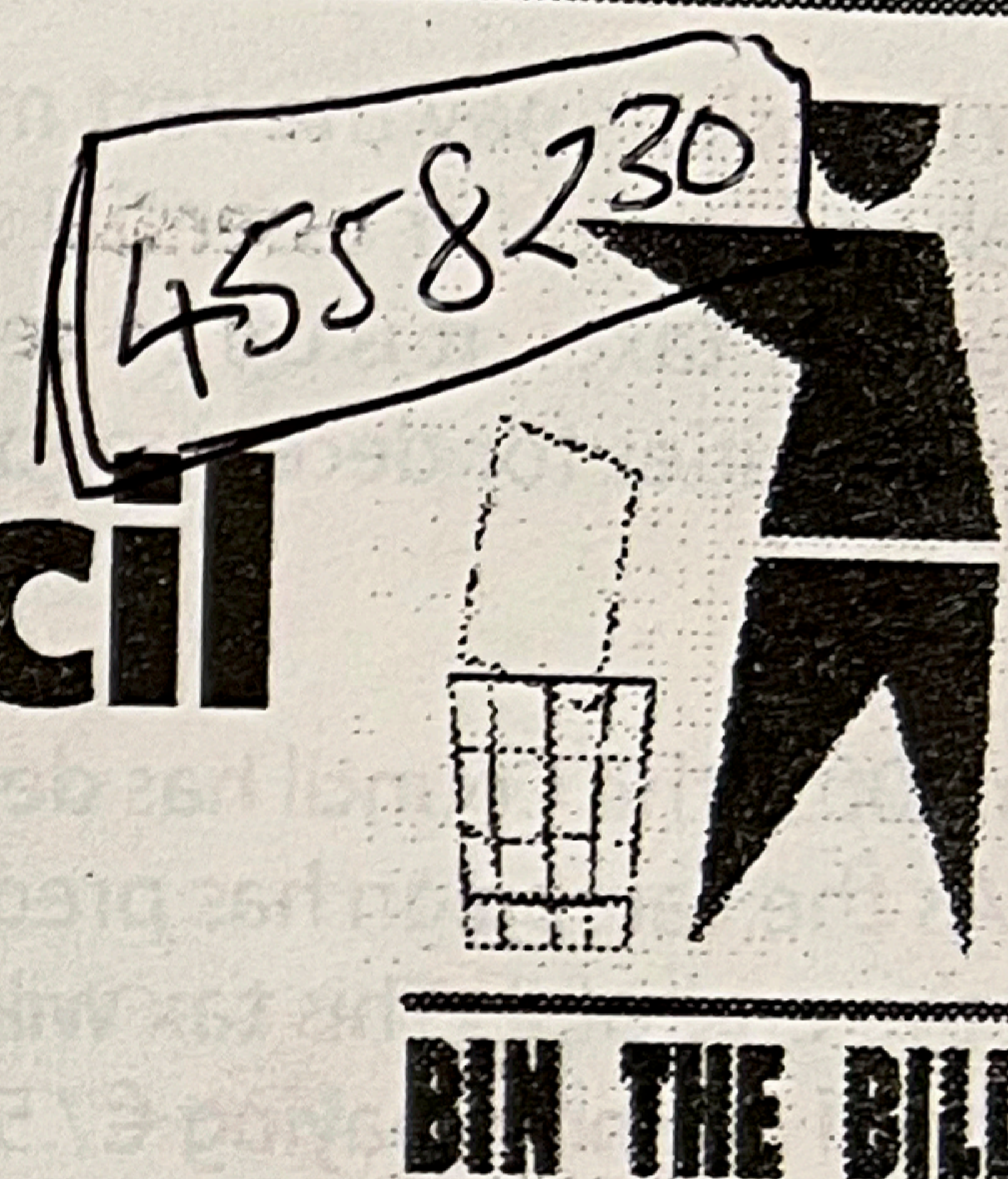
The City Council voted in an increase of 30% on the bin tax for 2003 by 23-24 votes. Fianna Fáil and the Greens voted en masse for them. One Fine Gael councillor voted for them. Three Labour councillors were missing. One Labour councillor voted for them. Obviously personal careers and maintaining the bin charges were a priority for these parties, rather than standing by the people of Dublin.

Our local councillors: Michael Mulcahy and Sean Ardagh (FF) voted FOR them, Ruari McGinley, Gay Mitchel (FG) and Eric Byrne (Lab) voted AGAINST.

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Harolds Cross - Dublin 6 - Terenure against the Bin Tax

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Yes, it's official. Dublin 6, Harolds Cross and Terenure Anti-Bin Tax Campaign is now organised and set up in our area. From a meeting held on the 12th of Febuary we set up our Campaign to organise and support households who are determined not to pay the bin tax bill. We are affiliated to the All Dublin Campaign, which is extra support for us, as 23 campaigns have so far been established in Dublin City. Unity is strength.

74% of people didn't pay the bin charges for 2002, there is mass non-payment of this double tax, that is why the Council sent their threatening letters just before Christmas and why they may send out summonses to householders in the area. It is also why Minister Cullen has said that he will bring in new legislation to allow the Council's not to collect the bins of non payers.

We are still not paying 'again' for services that we have already paid for through PAYE and VAT. We need to rganise ourseves in this area, join your the campaign, volunteer to drop leaflets, come to the Boxing Club on Neagh Road on Monday evenings @ 9 pm.

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- 74% of people didn't pay the bin charges for 2002. Mass non-payment is a fact.

- PAYE workers pay the vast majority of taxes in this country. We have already paid for essential services like refuse collection through our taxes, it is up to central government to properly fund local authorities for decent public services. The bin tax is a double tax.

- For 2003, the Council has decided to increase the charges by 30%. As the campaign has predicted, the introduction of a charge is not the end of it. This tax will go up year after year – people in Waterford are now paying €7.50 per bin!

- The Council's claim that this was an environmental tax, is now badly exposed. The 30% increase is to make up for the cut backs in the Budget!

- In a desperate attempt to get the money out of people, the Council sent out thousands of threatening letters in the week before Christmas. Rather than listening to the people, all the Council is doing is resort to scare tactics to bully people into paying.

- Already there is talk of reintroducing water charges and other local taxes once they get the bin tax through. A government

report states that they hope to charge up to 650 euro for essential services! We have to make a stand now.

- This is privatisation through the back door. Once the service is "profitable", it will be sold off for a song to private operators. They will do away with waivers, cut the service (and jobs) and increase the charge. We stand with the council workers to oppose this.

- We are not on our own. Harolds Cross, Dublin 6 and Terenure Against the Bin Tax is part of the All-Dublin Campaign (organised all over the City), which has connections with non-payment campaigns in Fingal, Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown, Dublin South and elsewhere.

- By joining the Campaign against the Bin Tax for €6 per household (€3 low income), you contribute to building the legal defence fund so all our members get legal representation.

- By getting all our families, workmates and neighbours to join the campaign and refuse to pay this unjust double tax, we will make it uncollectible.

- Every householder who is not paying this tax should join the campaign, but not just that. Will you help to distribute campaign leaflets on your street, sign up your neighbours? To defeat this tax we need people power in action. Now is the time to organise your

Join the campaign, contact Joan Collins @ 087 7758942,

We meet Monday nights in the Boxing club, Neagh Road, 9 pm. Phone for details

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