

DEPUTATION MEETING MINUTES

Date & Time: 26th October 2016 @ 3pm

Deputation Group: Cherryfield Residents Association

Councillors Present:	Cllr. Paul Foley Cllr. Dermot Looney Cllr. Pamela Kearns Apologies: Cllr. Francis Noel Duffy Cllr. Deirdre O'Donovan
Deputation:	Mary Lee Deirdre Currivan
Council Officials Present:	
Máire Ni Dhomhnaill	Environment, Water & Climate Change
Michael Glynn	Land Use Planning & Transportation
Jim Kennelly	Land Use Planning & Transportation
Brian Carroll	Housing, Social & Community Development
Pamela Hughes	Housing, Social & Community Development
Lindsay Gahan	Housing, Social & Community Development

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. Paul Foley.

1) Footpaths uplifted by trees.

The Group begin by stating that they had raised the issue of footpaths in their estate with South Dublin County Council at their previous Deputation meeting in 2008, the Group had also written to SDCC regarding the same issue in 2013. The Group had been informed by way of letter that the estate had been included in the Roadworks Programme in 2014 & 2015. The Group had also been informed on other occasions that repairs were to be carried out but to date these works have not taken place. The Group acknowledge that works on Ramps and Resurfacing of Roads has taken place. The Group wrote to SDCC again in May & July of this year but have received no response to date to both letters.

Michael Glynn of the Land Use Planning & Transportation Department responds to the Group to confirm that the contracts are in place and works will start in November. The contractor will be carrying out repair works on along Cherryfield Road. Further works will take place subsequent to works being carried out on trees.

Cllr. Dermot Looney states that additional works will need to take place on all Roads and Footpaths in the Cherryfield and Beechfield Estates.

Cllr. Pamela Kearns requests a list of repairs that have been carried out to date and the planned works.

2) Trees in the estate.

The Group outline the issues affecting the area due to some larger, older trees situated in the estate including fallen trees, uplifted paths undermining foundations on boundary walls & the foundations of Residents houses, some trees are leaning in toward Residents houses while others are meeting in the middle of the Road which blocks light from Public Lighting columns. If trees are beyond pruning the Group would like a programme of removal and more suitable trees replacing them. The Group requests that a Tree survey is carried out.

Máire Ni Dhomhnaill from the Environment, Water & Climate Change Department tells the Group that she had made a site visit to the estates and said that she could see that no maintenance had been carried out for some time. Ms. Ni Dhomhnaill then explains the Councils Tree Management Policy “Living with Trees” to the Group and the process of surveying and producing a maintenance programme. Ms. Ni Dhomhnaill proposes that the Cherryfield/Beechfield area including the Avenue, Drive & Grove be included in the 2017 Tree Maintenance programme.

Cllr. Paul Foley explains to the Group that if their estate is approved in the programme for a particular year, the works will be carried out in the calendar year.

Cllr. Pamela Kearns asks if a time could be given for when the survey of trees will be carried out.

Ms. Ni Dhomhnaill replies to say that if the estate is put on the 2017 programme it can be prioritised for an early survey once the 2016 programme is complete.

3) Parking on Beechfield Road for matches.

The Group explain that the pitches in Beechfield Park are let by South Dublin County Council to teams from outside the Walkinstown area and as a result players from both home and away teams have to be driven to fixtures taking place at Beechfield Park. Large volumes of cars are parking on Grass Verges, Double Yellow Lines and on pathways outside pedestrian gateways to people's homes. The cars are so closely parked, it would be impossible for an emergency vehicle to gain access if required. There is also an increase of litter in the area due to discarded bottles etc. The Group have emailed the Council to request a copy of the agreement for between SDCC and the clubs but the Group have not received a reply. The Group ask that the Council look at how pitches are let and that particular agreement as discussed be reviewed.

Mr. Jim Kennelly Land Use Planning & Transportation replies to the Group to explain that there is no facility available to improve parking on match days. Measures such as installing Double Yellow Lines or Bollards on footpaths could be utilised but this would also impact on the Residents. The Council would be prepared to listen to any suggestions coming from the Group to install measures to improve the situation.

Cllr. Dermot Looney suggests other good parking locations for the Teams such as the Ashleaf Centre or Whitehall Road West. The Council could make these suggestions to the club. The Councillors could also bring the issues to the Traffic Management meeting where the Gardaí will be present and enforcement can be discussed if illegal and dangerous parking is taking place.

Cllr. Pamela Kearns states that it is important to reach a compromise with the clubs as everyone wants the pitches to be used.

Cllr. Paul Foley tells the Group that the Councilors will take the issues discussed to the Parks Departments responsible for the allocation of pitches.

Cllr. Looney also suggests two longer term solutions (1) that there may be scope for Car Parking Facilities at the proposed Sports Pavilion and also (2) the need for rejuvenation of Cherryfield United FC.