

## **DEPUTATION MEETING REPORT**

**Date & Time:** Tuesday the 21st of April 2026 @ 11.30am

**Deputation Group:** Church Lane Residents Association.

**Deputation Group attendees:** Maire Redmond & Bronagh Synnott.

**Elected Members:** Cllr Yvonne Collins, Cllr Lynn McCrave, Cllr Paddy Cosgrave, Cllr David McManus.

**Council Officials:** Richard McCormack, (A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads / Traffic Management), Brendan Redmond, (Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Public Realm South), Cat Savage, (Assistant Parks & Landscape Officer, Public Realm South), Stefan Sprinceana, ( District Supervisor of Parks, Public Realm South), Ger Staunton, (A/Senior Executive Engineer, Natural Water), Farhan Nasiem, (Senior Executive Engineer, Traffic/Road Maintenance/Road Safety), Catherine White (SSO Community Dept), Alison Somerville (SO Community Dept), Kelly Fitzgerald (ASO Community Dept), Abdullahi Mahamuud (CO Community Dept).

### **Cllr Yvonne Collins presided.**

Items Discussed

#### **Item 1 – Footpath repairs and road surface at Woodview Cottages and Church Lane, Rathfarnham.**

The surfaces of the paths and roads in the area were discussed. The road experiences a lot of traffic, which over time has led to the deterioration of the road, potholes have been periodically filled throughout the years, but this no longer suffices and the group outlined the need for a complete resurfacing. The residents walked the area with Cllr Cosgrove who pointed out that there is no drainage on one side of the road.

*Richie McCormack (A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads / Traffic Management) replied to the groups query.*

**Commitment given:** The manager outlined that the area has been inspected and the findings were discussed with the Area Engineer. The Area Engineer has confirmed that Church Lane and Woodview Cottages will be considered for resurfacing for 2027, as the 2026 programme has already been finalised.

In relation to the footpaths, the managers observation was that some bays need repair but are not currently on the programme of works for this year. The manager stated the next time the direct labour crews are in the area they will repair the worst of the bays, and the remaining bays will be added to the 2027 footpath repair programme.

The manager clarified that while he mentions repair it would be a replacement of the bays.

**Item 2 – Maintenance of the Public Realm, grass cutting and the north of Woodview Cottages and behind the cottages along the Dodder Road. Can the rubbish bin be replaced at the corner of Church Lane.**

The group outlined that the demographic of the area has aged significantly, and they are no longer able to maintain the area as much as they have been. They are requesting that the Council take on the responsibility of maintaining the grass cutting and the verges. They also highlighted the need for general maintenance of the area at Rosary Walk.

The issue around the removal of the bin from the corner of Church Lane was discussed, the community feel that there has been an increase in littering since the removal of the bin.

*Brendan Redmond, (Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Public Realm South), replied to the groups query.*

**Commitment given:** The manager confirmed that the responsibility of the grass cutting can be taken over by the team. The manager asked permission for a contact number of one of the groups representatives be passed on to the District Supervisor, Stefan Sprinceana, to define the scope of the area that needs to be attended to.

Replacement of bin: The manager confirmed that the bin was removed due to operational concerns around the health and safety of emptying the bin and alternative replacement locations identified. The litter management installation protocol states that bins are not generally installed within 400 meters of each other. There are 3 bins in this vicinity, one 37m, another 67m and a further bin 125m away from the requested location. The manager reiterated the Councils position that as per health & safety and in line with litter management protocol the Council will not replace the bin in said location nor are they in a position to install another bin within that location. The manager confirmed that they will request the staff member based in Rathfarnham Village to check the area in terms of litter more frequently and to request the litter warden to also do checks of the area.

**Item 3 – Maintenance of Owendoher stream, removal of fallen trees and improvement of the flood wall along Rosary Walk.**

Considering the recent flooding the group outlined their concerns in relation to the flood wall, this wall only extends as far as the entrance to Rosary Walk and the rest of the area is left exposed.

The general state of the location was also discussed, in relation to fallen trees and litter in the river. Tidy Towns do try to cover the area, but they are inundated with work.

*Ger Staunton, (A/Senior Executive Engineer, Natural Water) replied to the groups query.*

**Commitment given:** The manager got clarification on the precise location the group referenced in relation to the flood wall at Rosary Walk. The manager will request an inspection of the area in relation to maintenance and fallen trees, if the trees are deemed to cause a significant flood risk, the tree will be removed immediately. If it's not a flood risk, they will be removed as part of the in-stream works in the season from July to September. The manager requested that the group submit a customer care query in relation to the land that is not directly at the stream to request maintenance.

In relation to the extension of the flood wall, the manager spoke to David Grant, who looks after the flood alleviation scheme. He confirmed that this is on the list of capital works with the OPW, but he cannot provide a timeframe.

**Item 4 – Request for traffic calming signage and children at play signage to limit car speeds.**

The group discussed the need for traffic calming signage, specifically slow down signs and children at play signs. Local parking signs and extending the area for parking was also discussed.

*Farhan Nasiem, (Senior Executive Engineer, Traffic/Road Maintenance/Road Safety) replied to the groups query.*

**Commitment given:** The manager explained that the appropriate signage and road markings are already in place and that there would be no further installations. Slow zone signs were already installed in 2015 when the speed limit in housing estates was reduced.

In relation to additional parking spaces, the national guidelines and policies state that no additional parking should be added to encourage people into active travel initiatives, the manager said that that it is not Council policy to install new parking spaces. He will take their comments on board, but no commitment can be made in relation to parking. The manager also outlined that resident only parking signs are only enforceable with the appropriate parking byelaws.

\*The meeting ended as there was no other business\*