

DEPUTATION MEETING MINUTES

Date & Time: 22nd November at 4pm

Deputation Group: Kingswood Heights Residents Association

Councillors Present:	Cllr. M. Duff Cllr. C. O'Connor Cllr. C. McCann Cllr. K. Mahon Apologies: Cllr. Francis Noel Duffy
Deputation:	Breda Brennan Nicola Brennan Anna Quinn Peter Fitzpatrick
Council Officials Present:	
Leo Magee	Environment Water & Climate Change
Paul Allen	Environment Water & Climate Change
Vincent Heywood	Land Use Planning and Transportation
Sheila Kelly	Land Use Planning & Transportation
Brian Carroll	Housing, Social & Community Development
Carol McDonnell	Housing, Social & Community Development

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. Duff.

At the outset, the group thanked South Dublin County Council (SDCC) for all the amenities in their area, including the playground and the great work done by SDCC to date.

1) Parking problems in Kingswood

The group highlighted parking problems in Kingswood Heights due to the following:

- Soccer Teams parking on Tymon Hall Grove to access Ballymount Park when the gates are closed, blocking the residents driveways.
- Luas passengers parking around the Primary School and the maintenance of yellow lines at those locations.

The group asked about the possibility of getting mirrors on junctions to assist car users exiting the estate.

Mr. Vincent Heywood of the Land Use Planning and Transportation department responded to the above concerns enquiring about the frequency of soccer teams parking outside Ballymount Park.

The group advised that this happens when the soccer season commences around April/May each year.

Mr. Heywood agreed to arrange an evening inspection in April/May 2018 to ascertain the depth of the issue.

Cllr. Duff advised that details pertaining to double yellow lines at local schools can be raised with council management at the Tallaght Area Committee Meeting to be held on Monday, 27th November.

The possibility of installing mirrors at road junction was raised by the group.

Mr. Heywood advised that SDCC does not supply mirrors, highlighting that while traffic calming is in place and it is still safe for cars to come out at this junction, the location can be revisited with a view to providing staggering double yellow lines as this is a wide road.

Ms. Sheila Kelly of the Land Use Planning and Transportation department also suggested that a pay and display system could be an option to reduce parking issues.

Cllr. Mahon concurred that yellow lines can be discussed at Traffic Management Meeting and also stating that pay and display would not be an option favourable to residents.

Cllr. McCann highlighted the very successful recent installation of parking lines alongside the LUAS line at Tallaght Hospital.

Mr. Heywood concurred, also advising that the reducing of speed in this area could be beneficial.

2) Tennis Courts

The group highlighted the state of disrepair of the Tennis Courts, and asked if works including resurfacing, could be done to bring these courts back to their former glory. The group advised that the Tennis Courts were left unlocked for the past number of years and have since fallen into a bad state of repair.

Mr. Leo Magee of the Environment Water & Climate Change department advised that in order for SDCC to spend money revamping these courts, there would need to be a committee or club in place to monitor and take charge of these courts, suggesting that perhaps Tennis Ireland could be contacted with a view to coming on board. Mr. Magee agreed to liaise with group regarding revamping of the Tennis Courts with the view of a committee or club in place to monitor & take charge of these Tennis Courts.

3) Ballymount Park

The group raised the issue of graffiti on benches, over grown greenery around the lake, nature signs that need upgrading and the possibility of a jetty/platform being built onto the lake.

Mr. Paul Allen of the Environment Water & Climate Change department advised that he will meet with residents on site to examine the shrubbery and the nature signs with a view to getting new signage, upgrading the green areas and also to explore what options may be available regarding the installation of a jetty/platform. Mr. Allen will also arrange to have graffiti removed and shrubbery cleaned up.

Mr. Magee suggested that it might be an idea to invite Heritage Officer on site also.

The group also asked about the possibility of lighting up Kingswood Castle area. The group enquired if the money (€40,000) allocated previously was still available.

Mr. Magee advised that he was not aware of any monies allocated to this but will discuss the issue with SDCC's Architectural Conservational Officer.

Cllr. Duff and Cllr. O'Connor concurred that they were not aware of any funding allocated in this area.

4) The Black Path

The group highlighted issues including over grown grass areas, (map of area handed around) and requested resurfacing of black path area, lighting issues and dumping of rubbish.

Mr. Magee advised that he would look at this area with a view to costing works associated to include in next year's works programme, highlighting that lighting for this area would prove more costly. Mr. Magee will also arrange for a clean-up of the area.

Mr. Allen concurred stressing, that in order to eliminate dumping, it is necessary to identify persons dumping rubbish.

5) Commitments given at Deputation meeting

Mr. Heywood to arrange an evening inspection in April/May 2018 to ascertain depth of parking issues around Ballymount Park.

Mr. Magee to liaise with group regarding revamping of Tennis Courts and ensuring a committee or club in place to monitor and take charge of these courts.

Mr. Allen to meet with residents to examine the shrubbery and the nature signs with a view to getting new signage and upgrading of green areas and also explore what options may be available regarding the installation of a jetty/platform, also arrange to have graffiti removed and shrubbery cleaned up. SDCC Heritage Officer to be invited on site also as per Mr. Magee.

Mr. Magee to talk to Architectural Conservational Officer about any monies previously allocated to Kingswood Castle.

Mr. Magee to look at the Black Path area with a view to costing works associated to include in next year's work programme, also to arrange a clean-up of the area.