

## DEPUTATION MEETING MINUTES

**Date & Time:** 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016 @ 2pm

**Deputation Group:** Glendown Residents Association

<b>Councillors Present:</b>	Cllr. Paul Foley Cllr. Enda Fanning Cllr. Dermot Looney  Apologies: Cllr. Francis Duffy Cllr. Deirdre O'Donovan
<b>Deputation:</b>	Nora Ellard Tim Flynn Eamon Griffin
<b>Council Officials Present:</b>	
Máire Ni Dhomhnaill	Environment, Water & Climate Change
Gabriel McGee	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) Boundary Wall on Templeville Road in bad state of repair.**

The Group address the meeting regarding the disrepair of the main boundary wall that runs down Templeville Road and ends at the entrance of Glendown Drive. There is repeated issues with plaster falling off the wall and incidents with graffiti. The Group asks that the Council use its resources to re-plaster the wall back to its original state.

Michael Glynn from South Dublin County Council's Land Use Planning & Transportation department replied to the Group to say that boundary walls are usually not in the charge of Roads Department. This particular boundary wall would be deemed to be the property of the various houses along the various roads i.e. Glendown Green, Glendown Close and Glendown Grove that side onto Templeville Drive.

The Group dispute the reply and state that a letter had been sent to Residents by the Council indemnifying their works with regard to cleaning of graffiti. The Group also state that the wall facing a green space will be the Councils responsibility.

Mr. Glynn agrees that there is one section which could be deemed to be the Council's responsibility, it is the section closest to the Walkinstown Roundabout, directly over the River Poddle on Glendown Grove. The missing piece of plaster could be referred to the Public Realm section in this case.

The Group asks for clarification, if the sections of the wall in the estate that back onto Roads and not Private Property .i.e. at Glendown Green & Glendown Close, should these sections be in control of the Council?

Mr. Glynn says that Glendown Green is possibly a section that could be in the control of the Council.

The Group state that lack of expansion joints used in the wall and the volume of traffic has caused this issue of cracking on the walls and the broken plaster.

Cllr. Paul Foleys suggests a site visit by the Council to the wall to establish what their responsibility is and what the cost would be to rectify the damage.

Mr. Glynn agrees to a site meeting.

## **2) Trees in Glendown Estate.**

The Group have been in communication with SDCC regarding the removal of trees & stumps and those issues have been addressed. The Group ask that the Council collaborate with the Group for the replacement of trees in the estate, using appropriate trees and in a planned fashion. The Group states that there are trees in the estate that still need to be assessed and there is also issues with particular trees in the estate and the Group would like advice on how to deal with these.

The Group also address the issue of the extensive planting of trees at the rear of Glendown Crescent and these trees have now grown to huge heights, blocking light into houses and depositing large amounts of leaves into Residents gardens. The Group ask that the Council thin out and fell the tops of the trees.

Ms. Máire Ni Dhomhnaill of the Environment, Water & Climate Change Department acknowledges the list of tree stumps that have been sent to the Council by the Group. Ms. Ni Dhomhnaill then explains the Council's Tree Management Policy "Living with Trees" to the Group and the process for surveying and producing a maintenance programme. Ms. Ni Dhomhnaill proposes that Glendown is listed for a future Tree Programme, possibly in 2017. Ms. Ni Dhomhnaill also proposes that the area is included in the 2017/2018 Tree Planting programme. Ms. Ni Dhomhnaill explains that the programmes will be brought before the Area Committees for approval in Spring of next year.

The Group ask is there any scope for action on trees that need immediate attention .i.e. that may be a danger to the public.

Ms. Ni Dhomhnaill explains there is currently one tree crew working on the programme. Any dangerous trees or trees that need to be removed as an emergency can be looked at but there is a reluctance to move crews away from their current work because moving crews has a significant impact due to Health & Safety requirements of Traffic Management plans etc.

Cllr. Pamela Kearns states that it is her understanding that another crew will be in place next year.

### **3) Drainage on Glendown Road (Opposite Garage)**

The Group outline issues with flooding at the Park where the exercise equipment is on Glendown Road opposite the garage. The area is a popular amenity with Residents but with the Winter months coming and increased rainfall, there will be flooding in the area. The Group are looking for a solution so that the exercise equipment and pathway can be used all year.

It is established that the necessary Council Official is not in attendance and that the Group will be offered another Deputation meeting at a later date to discuss the issues.

### **4) Ramps on Glendown Road.**

The Group explain that there are two roundabouts on Glendown Road and a set of traffic lights between those ramps. As there is a considerable distance between the two ramps, motorists pick up speed between the two locations. The Group are in favour of a third ramp being placed in between the two existing ramps.

Mr. Jim Kennelly from the Land Use Planning & Transportation department replies to say that Council will be going to tender for ramps soon for the whole County on a reduced scale to the previous 2/3 years. The lists for ramps which include Glendown Road will be brought to the next Area Committee Meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> November. Recommendations will be made at that meeting.

### **5) Footpath & Lights at rear of Glendown Crescent.**

The Group states that the area for discussion is between Templeville Road and Glendown Grove. The Residents see this area as both an amenity and an access route. The Group state that area is used frequently both during the day and at night. The area is used a lot by people using the bus routes as the position of the bus stop makes it a short route for people coming from the estates. The Group feel that there is a risk to Residents using the area as there is no adequate lighting. The Group estimate that two lighting columns would be adequate to fully light the area and improve the safety and security of Residents using the area.

Ms. Ni Dhomhnaill replies to the Group to say that she will survey the trees in the area and look at any maintenance that is required. Ms. Ni Dhomhnaill will refer the issue the Public Lighting Section to see if something can be done about the lighting in the area.

The Group state that the area is used as an amenity as well. There is a need to cut back the edging on the footpath.

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Cllr. Foley states that both issues will be put as headed items on the December Area Committee Meeting.