

## DEPUTATION MEETING MINUTES

**Date & Time**                      **23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 @ 3pm**

**Deputation Group:**              **Kilnamanagh Neighbourhood Watch**

Councillors Present	Cllr Deirdre O'Donovan Cllr Mick Duff Cllr Martina Genockey Cllr Cora McCann Cllr Mick Murphy Cllr Charlie O'Connor
Deputation	John Conroy, Thyes Kavanagh, Pat Ennis, Grainne Begley and Patrick McEvoy
Laurence Colleran	Environment Water & Climate Change
Eamon Harnett	Environment Water & Climate Change
Mary Maguire	Environment Water & Climate Change
Caroline O'Reilly	Environment Water & Climate Change
Brian Leonard	Housing Social & Community Development
Pamela Hughes	Housing Social & Community Development
Ann Ryan	Housing Social & Community Development
Karen O'Neill	Housing Social & Community Development

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Mick Duff.

### **Items discussed**

1. Update on site meeting regarding area opposite Tamarisk Drive/Elmcastle Park.
2. Discussion on the future use of area opposite Tamarisk Drive/Elmcastle Park for Sports Clubs or a Sports Pavilion.
3. The facilitation of a meeting between various agencies to discuss bonfires on the Tamarisk Drive/Elmcastle Park site.
4. Short term securing of the Tamarisk Drive/Elmcastle Park site during the Halloween period.
5. Request for SDCC to liaise with Transport Infrastructure Ireland regarding the boundary wall and fencing at Tamarisk Park/M50.

## **Item 1**

Officials informed the group that the survey had been completed and was available for circulation.

## **Item 2**

The group requested the provision of pavilion and toilet facilities.

Mary Maguire of the Environment Water & Climate Change department stated that there had been previous meetings with the Soccer and GAA clubs. She went on to inform the group that the land in question was not in South Dublin County Council (SDCC) ownership which prohibits SDCC in making a Sports Capital Grant application. There has yet to be a new call for funding through the Sports Capital Programme. The Environment Water & Climate Change Department will continue to liaise and collaborate with sporting groups for Sports Capital funding.

The group asked what would be done in the short term and is there a possibility of a container.

Mary Maguire informed the group that SDCC are trying to move away from the use of containers but further discussions with the group could take place in this regard. There is still the issue of title deeds.

## **Items 3 & 5**

The group requested and informed the meeting of the following:-

- There is ongoing anti-social behaviour in the area.
- On night of bonfire the Gardaí were attacked.
- Ongoing drug dealing issues.
- Establishment of a working group to address the ongoing of Anti-Social Behaviour in the area.
- Wall to be removed as it was put in place on a temporary basis

Laurence Colleran of the Environment Water & Climate Change department informed the group of a meeting held between Suzanne Furlong and Transport Infrastructure Ireland. Transport Infrastructure Ireland requested Suzanne Furlong to submit a formal proposal. He also informed the group that Public Realm should have details regarding EU funding shortly.

The development of the area as a wetland should eliminate the Anti-Social Behaviour elements and issues regarding the wall. If funding is approved there is a possibility of the wetland being developed in 2019 subject to a Part 8 process.

Roads section of the Land Use Planning & Transportation department are looking into the provision of car parking and bollards to limit the access to the park. This can be done in consultation with the sporting groups.

#### **Item 4**

Group informed officials of the following:-

- More people at last year's bonfire than any other bonfires in the county and had attracted a lot of social media attention.
- Requested SDCC to run a campaign to local business not to supply fuel for bonfires.
- Requested a working group comprising of Residents, Gardaí Siochana, and SDCC staff to establish what can be done.
- As Halloween is approaching soon, the group wanted the issues addressed in the short term.
- The Gardaí Siochana reported that the bonfires was worse than any in the city.
- Bonfire was used to sell drugs on the open space and an opportunity to get rid of cars and household waste.

Cllr. O'Donovan confirmed that she attended the meeting as she sits in the Joint Policing Committee (JPC) and Environment Water Climate Change SPC. She recommend that the Aylesbury system in place for bonfires should be looked at and that the Kilnamanagh group should consult with them.

Cllr. Murphy agreed that a priority plan needs to be put in place before this year's bonfire.

Cllr. O'Connor pointed out that there is only 160 days left to Halloween. Matter should be raised at JPC meeting.

Cllr. McCann agreed that an emergency plan needs to be put in place and get priority.

Cllr. Duff confirmed that its perennial problem. That Kilnamanagh could be a pilot programme to deal with bonfires and roll out to other areas.

- Costs of clean up to SDCC is vast.
- Work needs to begin in July at least.

Mary Maguire acknowledged concerns of the group. Burning of waste is not legal under legislation. SDCC are committed to having a range of measures to deal with bonfires:

- Public Realm staff removing materials from public areas.
- Social Credit Schemes and entry to Civic amenity.
- Halloween pack for all schools.
- WEEE collection.
- Inform campaign to Businesses with regard to waste and proper disposal.

Eamon Harnett of the Environment Water & Climate Change department highlighted difficulties with collecting of materials and Anti-Social Behaviour towards the staff collecting. Public Realm staff are on the road all day collecting bonfire materials

**Commitments given:**

- Item 1:** Site survey to be distributed to Residents Group/Football Club by Suzanne Furlong and Laurence Colleran.
- Item 2:** Land regarding GAA Club not in SDCC ownership. Temporary toilet block may be provided or allowed to be erected on site advised by Mary Maguire.
- Items 3** Wetlands erection of boundary wall around parameter.  
Securing of area.
- Items 4** Halloween – Council will continue to remove unruly materials prior to Halloween. To advertise Social Credits, WEE Collections to Business regarding waste materials – Mary Maguire.
- Items 5** Follow up with Transport Infrastructure Ireland regarding the wall.