

## DEPUTATION MEETING MINUTES

**Date & Time:** 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016 @ 2pm

**Deputation Group:** Kingswood Heights Residents Association

<b>Councillors Present:</b>	Cllr. Mick Duff Cllr. Marie Devine Cllr. Deirdre O'Donovan Cllr. Charlie O'Connor  Apologies: Cllr. Anne-Marie Dermody	Cllr. Paul Foley Cllr. John Lahart Cllr. Colm Brophy
<b>Deputation:</b>	Anna Quinn Breeda Brenna Dorene McCarthy	
<b>Council Officials Present:</b>		
Michael Hannon	Environment, Water & Climate Change	
Paul O'Rourke	Environment, Water & Climate Change	
Brian Carroll	Housing, Social & Community Development	
Pamela Hughes	Housing, Social & Community Development	

The meeting was **chaired** by Councillor Mick Duff.

Councillor Mick Duff began the meeting by expressing his disappointment that Items 1 & 2 on the agenda cannot be discussed because of non-attendance by Council Officials. Councillor Maire Divine reiterates her disappointment in the non-attendance of Council Officials. The Council members agreed that a Deputation meeting should be reconvened for next month and that items 1 & 2 should be placed on the agenda.

Item No. 3	<b>Green Spaces. – Has the ownership comeback to the Council.</b>	
	<b>Action To Be Taken</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
	<p>The Residents group explained that a promise had been given at a previous Deputation in 2010, that there would be no further Planning Permission given in the area but since that guarantee was given open spaces &amp; green areas have continued to be built on.</p> <p>Michael Hannon said that while the guarantee/promise was now in place, the areas that were being built on may have already had been given Planning Permission.</p> <p>Cllr. Colm Brophy requests that Planning Permission is not granted to open spaces beside houses.</p> <p>Cllr. John Lahart calls for the Chair to request maps of Planning Permission showing current land ownership in Kingswood Estate and what land had been disposed of since.</p>	<b>Chairperson</b>

<b>Item No. 4</b>	<b>Drug Pushers &amp; Scrambler Bikes.</b> <b>– Request for low bollards in the gaps that run from the tennis courts up to Garrynisk.</b>	
	<b>Action To Be Taken</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
	<p>The residents group outline the difficulty with both open drug dealing and scrambler bikes in the area. Low bollards are necessary to keep these people off the green spaces.</p> <p>Paula O'Rourke detailed the reasons why bollards would not be suitable for the area. Not only do they not work but the restriction affects others such as wheelchair users and people with prams. It would also be costly to install these in areas of the County when the evidence show that they don't work. It is already written into the Parks Bye Laws that it is the responsibility of the Gardai to clear people on scrambler bikes from the local parks. Community Guards need to be brought in on the issue.</p> <p>The issue is to be raised at the meeting of the Joint Policing Committee and Superintendent Peter Duff is to be asked to initiate a sustained program to deal with the problem.</p>	<b>Council Members</b>

<b>Item No. 5</b>	<b>Improvement of Park.</b> <b>– Seating</b> <b>– Play area</b> <b>– Dog Litter signs</b>	
	<b>Action To Be Taken</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
	<p>The Deputation group said that they have not seen any Park Rangers in the area and would like a platform on the lake for children to feed the ducks and also more seats in the parks and boxes for dog waste.</p> <p>Paula O'Rourke told the Deputation that there are already 5 benches in the park. There was no intention to increase that number but will arrange a site meeting with the Residents to look at possible solution. Will look at the introduction of a jetty as there is already one in Corkage Park and will also talk to the Environmental Section about Dog Waste signs but the boxes are not an option.</p> <p>Site meeting to be arranged.</p>	<b>Paula O'Rourke</b>