

DEPUTATION MEETING MINUTES

Date & Time: 27th January 2016 @ 3pm

Deputation Group: Old Bawn Residents Association

Councillors Present:	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
Deputation:	Jim Lawlor (Chairperson) Jim Lawlor (Secretary) Ned McNulty Maurice McDonnell	
Council Officials Present:		
Mary Maguire	Environment, Water & Climate Change	
Oisin Egan	Environment, Water & Climate Change	
Brian Carroll	Housing, Social & Community Development	
Pamela Hughes	Housing, Social & Community Development	

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

Cllr. Deirdre O'Donovan explained that the park was in a state of disrepair for some time but that assurances had been given at the Tallaght Area Committee meeting that signage will go up in the park and bins for dog waste should be in by the end of January. Cllr. O'Donovan also stated that the area by the bridge needs to be cleaned.

Cllr. John Lahart informed the Deputation that there is a proposal in the upcoming Development Plan regarding Dodder Park. The Dodder Greenway also ties in and there are BMX and Athletics tracks going into the park.

Cllr. Ronan McMahon stated that the new bridge had opened the park up to more members of the public.

Jim Lawlor (Secretary) says that Graffiti shouldn't stop Bye Laws being posted in the park.

Jim Lawlor (Chairperson) supports Bikeways in the park.

Oisin Egan went through the history of plans for the park in the past where issues of signage, seating and bins were to be addressed but these plans had fallen by the wayside. Mr. Egan wants to improve the aesthetics of the park but this has now become a very large project to clean up vegetation and reinstate the park. Any new Signage/Bins/Seating will need to fit in to the Development Plan & Tourism Strategy. Mr. Egan suggested that the Council should increase the number of events taking place in the park to grow usage. With regard to Anti-Social behaviour, the Council are restricted with the amount of Rangers available but will look at increasing Park Ranger patrols in the area.

Mary Maguire explained to the Deputation that the Litter Management Plan had been agreed in October 2015 but there are difficulties in enforcement of the Litter Act Section 22. The Council are looking at initiatives to reduce the cases of dog litter in the park including bags being issued with licences and bags being made available at the entrances to parks. There is to be a pilot on provision of bins around the park. The department's hands are tied but the Council are not oblivious to the problem.

Jim Lawlor (Chairperson) stated that the response of the officials was not appropriate.

Cllr. Marie Devine asked that the Tallaght Area Committee pursue the need for more Park Rangers in the park.

Cllr. Mick Duff thanks the group for their attendance at the Deputation meeting.

Jim Lawlor (Chairperson) thanks the Council Officials for attending.