

DEPUTATION MEETING MINUTES

Date & Time: 22nd June 2016 @ 2pm

Deputation Group: Newcastle Community Group

Councillors Present:	Cllr. Francis Timmons Cllr. Trevor Gilligan Cllr. Mark Ward Apologies: Cllr. Breda Bonner Cllr. Emer Higgins Cllr. Mick Duff
Deputation:	Fergal Britton, Oliver McNally & Jon Norton
Council Officials Present:	
Leo Magee	Environment, Water & Climate Change
Oisin Egan	Environment, Water & Climate Change
Alison Silke	Housing, Social & Community Development
Jim Kennelly	Land Use Planning & Transportation
Gary Walsh	Land Use Planning & Transportation
Caitriona Lambert	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. Francis Timmons

Cllr. Francis Timmons opened the Deputation meeting by saying that the responses to these previously raised issues was not sufficient and that there were 5 items on today's agenda that needed to be addressed.

Item 1.

Fergal Britton spoke to the meeting to say that there is a need for a Park/Play-space to be provided for in the Newcastle area. The Newcastle area had seen a huge rise in its population from 1,000 to 3,000 in the last ten years. There is a very young population and a new school was opened last year as the previous school wasn't big enough. There are no Public Parks or Play-spaces in Newcastle at present. The area identified in the Local Area Plan 2003 has still not been provided and the area is inaccessible for residents. While there is a provision for Roads to be built in the next six years, this would mean that any Park could remain inaccessible for the next six years. The group have approached the Department of Environment about a vacant piece of land that would be suitable to develop as a Park but after viewing the latest Local Area Plan the Residents are back to square one.

Cllr. Francis informs the Group that these issues are raised at the Full Council Meetings & Area Committee Meeting on regular basis.

Leo Magee says that his departments Director had visited the sites identified in the drawing, i.e. above the school and another site. It's the understanding that both are currently in private ownership. There maybe a change of thinking on the location of a Park or Play-space. He also tells the group that discussions with private landowners are ongoing with the view of temporary sites being provided.

Fergal Britton stated that there had been a walk around done a few weeks previous to the Deputation meeting but the Group had received no feedback. Several sites had been identified but the Group were focusing on the site they felt was most suitable.

Leo Magee said that he could attend a site meeting with the group.

Alison Silke also stated that she would make direct contact with the group to arrange a site meeting.

Cllr. Francis Timmons confirmed that the issue was down as a headed item for that days Area Committee Meeting.

Item 2.

Jon Norton raises the issue of rush hour traffic problems and highlights that there are 400 school children in the area. He then submits details of the accident locations and uses the submitted maps to describe issues in the area. Mr. Norton also states that there is a need for 2 School Wardens in the area but this would still only cover certain times of the day.

Francis Timmons explains to the Group that many of the items are on the agenda for the Area Committee Meeting that is taking place later that day and that some of the footpaths being described should be covered.

Caitriona Lambert tells the Group that there is a problem with ESB in the area that is affecting Lighting Columns that had been due to be turned on.

Jim Kennelly stated that they would do a Pedestrian Traffic Survey on Aylmer Road, he also would look to see if a Pedestrian Crossing is necessary.

Gary Walsh told the Group that South Dublin County Council are currently recruiting School Wardens and the Glebe had been identified as the area that the School Warden would possibly be located. Gary Walsh also confirmed that a letter drop could be done in the area to encourage School Children to cross closer to the village.

Item 3.

The Group explain the need for new bins in the area, particularly at the Supermarket. The Group also ask for details of grass cutting in the area as there doesn't seem to be any regular service provided.

Caitriona Lambert explains that there is a proposed change of use of the Northern side of the R120 coming out of the village. The Council might be putting a footpath into that area, from the roundabout down to the bus stop.

Leo Magee tells the Group that staff had carried out a survey in the area and found that there was an adequate amount of bins in the area, however an additional one bin may not be an issue.

Fergal Britton says that the black bins would be preferable.

Leo Magee says that should be ok and that the Council would be looking at standardising the litter bins in the area.

Item 4.

The Group explain that items such as a paving programme, a heritage trail and a tree planting programme had been promised but there had been no progress. The Group would like to see this started again.

Caitriona Lambert explains that with regard to the Community Centre, there was no conclusive agreement to how the plan was to move forward. The issues are parked until later in the year. She would be happy to meet with all groups involved.

Jon Norton – Drawings and comments have been returned to Eddie Conroy in September 2015.

Caitriona Lambert – Will have to check out and come back to the group about drawings. The new signage for the County is being piloted in Lucan and that process has not been completed yet. The Heritage Trail can be looked at. Ms. Lambert will email the Group directly with an update. She will also check about the lighting at the access road to the school. They are looking at ways to eliminate the parking issues. The Newcastle Lyons Roundabout is currently being taken in charge and there is a proposal to put a path between the roundabout and the existing bus stop. The owner of the Petrol Station needs to be consulted on any changes to that area. There will be traffic calming measures on the village side of the roundabout introduced and the road width narrowed which will slow traffic down. The Council are keen to get items completed but the area will need to be taken in charge first. Also, there can be no tree planting at that location until the area is taken in charge.

Jon Norton shows areas of the tree planting schemes on the maps.

Caitriona Lamberts says that she will put together an email addressing those points and try to send it to the group within the week.

The Group thanks South Dublin County Council and Councils for the work that had been done and Frank Price & Valarie Reid for the help given to the group.

Meeting ends.

