

## DEPUTATION MEETING REPORT

**Date & Time:** 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019 @ 3pm

**Deputation Group:** Fettercairn Estate Management

Councillors Present	Cllr. Charlie O'Connor & Cllr. Brian Leech
Apologies	Cllr. Francis Noel Duffy
Deputation	Betty Caverley, Janice Nutley, John Kavanagh & Mary Keegan
Council Official Present	
Leo Magee	Environment, Water & Climate Change
Eamon Harnett	Environment, Water & Climate Change
Stephen Hartin	Housing Social & Community Development
Brian Carroll	Housing Social & Community Development
Carol McDonnell	Housing Social & Community Development

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. Charlie O'Connor.

### **Items discussed:**

- 1) **New ways of developing a green area at Kilmartin Drive.**
- 2) **Installation of a stub wall at Kilmartin Avenue.**
- 3) **What are the long-term plans for the for the green space at the rear of houses on Kilmartin Green, Drive, Park, Gardens and Crescent?**
- 4) **Commitments given at Deputation meeting.**

### **Item 1 - New ways of developing a green area at Kilmartin Drive.**

The group begin by stating that there had been a site meeting at the location with the Parks Department, but nothing had been agreed or finalised. The group are proposing a small play area with a slide and a swing. The set up would be similar to the set up at Tymon Community Centre. The group are also requesting that bollards are placed around the green.

Mr. Leo Magee, Senior Engineer, Environment, Water & Climate Change department replies to the group to say that his department had been asked in the last year to develop a small football pitch at the location. Mr. Magee says that his department has declined to do this as the work that would be required would be too large. Mr. Magee says his department would look positively on carrying out other works at the location. Mr. Magee proposes that a budget for improvement works could be put aside in next year's budget for the installation of a small-scale play facility. Mr. Magee explains the process to the group.

Commitment given - Consideration will be given to the provision of a small play facility in consultation with Fettercairn Estate Management – Leo Magee.

## **Item 2 - Installation of a stub wall at Kilmartin Avenue.**

The group state that the stub wall had been agreed as part of the housing infill scheme but that this never materialised. The group state that there is a large amount of Anti-Social behaviour carried out by joyriders coming into the area.

Mr. Magee replies to say that any commitments given as part of a housing infill should be addressed to the Housing Department. Mr. Magee says that his department is responsible for the protection of green spaces and open spaces. Mr. Magee would question if a stub wall would work but would consider some other means of keeping the area safe and keeping the cars out. Mr. Magee would like to establish what the group believe is needed.

The group outline their requests to alleviate the incidents of joyriding cars entering their estate. The group describe the railing on top of the stub wall at Butler Park and suggest that this type of installation would help.

Mr. Magee replies to say that a length of railing to close of the green space could be effective.

Commitment - South Dublin County Council will examine in consultation with group, what provision could be made at Kilmartin Drive – Leo Magee.

## **Item 3 - What are the long-term plans for the for the green space at the rear of houses on Kilmartin Green, Drive, Park, Gardens and Crescent?**

The group say that rubbish that is being dumped at these locations is a health hazard to residents, rodents are appearing in residents' houses and this is an Anti-Social problem. The group provide photographic evidence of the rubbish being dumped in the area.

Stephen Hartin, Senior Staff Officer, Housing, Social & Community department replies to the group to say that from a Housing Development point of view, a feasibility study was carried out by SDCC's Architects department regarding a Housing Development opportunity at the locations, the study had found existing services for underground cables on Kilmartin Drive, Gardens, Park & Crescent which run parallel to the Luas line and therefore it is not possible to build over these services. The remaining green space to the rear of Kilmartin Green needs further assessment for any possible future development. There are no current plans for Housing Development, however the land space will remain under consideration for future development.

Cllr. O'Connor asks if the number of housing to be built has been identified.

Mr. Hartin replies to say that there are no current plans for a Housing Development at the location.

The group ask that a site meeting take place to examine the levels of dumping at the location.

Cllr. Leech asks why this significant piece of land has not been landscaped.

Mr. Magee replies to say that his department will do a clean-up in the area.

Mr. Magee agrees to meet with the group to look at the area.

Commitment given - Issue of housing development at the rear of Kilmartin Green will be remain under consideration – Stephen Hartin.

Commitment given - Litter management to be progressed. The area will be cleared – Leo Magee.

**Commitments given:**

- 1) Consideration will be given to the provision of a small play facility in consultation with Fettercairn Estate Management – Leo Magee.**
- 2) South Dublin County Council will examine in consultation with group, what provision could be made at Kilmartin Drive – Leo Magee.**
- 3) Issue of housing development at the rear of Kilmartin Green will be remain under consideration for future development – Stephen Hartin.**
- 4) Litter management to be progressed. The area will be cleaned – Leo Magee.**