

DEPUTATION MEETING REPORT

Date & Time 21st October 2021 @ 4pm

Deputation Group: **Cherryfield Residents Association**

Deputation attendees – Clare Carberry, Audrey Bradley & Mary Lee.

Elected Members – Cllr. Pamela Kearns, Cllr. Alan Edge, Cllr. Yvonne Collins, Cllr. David McManus, Cllr. Carly Bailey & Cllr William Joseph Carey.

Council Officials – Ankit Gour, Brian Carroll, Margaret Farrell, Fionnuala Keane, Brendan Redmond, Leo Magee, Tony O’Grady, Eamon Harnett & Máire Ní Dhomhnaill.

Cllr. Alan Edge presided.

Items discussed:

1. Tree Planting.

The group acknowledge and accept the work that has taken place on trees in the area. The group are grateful that the tree stumps have been removed and the engagement on the subject with SDCC. The group in consultation with Public Realm have planted around 10 trees in the grass verges. The group now want to move on and get some additional greenery into the areas that has been left barren.

Máire Ní Dhomhnaill replied to the groups queries.

Commitment given

- Will meet with group to identify planting areas before the end of November & develop a 5-year plan. - Máire Ní Dhomhnaill.

2. Designated Biodiversity/Wildflower Area in Beechfield Park.

The group have enquired before about a Wildflower area in the park. The area that runs along Beechfield Road is a designated area for biodiversity but the group state that this has been cut back. The group are looking for a flower garden into Beechfield Park like the ones located around the county or assurance that the current designated area is not cut back.

Eamon Harnett, Leo Magee & Brendan Redmond replied to the groups queries.

Commitment given.

- Will provide wildflower area maintenance or wildflower areas like the others in the county. Will put this on the program for 2022.

3. Footpath and road surface repairs.

The group acknowledge the works that have been carried out in the last few years and are now asking for a timeline for when the rest of the footpath and road surface repairs will take place.

Tony O'Grady replied to the groups queries.

Commitment given.

- Will speak to the Area Engineer regarding grass verges covered in tarmac. Area Engineers contact details will be sent to the group to arrange a site meeting. Will include on the 2022 works program. – Tony O'Grady.

4. Pavilion Building - Maintenance.

The group explain that the Pavilion still has the original guttering since it was built 30 years ago. The gutters had been leaking and clogged up and the group acknowledge that they have been cleaned and repaired. The gutters are now leaking again, and the group would like them replaced.

Leo Magee and Eamon Harnett replied to the group's questions.

Commitment given.

- Looking at replacing gutters early in the new year. - Eamon Harnett.

5. Cleaning of Laneways.

The group acknowledge the work done by SDCC in dealing with illegal dumping in the laneways. The group explain that there is now an issue with weeds and the general disrepair of surfaces. The group want to know if the Council have an ongoing plan for the maintenance of the laneways.

Leo Magee replied to the group's questions.

Commitments given.

- Will implement laneway cleaning program next year. Will inform the Councillors and Residents. – Leo Magee.

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