

DEPUTATION MEETING MINUTES

Date & Time: 23rd November 2016 @ 2pm

Deputation Group: Shelton Dangan Residents Association

Councillors Present:	Cllr. Pamela Kearns Cllr. Brian Lawlor Apologies: Cllr. Paul Foley Cllr. Cora Mahon Cllr. Deirdre O'Donovan
Deputation:	Caroline Avery Derek Nolan
Council Officials Present:	
Oisin Egan	Environment, Water & Climate Change
Laurence Colleran	Environment, Water & Climate Change
Máire Ni Dhomhnaill	Environment, Water & Climate Change
Michael Glynn	Land Use Planning & Transportation
Jim Kennelly	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. Pamela Kearns.

1) Tree Planting & Pruning.

The Group explain that they have been in communication with the Department responsible. There had been some planting done but since then trees have been lost due to bad weather and removal. The trees that are there need pruning and maintenance.

Ms. Máire Ni Dhomhnaill from the Environment, Water & Climate Change Department tells the Group that she had visited the area recently and is aware of the issues put forward by the Group. Ms. Ni Dhomhnaill explains the Councils Tree Management Policy "Living with Trees" to the Group and the process of surveying and producing a maintenance programme. Ms. Ni Dhomhnaill tells the Group that the Council will look at listing the Shelton Dangan area, possibly on the 2017 programme. Ms. Ni Dhomhnaill states that the Council have a budget for Planting and the Council will be planting 8 street trees in the Dangan area, 19 on open spaces and 5 in the Shelton area. The locations are available on the Councils website. The planting in the Shelton Dangan area will take place in the New Year.

Cllr. Pamela Kearns explains to the Group that a crew is being put together to deal specifically with emergency situations on trees. Cllr. Kearns tells the Group they should list the trees they are concerned about and inform the Council.

The Group confirm that they will forward the list.

2) Pavements/Kerbs.

The Group acknowledge the work done in the area there are still a lot of pavements and curbs in the area broken up. Some temporary surfaces were put down after works done by the Council and these have become trip hazards.

Michael Glynn of the Land Use Planning & Transportation Department replies to the Group saying that he has seen the list that was included as part of the Groups application and states that he has forwarded the list to the Roads Maintenance depot. Mr. Glynn also explains to the Group how the Roads Work Programme is compiled. Mr. Glynn states that there has been works carried out on Paths & Roads in the Dangan area over the last few years including August of this year. Mr. Glynn also states that Shelton and Dangan will be included in the Works Programme list of 2017. Mr. Glynn also tells the Group that his section works closely with the Department looking after trees, and if a pathway has been lifted by tree roots, his section will fix the path when works have been completed on the tree.

Cllr. Kearns explains to the Group that the Councillors can contact Irish Water directly about issues with works on footpaths.

Mr. Glynn will report back to the Group on works to be carried out.

3) Traffic Management.

The Group highlight a number of issues with Traffic Management in the area. Free flow of Traffic, Signage in the Estate and All day parking on Shelton Drive, Shelton Grove, at Cocoon, Dangan Avenue & Dangan Drive. The volume of traffic parking in the area would affect emergency vehicles trying to access the estate. There is also an issue with cars speeding between the Shelton Park & Dangan Drive.

Mr. Jim Kennelly of the Land Use Planning & Transportation Department apologises to the Group that the necessary official is not available and suggests that a site meeting can be arranged so that the official can discuss the issues with the Group.

In relation to the speeding issues, Mr. Kennelly explains that there is a proposal to implement a 30kph speed limit in the Shelton Dangan area. It is hoped that this will be adopted by the Council early in the New Year.

The adoption of the new speed limits would include putting up new signage, this would include "Speed Limit" and "Children at Play" signs.

If “Stop” signs are required the Council will provide them.

To prevent parking on the Road, Mr. Kennelly explains that Double Yellow lines could be put on one side of the road and then the Council could try to get Garda enforcement on the issue. The Council have an ongoing Ramp Programme but there are a lot of requests in and only a small few will be done this year. If the Group feel that ramps would be a solution, they should make an application and it will be considered for next year.

Cllr. Pamela Kearns advises the Group that they can make requests for ramp through their local Councillor.

4) Park Amenities.

The Group explain that there is a large green area in Shelton Dangan but that it is not used as an amenity. The Group think something could be put there .i.e. a play area for young children or a basketball net for older kids. The grass is beginning to encroach onto the footpath as well and there is an issue with dog fouling. There is also flooding in the park and this affects residents close to the park. The Group think that the issue of flooding would have to be looked at first before any other works are carried out.

Oisin Egan of the Environment, Water & Climate Change Department explains to the Group that he had visited the area with the District Supervisor and the Supervisor had liaised with the Council’s Water & Drainage section. There are two manholes at either end of the footpaths and these need to be cleaned out. A camera survey will also be carried out on a third manhole. The park may have to be considered for some drainage works. Mr. Egan agrees that the footpath needs to be scrapped off and his section can arrange that. For the Dog fouling, the department will look at putting a bin at one end of the park. The issue is a big problem in South Dublin and various trials are being carried out in SDCC’s parks to find a solution.

Laurence Colleran of the Environment, Water & Climate Change Department tells the Group that he looks after SDCC’s Playground Construction programme. He explains that SDCC are about to begin consultation in the Perrystown area about provision of play spaces. They are looking at two options, a play area at the Perrystown Community Centre and a play trail through various locations in Perrystown. A public consultation in the area will begin in a number of weeks and a meeting will take place to discuss the options. Dangan Park will be considered as part of this. Mr. Colleran explains that the Council are currently in the middle of its Play Programme which will finish in 2018. The plan then is to look at facilities for teenagers across the County.