

DEPUTATION MEETING MINUTES

Date: 22nd October 2014

Deputation Group: Springfield Forum/St. Mark's RA

Councillors Present:	Cllr. Charlie O'Connor Cllr. Máire Devine Cllr. Brian Leech
Deputation:	James Doyle Kathleen Ryan Richie O'Reilly
Council Officials Present:	
Philip Murphy	Housing, Social and Community Development
Patricia Doherty	Housing, Social and Community Development
Oisin Egan	Environment, Water and Climate Change
Andrew O'Mullane	Land Use, Planning and Transportation
Cathy Purdy	Housing, Social and Community Development
Dee Kelly	Housing, Social and Community Development
Ann Ryan	Housing, Social and Community Development

The meeting was **chaired** by Councillor Charlie O'Connor

Apologies: Cllr. Mick Duff.

Item No. 1.	Would the council give consideration to the supply/installation of portable CCTV in Springfield Estate to monitor/deter anti-social behaviour in the area? Calls logged with Tallaght Garda station reporting incidents can be verified, photos of large groups congregating on open greens where incidents are occurring are available.	
	Action To Be Taken	Responsibility
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council is not in a position to install CCTV in private estates. Gardaí install CCTV in some estates and may have movable cameras. Residents would have to contact Gardaí themselves. Patricia Doherty said the Residents Association could send in details of house numbers where there is anti-social behaviour. If they are Council rented properties, the tenants will be contacted and reminded of the terms of agreement. Kathleen Ryan requested that Springfield should receive funding as a disadvantaged area. Richie O'Reilly said that funding or some incentives were needed to encourage residents to be active in their community. The Springfield Forum was set up in 2013 but never really got off the ground. 	Noted

Item No. 2.	Can the Council give us their views/options on what can be done with open greens where large gangs of youths/adults are gathering to gamble, play football until late at night and causing disturbance to residents in these areas. Would it be possible to erect signs stating no football etc., specific greens will be identified, photos are available.	
	Action To Be Taken	Responsibility
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oisín Egan will arrange to meet some of the residents on site to discuss options for planting, landscaping, signage and children's play area. 	Oisín Egan

Item No. 3.	Would the Council consider the proposal to put double yellow lines at certain corners in the estate where cars are being parked which obscures view onto main road. Specific roads will be identified.	
	Action To Be Taken	Responsibility
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andrew will inspect the roads identified at the meeting and a report will be submitted to the Traffic Management Committee. Roads Maintenance would be requested to examine the remarking of yellow lines and traffic warden pedestrian crossing point. 	Andrew O'Mullane

Item No. 4.	Would the Council consider a proposal to close off the entrance between 106 & 108 Maplewood Avenue which leads to Raheen Estate where large number of youths use this as a shortcut into the estate and are involved in a lot of the anti-social behaviour in the area? Residents feel this would cut down on the number of youths coming into the estate. Gardaí are aware this is also used as a quick escape route from the immediate area.	
	Action To Be Taken	Responsibility
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kathleen Ryan requested that the land be incorporated into the two gardens either side of the green open space but that the Council would still have access to services. Oisín said this land is in the ownership of Maplewood Developments with services running through the open space. The way leave will always be required and this land cannot be developed. The wall is in ownership of Maplewood Developments and/or the original developer of Raheen Estate. Building the wall higher would not necessarily be a solution to the problem. 	Oisín Egan

Item No. 5.	Does the Council have any programmes in place that involves integration of non-nationals into the communities they are living in, are there any education programmes in place to introduce them to our culture and traditions. Due to the large number of non-nationals living in rented accommodation in the Springfield area we are in need of help to avoid the area becoming over populated by any one particular nationality. Is there anyway this can be monitored (rent allowance recipients) to give an even balance to ethnic minorities across all SDCC areas.	
	Action To Be Taken	Responsibility
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Philip Murphy informed the Deputation that Social Inclusion week is scheduled to take place 17th to 24th November 2014. The booklet is available on the South Dublin County Council website, with a variety of different community events scheduled to take place over the week. 	Noted