

DEPUTATION MEETING MINUTES

Date & Time: 27th April 2016 @ 4pm

Deputation Group: St. Marks Residents Association

Councillors Present:	Cllr. Charlie O'Connor Cllr. Emma Murphy Apologies: Senator Marie Devine	Cllr. Mick Duff Cllr. Mick Murphy
Deputation:	James Doyle	
Council Officials Present:		
John Devaney	Land Use Planning & Transportation	
Michael Glynn	Land Use Planning & Transportation	
Caitriona Lambert	Land Use Planning & Transportation	
William Purcell	Land Use Planning & Transportation	
Vincent Heywood	Land Use Planning & Transportation	
Oisin Egan	Environment, Water & Climate Change	
Brian Carroll	Housing, Social & Community Development	
Pamela Hughes	Housing, Social & Community Development	
Lindsay Gahan	Housing, Social & Community Development	

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

Item 1.

James Doyle – There have been a number of attacks and break-ins in the Springfield area. Residents would like to feel more secure in the area and the group feel that the lighting in Springfield is not adequate and that LED lighting will improve security for Residents. The LED installed in Maplewood is a good example of what is necessary.

Caitriona Lambert explains that the LED light currently in place is against standard policy but it was felt that installing a single column would be an opportunity to show Residents how the LED lights operate. The problem with LED's at open spaces is that there is no light spill associated so when putting LED lights beside an open space there will be no light spill onto the open space. The new LED bulbs also don't fit the old light fittings. The bulbs will need to be put in the lighting columns installed after 1990 and the Council is currently installing LED bulbs in the newer type columns. Any replacement of columns in the Springfield area will be done in the medium term. The Council are aware that this is necessary. The estate will be put up for consideration on the programme for next year but there will be a huge amount of investment involved in replacing everything and there are a few estates that are candidates other than Springfield.

Item 2.

James Doyle - There is illegal parking happening from the double yellow lines at Maplewood Road to the centre of Springfield because of the Luas stop. It's causing increased traffic volumes and traffic issues and driver's vision at junctions is being affected. This is a danger for children going to school in the morning.

William Purcell – This will be reviewed on an ongoing basis for the next couple of weeks. A survey is needed to be carried out to augment the current yellow lines in place.

James Doyle – Asks if Residents should contact the Council or the Garda to report cars parking on double yellow lines.

Willie Purcell – Advises that the Garda would be the point of contact.

Vincent Heywood – Informed the group that the Councils Traffic Wardens mainly look after the village area.

Item 3.

James Doyle – The Council have removed trees from the Maplewood Road area. There is a need for resurfacing of the paths.

James Devaney – Explains that funding for the repair of paths is a finite amount. Springfield Estate is not currently on the programme of works but if there is a trip hazard or paths in dangerous condition the Residents should make the Council aware of any issues and they will look at it. He will also ask the depot staff to look at Maplewood Avenue.

Oisín Egan – Regarding the paths across the green. The programme has been set out. He will arrange an inspection and pricing for repairs. It might be put on the programme of works for next year.

James Doyle – Complemented the other works that had taken place on the green and said that the completed paths would finish off the area.

Items 4.

James Doyle – There is a need for a clean-up of the area beside the school & shops. In the current state it gives a bad impression of the estate to people coming in.

Oisín Egan asks which particular area?

James Doyle – At the school boundary right to the new apartments, along the main road around to the new junction.

Oisín Egan – Will arrange for the Foreman to clear.

Item 5.

James Doyle – Front of estate needs to be cleaned up and improvements done.

Oisin Egan – There is no issue with Residents developing small schemes, name stones etc but there would need to be a commitment from Residents to maintain some of the area. The council can help with the setting up but do not have the budget for maintenance of high standard.

Cllr. Mick Duff encourages the group to make use of the Councils Community Grant Scheme.

Cllr. Charlie O'Connor reminds the group that the closing date for receipt of Community Grant applications is the 29th April 2016.