

DEPUTATION MEETING MINUTES

Date & Time: 22nd March 2017 @ 3pm

Deputation Group: Tallaght Community Council

Councillors Present:	Cllr. Charlie O'Connor Cllr. Brian Lawlor Cllr. Louise Dunne Cllr. Martina Genockey	Cllr. Deirdre O'Donovan Cllr. Dermot Richardson Cllr. Nicky Coules
	Apologies: Cllr. Pamela Kearns Cllr. Anne Marie Dermody Cllr. Mick Duff	Cllr. Emma Murphy Cllr. Paula Donovan
Deputation:	Tara De Buitlear Pat Hardiman Peter Daly Gerry Stockil Jim Lawlor	
Council Officials Present:		
Mary Maguire	Environment, Water & Climate Change	
Oisín Egan	Environment, Water & Climate Change	
Alison Scanlon	Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development	
Tony O'Grady	Land Use Planning & Transportation	
Irene McLoughlin	Land Use Planning & Transportation	
Mairead Fitzgerald	Land Use Planning & Transportation	
Brian Carroll	Housing, Social & Community Development	
Carol McDonnell	Housing, Social & Community Development	

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

1) Ineffective Waste Management – Sean Walsh Park.

Mr. Gerry Stockil of the Group states that it is the Groups wish that Sean Walsh Park should be a Green Flag Accredited Park. The Group would like to discuss the Cleaning Schedule, Litter Facilities and any proactive strategies including the installation of CCTV.

Mr. Oisín Egan of the Environment, Water & Climate Change Department replies to the Group to confirm that Bins are regularly emptied in Sean Walsh Park. An issue has been recognised of existing Bins being damaged and vandalised. A tender has been ran for new Bins and 5/10 new bins will be installed in the Park in the coming weeks. The Council also try to assign resources at the times when littering happens because of heightened traffic through the Park.

The Group ask if work could be done in the Park to obtain Green Flag status within the next 18 months.

Mr. Egan replies by saying that the Green Flag is a great idea and that it would be great to achieve but significant investment and resources would have to be put into Sean Walsh Park.

Mr. Peter Daly from the Group addresses the meeting to say that the Group would be willing to help to achieve a Green Flag status by covering the Community involvement aspect. A Park Ranger in the Park on a part-time basis or at the weekend is suggested as a way of monitoring the Park.

Mr. Egan explains that a plan would need to be put in place and a lot of work & resources would be necessary to achieve it.

2) Recycling Bins at Sean Walsh Park & Dublin Mountain Way.

Ms. Tara De Buitlear addressed the meeting stating that there are currently 13 units of Recycling Bins in Sean Walsh Car Park. The Car Park has 18 Parking Spaces so is small by comparison to other Car Parks in the County and half of the space allocated for Car Parking is taken up with Recycling Bins. This has a direct negative affect on usage of the Park. The numbers of Clothing Banks had increased recently to 5 where there had previously been 1. The Group are saying that the scale and location are inappropriate for a large Recycling Centre. The Group ask that the 5 large Clothes Bins which are owned by 3rd parties, the 3 underground Glass Bins owned by SDCC and the 2 large Aluminium Can Bins along with the 3 large Glass Recycling bins owned by Rehab are moved.

Ms. Mary Maguire from the Environment, Water & Climate Change Department acknowledged some difficulties that had occurred in relation to that area and the Council are very conscious of that. Ms. Maguire stated that notwithstanding the issues raised by the Group, the Council must be conscious of its role as the custodians and promoters of recycling in the County. The Council has a recycling strategy which has recently been reviewed and its aim is to increase the number of recycling facilities in the County by around 50. The request to relocate Bring Banks from the Council Car Parks to alternative facilities is not straight forward. The Council is anxious to increase the overall ambiance and aesthetics of the area and a submission has gone to the Department for some small funding to tackle what is called "An area of repetitive dumping instances". 5 applications were made to the Department.

Ms. De Buitlear acknowledged the proactive communication received from the Department proposing to look at the whole area. The Group propose that some of the Recycling Units be redistributed within other Parks owned by the Council or to use space available at Tallaght Stadium which is located next to Sean Walsh Park.

3) **Dublin Mountain Way.**

Mr. Pat Hardiman explains that the Group is concerned that the starting point of the Dublin Mountain Way is not adequately sign posted. The Group would like something purposely developed. The second point the Group wants to raise regards the Yellow Man marking needs be to be placed there to embrace potential traffic coming through.

Ms. Alison Scanlon from the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development Department replies to say that investment is to be made on the project and a lot of consultation has taken place with Coillte and other interests in identifying the site. The Council will be looking at Signage as part of the objectives for the South Dublin Village Wayfinding programme which will be informed by Failte Ireland's specifications to procure design and installation of visitor wayfinding and directional signage to attractions and Villages around County Dublin currently subject to Procurement.

Ms. De Buitlear clarified that the Group are enquiring about the National Transport Authority Signage for Heritage Amenities otherwise known as "The Brown Signs". There are currently a number of these signposts along the N81 for the Basketball Arena & Tallaght Stadium. The Group would like a similar sign to signal for Motorists to the Dublin Mountain Way.

Ms. Scanlon confirms that she will relay this request to the County Promotion Unit and ask that they relay directly to the group on this matter.

Cllr. Charlie O'Connor states that the issue has been raised at Tallaght Area Committee level and commitments have been given that it is be being considered.

4) **Tallaght Village Architectural Conservation Area.**

Ms. De Buitlear describes the Groups interest in Tallaght ACA. The Group champion Tallaght ACA and have seen some headway in the previous 18 months. The Group have reported 12 incidents where there is obvious enforcement problems. The Group have been frustrated by the lack of action following the reports. A table of the 12 reports was submitted as part of the Deputation Application. Out of the 12 cases, 5 have been fully resolved. The Group is looking for an update on items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 on the list that was submitted.

Ms. Mairead Fitzgerald from the Land Use Planning & Transportation Department replied to the Group.

On Item 5) - An enforcement notice to be issued which has to be complied with by the 20th March. A compliance inspection will then be completed and any necessary action will be taken after that.

On Item 6) - A new enforcement notice was issued which has to be complied with by the 20th April.

On Item 7) - The matter is under investigation and an inspection will be prioritised.

On Item 8) – The item was refer to the Environment, Water & Climate Change Department.

On Item 9) – That matter is under investigation and an inspection will be prioritised.

On Item 10) – There is no open file on this.

The Group state that they will resubmit number 10.

5) Cattle Grids.

The Group ask when Councillors will be able to vote for or against the installation of the Cattle Grids at a Full Council Meeting.

Mr. Tony O'Grady from Land Use Planning & Transportation Department replied to say that the issue was a headed item at April's Full Council Meeting.