

DEPUTATION MEETING MINUTES

Date & Time: 23rd November 2016 @ 3pm

Deputation Group: Tymon Bawn Residents Association

Councillors Present:	Cllr. Mick Duff Cllr. Cora McCann Cllr. Pamela Kearns Cllr. Brian Lawlor Cllr. Charlie O'Connor Apologies: Cllr. Kieran Mahon Cllr. Deirdre O'Donovan
Deputation:	Frances Sheehy Rachel Freeman
Council Officials Present:	
Máire Ni Dhomhnaill	Environment, Water & Climate Change
Oisin Egan	Environment, Water & Climate Change
Mary Maguire	Environment, Water & Climate Change
Kevin Reilly	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. Mick Duff.

The order of items on the agenda is changed with agreement from the Group.

1) Aylesbury Shop – Double Yellow lines and Litter

The Group had a previous Deputation Meeting in 2012 and the question was raised at that meeting and the Engineer put down Double Yellow Lines. Despite this, cars are still parking on the grass verge and making a mess. The Group ask if the curb can be raised along the shops at the gable of Carroll's butchers.

Kevin Reilly, Land Use Planning & Transportation Department explains that the Technician has looked at the lining in the area and the yellow lines are at capacity. There was no indication in the Groups application about the issue of raising the curb. Mr. Reilly said it could be looked at in the context of the budgets and taken before the Councils Traffic Management Meeting. The issue of enforcement on the Double Yellow Lines can also be looked at.

The Group discuss the issue of litter outside the shops at Aylesbury.

Mr. Oisin Egan of the Environment, Water & Climate Change Department suggests that the Litter Wardens might speak to the shops. The Council are restricted and can only provide so many bins due to availability of resources. The litter bins are strategically placed and bins are rarely removed, they might on some occasions be moved to a more suitable location. A solution to the current problem of litter would be enforcement and fines.

Cllr. Mick Duff agrees that the Litter Wardens should be used to address the Litter problems. Cllr. Duff also suggests that the Residents Association approach the Shops Keepers.

Mary Maguire of the Environment, Water & Climate Change Department explains the specific obligations & responsibilities for owners/occupiers of commercial premises under both Litter Pollution Act and the Councils own Bye Laws.

* A document explaining who is responsible for litter was made available and the details are available at the end of this document.

Ms. Maguire confirmed that she would speak to the Litter Wardens under her remit and ask them to revisit the Aylesbury Shops.

2) Moving the Old Bawn Stone.

The Group explain the Old Bawn Stone is currently hidden behind hedging and service boxes. The Stone has been a feature since the estate was built, is a marker and is an important feature in the area. The Group ask that the Stone is moved and are open to suggestions as to the new location.

Mr. Egan replies to say that any movement would need to be cleared by the Roads Traffic Section. Once that ok is received and the Group is happy with the new location, arrangements can be put in place to move the Stone.

Cllr. Mick Duff asks if the Councillors can ask for the clearance through the Traffic Management meeting and that the issue will be raised there. Cllr. Duff expects an answer would be received at the end of January.

3) Repair to Grass Verge and replanting at junction of Firhouse Road and Old Bawn Road

The Group explain there were curbs and roadworks carried out but cars are mounting the grass verges.

Mr. Egan agrees that some re-landscaping can be carried out. The work could only be carried out at the end of March/April.

4) Trees.

The Group discuss the value they place on trees in their estate. They explain that there are very few trees vandalised and the mature trees are well looked after. The Group state that planting more trees would deal with the issue of cars parking on the verges and increase the canopy cover in the area. The Group also list some areas that they think would be suitable for planting.

Ms. Ni Dhomhnaill from the Environment, Water & Climate Change Department explains the Councils Tree Management Policy “Living with Trees” to the Group and the process of surveying and producing a maintenance programme. The Council would listen to the Groups suggestions for future tree planting programmes.

5) Beech hedging various locations.

The Group identified areas where there are gaps in Beech Hedging. The list submitted by the Group was made available to officials with the Groups application. The Group discusses the list submitted. The hedging already in place reduces the amount of Graffiti in the area.

Cllr. Duff explains to the Group that there are some areas listed that may be beyond the Groups brief and that specific Groups will speak for those areas.

Ms. Ni Dhomhnaill replies to the Group explaining that the Council will look at the areas requested on the lists and will reply directly to the Group.

****Responsibilities: Who is Responsible for what?***

General Public

Members of the public are required to take measures to prevent the creation of litter. The general public are responsible for:

- keeping private property that is visible from a public place litter free (including graffiti)
- cleaning up after your dog in a public place and disposing of your dog's litter in a proper manner – remember *Any Bag, Any Public Bin*
- ensuring that waste of any kind is presented for collection in an appropriate waste receptacle and is given only to an authorised waste collector
- refraining from putting household waste in a public bin
- ensuring that litter of any kind is not dropped on the ground, including ensuring that no litter is thrown from a vehicle which is privately owned or on hire

Business Community

The owner or person responsible for a place to which the public has access is required to keep the area adjoining their premises litter free, regardless of how the litter got there. This places an obligation on business people to:

- keep footpaths, pavements and gutters within a 100m radius of their premises litter free
- remove graffiti from their property
- not to erect posters or signage without prior authorisation
- not to place commercial waste in a public bin

Anyone transporting goods or materials on a vehicle or skip is obliged to ensure that the material being transported is secured so as to prevent the creation of litter.

Owners or persons in charge of mobile outlets are obliged to:

- provide an adequate number of litter receptacles
- ensure that all litter associated with the operation of the mobile outlet is removed within a 100m radius

Operators of mobile outlets are also required by South Dublin County Council to hold a valid Casual Trading Licence.

The organisers or promoters of major events are required to ensure that they have litter control measures in place at and in the vicinity of the venue before, during and after events. This applies to sporting events, social events, festivals and shows at which large crowds are expected to attend.