

DEPUTATION MEETING MINUTES

Date & Time: 28th September 2016 @ 4pm

Deputation Group: WORK Residents Association

Councillors Present:	Cllr. Paul Foley Cllr. Enda Fanning Cllr. Charlie O'Connor Apologies: Cllr. Francis Duffy Cllr. Dermot Looney	Cllr. Deirdre O'Donovan Cllr. Pamela Kearns
Deputation:	Joe Scanlon JC Ryan John McLaughlin Mick Noonan Michael Griffin.	
Council Officials Present:		
Máire Ni Dhomhnaill	Environment, Water & Climate Change	
Oisin Egan	Environment, Water & Climate Change	
Chris Galvin	Environment, Water & Climate Change	
Michael Glynn	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. Paul Foley.

1) Tree Planting.

The tree planting item on the agenda was moved to Item 1.

The group explain that they have drafted an overall plan for their estate. As part of this, the residents surveyed the trees. The Group have a request for planting of 50 trees. The list of trees has already been sent to Maire Ni Dhomhnaill. One of the issues that the Group have is trees already planted.

Máire Ni Dhomhnaill explains to the Group that last year, the Council adopted its policy on trees and in the policy, the Council set down its approach to Tree Management. One of the significant decisions in the policy was instead of the Council looking at individual trees, they would look at whole estates or roads and survey the trees with the view of producing a Tree Management Program for the area. The W.O.R.K. area is not listed for the 2016 program but the Council would be very happy to

work with the Residents Association. The Council can schedule the area for surveying, next year. Ms. Ni Dhomhnaill confirms that she has received the list of trees for replanting from the residents. This is also something that the Council will look at when doing the surveys. Both the policy and maintenance information is available on the Councils website under the Tree Management link. Ms. Ni Dhomhnaill states that the next step should be to survey the area and record all the data onto the Tree Management System.

Cllr. Paul Foley congratulates the Group on the extensive work that they put in to their survey.

The Group bring up the issue of raised paths due to tree roots.

Ms. Ni Dhomhnaill confirms that with the new approach to work of trees in estates, all work is carried out in conjunction with the Roads Maintenance section.

2) Maintenance of Roundabout at Wellington Lane/Osprey Road & Bulb Planting on Green Areas.

The Maintenance of Roundabout item on the agenda was moved to Item 2.

The Group asks what plans the Council have for the Roundabout. The Group have made numerous complaints regarding lack of maintenance and despite huge resources being pumped into it in the last ten years and numerous changes have happened to the roundabout. Box hedging had been put onto the Roundabout but this is currently being choked by grass and other weeds. The Groups plan for the area include the Roundabout. The Group would like to plant bulbs with a view to adding some colour to the roundabout.

Oisin Egan confirms that there are plans being developed and are currently being finalised. Once this is done, they will be presented to the residents through the consultation process.

The Group explain that they have plans to plant bulbs on the roundabout within the next few weeks.

Mr. Egan confirms that it is probably best that the Residents hold off on the any works to the Roundabout until the plan is finalised. Mr. Egan said that the approaches and Green Areas would be suited to bulb planting. Mr. Egan advises the Group to plant in large drifts using large quantities of bulbs. Mr. Egan stated that he could meet with the Group to decide on the best locations.

Mr. Egan also advises the Group that from a safety point of view, a traffic management plan would have to be in place when any works are being carried out on a Roundabout.

Cllr. Pamela Kearns asked if the plan was agreed, how long would it take to implement and in the short term, in order to save money, could planting on the triangles near the Roundabout and hold off on other work until the plan for the Roundabout is finalised

The Group asks for confirmation that the Council are going to carry out planting on the Triangles.

Mr. Egan confirms the Council will look after planting there but asks if the Residents want to plant in that location.

The group confirm that they will stay off the Triangles if the Council are going to carry out work there.

3) Footpath repairs & new footpath at Willington Crescent towards Osprey Bridge.

The Group have submitted a list of footpath repairs, some of which are urgent. The Group have been told there is a program in place for both the Wellington and Rushbrook areas.

Michael Glynn responded to say that he had not got the list and asked the Group to forward it directly to him. After receiving a copy of the list from the Group, he explained that the Roadworks program is generated on a yearly basis and that a number of works had taken place in the last few years in the Rushbrook estate and some further works were pencilled in for later in the year. Wellington is also on the list but Kennington & Osprey are not on the list. Mr. Glynn stated that he would forward the list to the Roads Inspector and if there is funding remaining, they will try to get the urgent works done this year.

Cllr. Deidre O'Donovan asks if there a need for more money to be made available in the Council budget specifically for footpath repair in the Rathfarnham/Templeogue area.

Mr. Glynn replied to say that money spent on footpaths is money well spent and additional money for repair of footpaths in this particular area would be valuable.

The Group point out an area at the bottom of Wellington Crescent near the River Poddle end, a footpath through the mud has formed from people walking a track through the location. The Group ask that a proper footpath be installed at this location.

Mr. Glynn has confirmed that an inspection at the location has taken place at the Green Space.

4) Area at entrance to Tymon Park at Osprey Road.

The Group state that there is no sign at the entrance to Tymon Park. The Group is suggesting the Council rectify this by placing a Stone Plaque at the entrance. The Group would like the entrance enhanced as well with some tree planting and the railings being painted.

Cllr. Paul Foley points out the impact that trees on either side of the entrances are having on houses on Osprey Park.

Oisin Egan replies to the Group saying that there is nothing in the current Public Realm Works program. If a decent upgrade was to be carried out, the location could be placed on the 2017 program.

Cllr. Pamela Kearns asked if the Council had any objection to the Residents doing work at the location.

Mr. Egan responded to say that there is no objection if the Residents wanted to do some weeding, tidying or planting. The area would have to be surveyed for underground cables to make sure it's safe to work there.

5) Flood alleviation works on River Poddle.

The Group explain that flooding is a huge issue for Residents. There was major flooding two years ago and there have been three large scale incidents of flooding in the area since 1976. Development works had taken place where surface water is piped to the River Poddle and runs along in a pipe under the River Poddle which then empties the water into the River Poddle. There is a requirement for a non-return valve to be fitted at the road section, there was other works to be done but the soil currently in place will deviate the river and erode the bank at the bungalows at Limekiln. The Group ask what stage the CFrams (Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management) are at. The Group also ask if the dry ditch proposal put forward by the Engineering Department feasible on the charts.

Chris Galvin replies to say that on the Maintenance side the racks and the screens are monitored on an ongoing basis. There are cameras on some of these so they can be viewed at any time. The line was cleaned recently and there is further planned works which will be happening in the coming weeks. A run will be done from the lakes at Tymon to the City boundary to clear out the debris and build up. The long term plan is to put hard defences where required i.e. raising walls and increasing storage capacity at Tymon. Dublin City Council have put a brief together to engage Consultants to finalise where the hard defences will be required. The procurement of this is currently with Dublin City Council. The works at Tymon which will reduce the flow and convey items that go down the channel. The Council are looking to fast track and bring forward this but that's dependant on the work being under the necessary thresholds. Mr. Galvin asks the Group to provide specific locations

on the Cottages he will look at them when the Operational Crews are clearing the channel. Any minor works that are required could be added to next year's program but anything requiring major works and full planning it would come further down the line.

A discussion takes place regarding soil moved and a bank created by the developer at the "Old Garage Site" on Wellington Lane between the junctions of Wellington Green and Limekiln Road, the need for the Council to insure that the Developer complied with the Terms and Conditions for Planning Permission granted at that site and the need for a non-return valve at the second entrance going into the new estate. Mr. Galvin states that he will speak to Operations.

Cllr. Paul Foley also states that the Councillors will keep the Group informed of any progress.

The Group that the Council Officials and the Councillors for the opportunity to attend the Deputation meeting.