

Deputation May 2016

DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Deputations
held in the Dundrum Office - Main Street, Dundrum
on 11th May 2016 at 3 15 pm

The Gallops Residents Association

PRESENT

Councillors:

Cllr. Chris Curran
Cllr. Deirdre Donnelly
Cllr. Tom Murphy
Cllr. Peter O'Brien
Cllr. Seamas O'Neill
Cllr. Lettie McCarthy

Apologies from Councillors:

Cllr Kevin Daly

The meeting was chaired by An Cathaoirleach Cllr B. Saul

Residents:

Liz Roche
Noreen Barron

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Seamus Ahern (Administrative Officer, Infrastructure & Climate Change),
Padraig Watters (Senior Executive Engineer Municipal Services)
Joe Whittle, (Executive Parks Superintendent Municipal Services)
Tom Mahon (Administrative Officer, Corporate, Communications and Governance)
Pamela Graydon (Senior Staff Officer, Corporate, Communications and Governance)

Question-1: The Public Walkway

The GRA would like to thank DLRCC and its contractors for the extensive work carried out on the public walkway.

The new lighting, the hedgerow trimming and cleaning of the pathway has significantly improved the area for both residents and non-residents alike. The Residents Association will continue to conduct monthly clean ups during the year and bi-weekly clean ups during July and August in an effort to support the Council and contractor.

Could we ask that the area continue to be regularly maintained and the shrubs and trees kept at current levels?

Also, there were a few shrubs that had not been trimmed / pruned and we understand that this might have been due to restricted access for the contractors' machinery, could these be addressed separately?

Response:

J. Whittle, Executive Parks Superintendent, said the contractors would be back in the area shortly and he would discuss the extra locations with them. He also stated that the the hedge will be cut back every season.

Question-2: Glencairn Crescent Landscaping – behind The Gallops Luas Stop

GRA brought copy maps and emails to the meeting pertaining to meetings held between RPA, GRA and residents of the Crescent dating back from 2010.

Whilst DLRCC have taken care of an initial clean-up of the area it still needs to be addressed and maintained long term.

Has DLRCC taken charge of this area now? If so, can it be put on the contractors list for maintaining?

Could we request an update on this as the area is still in a poor state?

Response:

J. Whittle informed the Residents that the litter picking will take place at the weekend by the contractor.

Question-3: Playground

Extend the fencing around the newer area of the playground – GRA met with Joe Whittle and Gerry Sinnott 21 April 2016 at the playground area to discuss the possible

extension of the railings subject to budget being available.

The GRA sought and were granted permission to erect laminated signs advising all users to bring their rubbish home.

Joe Whittle advised that he would be ordering permanent signage for the playground.

We understand that DLRCC has taken delivery of this permanent signage and that this needs to be erected at some stage.

In the meantime, can we erect further signage until the permanent signage is in place?

The area has also had issues with anti-social behaviour which has been brought to the attention of the Gardai and local Policing Forum.

There has been a CCTV sign installed at the playground area by DLRCC.

Have there been any further discussions to consider looking at public lighting in the playground or CCTV?

GRA would like DLRCC to reconsider a previous request to have a solar

compactor bin installed in the playground area.

Response:

J. Whittle advised the Residents that he is trying to get funding to extend the fencing at the playground and it will be put up as soon as possible with the new signs, hopefully over the summer.

Question-4: Illegal Dumping

This issue has been highlighted and discussed previously and has also had some coverage in local newspapers.

GRA have highlighted the planted area on the green located at the bottom of Glencairn Road and Glencairn Park has become a dumping ground for green waste and Christmas Trees.

This is also an estate wide issue and we did a leaflet drop throughout the estate with the letter as provided by DLRCC.

We have had several reports from residents that there may be vermin in the estate as a result of this waste and we need to know who this should be reported to.

We would like DLRCC to uplift/prune the trees and the hedging in these areas to eliminate the low level screening and coverage that enables the illegal dumping.

The problem was exacerbated over the summer months last year is already an estate wide issue with reappearance of green waste being dumped along both sides of the public walkway.

We have also requested a meeting with the Litter Warden for our area to discuss this and littering in general within The Gallops

Response:

J. Whittle, Executive Parks Superintendent agreed to remove lower planting to help reduce dumping of green waste.

Seamas Ahern, Administrative Officer Infrastructure and Climate Change gave the phone number for pest control to deal with the rat problem resulting from dumping (1850 211 774 or 620 6057).

S. Ahern agreed to re- print the leaflets given to the Residents Association last year to deliver around their estate again this year.

Question-5: Tree Pruning and broken footpaths

In general the trees are in a good state within The Gallops.

There are a number of trees that have grown and have low hanging branches that impede the use of footpaths where walkers have to step on to the road and some trees that block signage.

We will bring a list of the broken pathways and some photographs of the trees in question to the Deputation Meeting

Response:

The Residents stated that some trees on private property were hanging over footpaths

J. Whittle will refer the photos handed in by Residents to Maintenance Section.

They will write to the property owners to cut back. Mr J. Whittle stated that he will include as many trees as possible in the Gallops in the Tree Programme.

Mr T. Mahon, Administrative Officer, Corporate, Communications and Governance will pass the list of footpath locations to Municipal Services.

Meeting concluded at 3.45 p.m.