

DEPUTATION MEETING REPORT

Date & Time:	25 th September 2024 @ 3.30 p.m.
Deputation Group:	Cypress Grove Residents Association
Deputation Attendees:	Niall Clarke, Neville O'Boyle
Elected Members:	Cllr Ciarán Ahern, Cllr Yvonne Collin, Cllr Alan Edge, Pamela Kearns, Cllr Sarah Barnes, Cllr Lynn McCrave
Council Officials:	Leo Magee (Senior Engineer), Brendan Redmond (Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer), Lorcan Brennan (Senior Executive Engineer), Damien Wildes (Executive Parks & Landscape Officer), Mary Connell (Administrative Officer), Sean Barron (Staff Officer), Marian Travers (Assistant Staff Officer), Margaret Farrell (Clerical Officer)

Cllr Ciarán Ahern presided.

Items discussed:

Item 1 – Overgrown Trees

The group expressed concern that the trees in the estate are getting quite large and need to be cut back

Damien Wildes, Executive Parks, replied to the groups queries.

Commitment given:

- Will list for a cursory inspection, within the next three weeks, to identify potential health and safety issues that can be dealt with in the short term
- Will put the estate up for consideration for the next tree maintenance programme (2026-2029)

Item 2 – Repair/replace footpath on the main green area on The Park

The group expressed concern about the grass growing and covering the pathway and are looking for a more permanent solution than just replacing the tarmac.

Brendan Redmond, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, replied to the groups queries

Commitment given:

- Will remove the fuschia and cut back the grass within the next two weeks
- Will put forward for consideration for the 2025 improvement works programme
- Will meet the residents association on site

Item 3 – Membrane coming through at main green play area

The group expressed concern that the membrane is showing through the bark at the main playspace area

Brendan Redmond, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, replied to the groups queries

Commitment given:

- Area has been inspected and is on the list for the foreman of works to complete

Item 4 – Manhole cover needs repair/resurfacing. Trip hazard on The Heath

The group expressed concern that there is a large trip hazard on The Heath that needs to be addressed and there are a number of surrounds around the manhole covers in need of repair.

Lorcan Brennan, Senior Executive Engineer, replied to the groups queries

Commitment given:

- Will have all the areas inspected, within a week or two, if the group could forward on the addresses
- Will try to include in a programme for the direct labourers to do next year

Item 5 – Missing cappings and broken wall at entrance to Cypress Downs – The Drive

The group expressed concern that some of the cappings are missing and others are loose and in need of repair/replacement

Lorcan Brennan, Senior Executive Engineer, replied to the groups queries

Commitment given:

- Will have the wall inspected when the manhole covers are being inspected
- Loose cappings will be fixed and missing cappings will be replaced

The meeting concluded as there was no other business