

DEPUTATION MEETING MINUTES

Date & Time: 25th January 2017 @ 3pm

Deputation Group: Glendown Residents Association

Councillors Present:	Cllr. Paul Foley Cllr. Pamela Kearns Apologies: Cllr. Enda Fanning
Deputation:	Nora Ellard Tim Flynn
Council Officials Present:	
Oisín Egan	Environment, Water & Climate Change
Máire Ní Dhomhnaill	Environment, Water & Climate Change
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.

Cllr. Paul Foley welcomes the Group back to discuss the items that had not been covered at their last meeting.

1) Drainage on Park Area (at Exercise Equipment) on Glendown Road opposite Garage.

Nora Ellard from the Group describes the area between Glendown Road & Templeville Road as a little park adjacent to St. Mary's Rugby Club. South Dublin County Council have also installed exercise equipment at the location. The area is popular with both Residents and Non Residents. The Group are concerned due to occasional flooding in the area when there is heavy rainfall. The Group are looking for a solution so that the pathways and exercise equipment can be used all year round.

Oisín Egan from the Environment, Water & Climate Change Department acknowledges the Drainage Issues and also encroachment of grass onto the footpaths. Mr. Egan also says the areas around the base of the seating will need to be addressed as well. Mr. Egan proposes getting the paths scrapped back and then looking at the drainage issues.

The Group state that the area that is worst affected is at the entrance on Glendown Road and at the exercise equipment.

Mr. Egan agrees to reply to the Group with a timeframe on the works taking place.

Cllr. Pamela Kearns questions the issue on the benches and setting them in concrete.

Mr. Egan agrees that the benches can be raised so that they are level with the path.

Cllr. Kearns also asks if the bin will be moved from the edge of the road into the park.

Mr. Egan replies to say that this can be discussed at the construction phase.

A discussion then took place regarding the reasons for the flooding at the location.

Cllr. Paul Foley asked what type of drainage would be used.

Mr. Egan confirmed that the water would be piped out of the area.

2) Footpath & Lights by the River at rear of Glendown Crescent.

Tim Flynn from the group presents some pictures to the meeting. The issue of lighting & its effects on the area is discussed. The group feel the area is badly lit and that maybe two lights added to the pathway could solve the problem.

Mr. Flynn also discusses the need to improve the pathway. There is growth of grass onto the path which narrows the track. The group acknowledge the Councils work on cutting back the brambles along the river.

Máire Ni Dhomhnaill explains to the group that she will list Glendown for consideration for the 2017 Tree programme. Prior to doing any work, all trees in the area will be surveyed and a list compiled. The trees, as described by the group as being close to the lights, will also be surveyed and a decision on works will be made at that point. Ms. Ni Dhomhnaill says that in some cases a decision to move the light may be made, however it is a rare occurrence.

Ms. Ni Dhomhnaill confirms that the trees that are located at the boundaries of houses will be included in the survey.

Cllr. Foley asks about the clearing of the footpath.

Mr. Egan explains that there would have to be some consultation with the Public Lighting department. Mr. Egan states that this work may be part of a much bigger plan for this area and costings would also need to be established.

Mr. Egan confirms that the scrapping back of the grass on the footpath can take place.

Cllr. Kearns suggests that the Councillors could address the Public Lighting issue to the Chief Executive as part of the Small Works Programme.

Commitments given:

- Get paths scraped back and look at drainage - Oisín Egan to contact Residents Association regarding time frame.
- Oisín Egan to arrange putting in a new concrete base for benches and also move litter bin into park.
- Oisín Egan to liaise with Public Lighting regarding issues.
- Oisín Egan to arrange to scrape back paths along river.