

Mulhuddart Minutes 13-16

SAFER BLANCHARDSTOWN

Notes re Public Meeting 24th April, 2013

Garda Kevin Flatly listed statistics (available from Philip)

You said we listened Feedback:

Issue No. 01 New Bridge

You said...has no speed controls (ramps) on bridge itself, need some controls.

We said...engineer has assessed the road and bridge there are currently no plans to implement speed controls, no particular issue has been identified however they will continue to monitor the situation.

Issue No. 02 Grass Cutting & Non Collection

You said...cut grass is not being collected from footpaths within estates, why is the council allowed to do this on a continuous basis given the dangerous nature of wet grass.

We said...collection of cut grass was a big issue in 2012. Unfortunately the council don't have facility or machinery, would not be viable given current staffing levels however additional sweepers have been deployed. Growth is a lot less in 2013 and council are on top of this issue, staff are to be more aware of areas that require cutting.

Issue No. 03 Bridge at Castlecurragh Park

You said...resident expressed concerns in relation to safety of gridding on walkway from Castlecurragh, extremely dangerous when wet as it becomes very slippery, residents also requested that the gridding be maintained and kept free from greenery.

We said...being monitored closely, as it is a flood plain the structure/gridding needs to allow water through. There are constraints with budgets but will look at other areas to see what is in place.

Issue No. 04 Flooding of park at Castlecurragh

You said...is anything being done to prevent this, is this being monitored by the Council?

We said...this issue has been dealt with, no complaints in past year.

Issue No. 05 Pedestrian Crossings

You said...pedestrian crossing required from Parnell and Avondale to bus stop.

We said...currently in the system, engineers compile a list and prioritise (this is on the list). Also looking to complete a path from Parnell estate to Damastown. In relation to special needs, need to come back with more information.

Issue No. 06 Parking re Schools

You said...This is still an issue, zigzag lines need to be repainted as they are not visible when wet, could church grounds be used to alleviate problem?

We said...still a huge problem not successful (going around in circles) will look at each school on an individual basis. In relation to the church grounds this option was looked at two years ago, there was a fear that the traffic issue would spill out on to the main road, wear and tear and associated costs was also an issue. In certain cases the issue is with the parents not the schools, in one instance parking was provided on a licensed premises but this was not availed off as it was a short distance

from the school. Recently there have been twelve incidents involving school wardens, it is an offence not to stop (1 penalty point). Currently there are a few ideas in the pipeline, the possibility of staggering school opening times is being considered, this system was successfully implemented in the UK, any other suggestions can be put on the Safer Blanchardstown website. A pilot system will be put in place and then rolled out.

Issue No. 07 Dogs & Vandalism in Avondale Park

You said...concerns re dogs roaming the area, pursuing children and youths, digging underneath fencing young people climbing under and vandalising cars.

We said...not sure whether this has been resolved, no one in attendance from Avondale, Philip to follow up.

Issue No. 08 Horses/Bikes

You said...provides a designated space/area for bike club, what about horses.

We said...both huge issues in the area. In relation to horses regulation proved successful in Dunsink, people are responsible for their own actions. In relation to bikes in the park there has been a deterioration since the last meeting (17/10/12), youths not from the Dromheath estate. The Motor Cross Club initiative is involved in ongoing consultation with the residents of the Parnell estate with Philip mediating. Access to the grounds is at specific times only i.e. Sunday afternoons. Noise levels are a huge factor, this is currently being monitored prior to noise abatement measures being implemented. The track may require modification however if residents are satisfied the project will progress to the next phase. It is important to note that this is not a race track. It is an opportunity for the youth to learn how to look after/maintain their bikes. They must adhere to rules and regulation, walk/push bikes to and from facility, they will be held accountable/responsible. On a positive note, levels of damage have decreased during the negotiation process.

Issue No. 09 Castlecurragh Speed Ramps

You said...there are no speed ramps on road at bend as you exit the estate through Warrenstown, particularly dangerous stretch of road, has already been a fatality here.

We said...currently on list however not sure where. There is signage to notify drivers of bend, Philip to link in with Ruairi.

Issue No. 10 Dromheath Shops

You said...cars continually parking on corner of shop, double yellow lines required.

We said...as above (same issue as schools).

Issue No. 11 Hedge on Church Road

You said...this is quite a dangerous stretch of road, can anything be done?

We said...working on plan for some time now from Tyrrelstown to Mulhuddart, people safety is a priority, quite radical thinning out of hedging/scrub is required. Clean up on cemetery side is also required, unfortunately nothing can or will be done in relation to dangerous bend.

Issue No. 12 Boulders in Ladyswell Park

You said...children will eventually be hurt as they are uneven on the top and children are continually running/playing on them. Is there an overall plan for the area?.

Issue No. 13 Dumping in Ladyswell Park

You said...a lot of work has been carried out in the park however there is a problem with weeds growing between railings and boulders. The park is full of rubbish once again. Names have been given on who is dumping however there appears to be no follow up, also individuals are charging for rubbish collections and then dumping in this area.

We said re issues 12 & 13...over the coming years hedge planting will enable continual removal of boulders. The trees that were planted by the children have not yet been

damaged/vandalised however a clean up is required. In relation to the bikes hopefully the Motor Cross Club will alleviate this issue. With the construction of a new car park (located centrally), the provision of a soccer pitch and the possibility of a Gaelic pitch hopefully this will bring people/clubs back into the park. There is no overall plan at the moment.

Issue No. 14 Community Garda

You said...are these specifically designated posts?

We said...yes they are fulltime positions:

* There is a lot of interaction with residents, in relation to a murder enquiry with a successful outcome Garda thanked residents for their cooperation re house to house enquiries. Residents were also commended for the involvement re the successful granting of an exclusion order.

* Operation Acer, in relation to break-ins access was gained through open or unlocked front doors, another gained access to an apartment block via the intercom system. Information is available on the stand or website.

* Register bikes in the event of a theft they can be traced.

* Necessity to distinguish between theft and robbery (by force).

* Importance of neighbours to watch out for one another.

Issue No. 15 Safer Blanchardstown

You said...does Safer Blanchardstown actually work?

We said...work in progress; consultation has taken place with residents and priorities have been identified.

SESSION 2

Presentation by Philip in relation to Private Residential Tenancy Board (PRTB)

New Issues:

1. Ladyswell Park (Fencing)

You said...residents requested that the railings be extended as the gap is encouraging anti social behaviour, it is also used as an escape route.

We said...Ruairi to look at this.

2. Mulhuddart Priority Task Group

You said...Residents unfamiliar with this group and the consultation process, therefore they have requested a presentation from MPTG at next public meeting.

We said...Philip to address this issue with members of the MPTG at next meeting (07/05/13).

A.O.B.:

* Ray Wilders encouraged residents to get involved, he also promoted the great work done by and support received from both Fingal County Council and the Garda. He also encouraged residents of smaller estates to work with neighbouring estates.

* Fingal County Council is available for advice (Janet Ivers - Community Office), they will provide committee skills training in Tyrrelstown mid-May.

* Caroline Murphy was elected as Mulhuddart Community Rep for Safer Blanchardstown.