

Parks Health & Safety Sub-Committee Meeting
Tuesday 19th June 2018 @ 14.30pm
Conference Room, Eblana House

Minutes

Chairperson:

Cllr. Ray McHugh

Attendance:

John MacEivilly – South Central Area (Dublin City Council)

Donal Dunne – Parks Dept. (Dublin City Council)

Sean Redmond – Parks Dept. (Dublin City Council)

Dave O'Donovan – Cherry Orchard Project Manager (Dublin City Council)

Liam Fitzgerald – Drimnagh Residents Community Group

Sergeant Bobby Blake – Crumlin DV AGS

Apologies:

Cllr. Greg Kelly

Bruce Phillips – South Central Area (Dublin City Council)

The meeting opened with Sergeant Bobby Blake from Crumlin Garda station introducing himself.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then discussed.

Item 3 – Report from Licensing Section on horse seizures in the South Central Area.

The written report provided was given to all members and discussion ensued. Sean Redmond stated that there had been a decline in the number of horses seen in the area's parks to which Sergeant Blake agreed.

Cllr. McHugh questioned how many horses were put down.

Ruth explained that the figure was not available, however it was estimated that 90% of all horses seized were put down, as the cost to the owner of retrieving a horse was approximately 750 euro.

Cllr. McHugh also questioned if horses that were known to be kept in the area on Sarsfield Road were all chipped etc. Parks could not answer that question.

Item 4 – Reports from Local H&S Committees (Members from Ballyfermot and Walkinstown were not in attendance

The issue of outdoor exercise equipment was discussed for Stannaway Park. Sean Redmond explained that Stannaway was part of a tendering process that included Eamonn Ceannt,

Dolphin Road, and Walkinstown Green. Sean envisioned that should everything go to plan the exercise equipment would be on site by end of summer.

Liam Fitzgerald stated that preparations for the Drimnagh Festival to be held on the 7th July in Brickfield Park were going well.

Donal Dunne reported that work had commenced on the pavilion in Markievicz Park, with the roof having been installed last week.

Liam also reported that the weekly run in the park was a great success in Brickfield with approximately 80 to 100 participants joining in every week. He also explained that the run attracted a lot of tourists, who can look on line to see where runs are being held in the city. He also reported that the all weather pitch was being used up to 6 or 7 nights a week, so it was proving to be a great success.

In regards to the playground in Brickfield Sean explained that more pieces were to be added, there had been major delays on the part of the supplier but these issues are resolved and the playground should be completed by late June, early August.

Item 5 – Update on Horse Power Project

Dave O’Donovan explained that the relevant bodies met last night and the results of which would be discussed at the Area Committee Meeting being held tomorrow, Wednesday the 20th June.

Item 6 – Report from Waste Management re Enforcement Policy and Education

A written report supplied by Simon Brock was distributed to the group for their information. Liam asked about the procedure involved when dumping takes place outside of parks, such as on public pathways and roads. John MacEvilly explained that this is an issue for the Public Domain Department.

Sean also explained that rubbish bins are to be installed at the entrances to parks rather than in the parks that would help deter the practice both in the parks and in public areas. Sergeant Blake stated that the emphasis needed to be on deterring dumping rather than encouraging it, which public rubbish bins can sometimes do.

The issue of installing smart bins was then discussed between members.

Cllr. McHugh asked how the new data protection laws would effect the use of CCTV in combating local dumping. John explained that he had met with the Law Department in relation to this and an impact statement was currently being looked at.

Cllr. McHugh requested an update on prosecutions in the South Central Area to be given at the next meeting. Ruth Dixon will look after this.

Cllr. McHugh also asked if the CCTV camera that was out of use at the Four Roads Public House in Crumlin was now working and Sergeant Blake verified that it was and was one of the most efficient cameras in the area.

A.O.B.

Dave O'Donovan gave a report on the Stone Soup Park in Ballyfermot, showing photos of the new path that had been installed, explaining that railings would be installed in the near future.

Donal asked if there was a date yet for the completion of the houses, and Dave explained that per the latest reports progress was on track.

Sean Redmond informed the members that there had been a worrying increase in anti social behaviour in Markievicz Park with a group of young men intimidating staff and vandalizing the playground. Stannaway Park had also been vandalized with the playground being burnt out on Saturday night. Sergeant Blake explained that Gardaí would be patrolling both parks at the weekend and late at night.

It was decided to hold the next meeting on Tuesday 25th September which would allow the meeting to discuss and prepare for Halloween as per Liam Fitzgerald's request.

Meeting concluded.

details of fines issued in the SCA from 1 Jan to date.

- 86 fines issued – 12 resulting in CCTV at bring centres where vehicles are used in the commission of alleged offences.
- 32 fines paid
- 7 cancelled on appeals
- Prosecutions will be initiated for the unpaid fines
- No Convictions as yet.