

Parks Health & Safety Sub-Committee Meeting
Tuesday 3rd October 2018 @ 3
Conference Room, Eblana House

Minutes

Chairperson:

Cllr. Ray McHugh

Attendance:

John MacEvilly – 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:

Henry Harding – Le Fanu/Markievicz Representative
Bruce Phillips – DCC South Central Area
David O'Donovan – Cherry Orchard Project Manager
Insp. Andy Tuite – Ballyfermot Garda Station

(1) Minutes of previous meeting (19th June 2018) and review of actions.

Agreed

(2) Antisocial behaviour in the parks

Sean Redmond informed the members that the barrier at Stannaway Park has been strengthened. Parks are also doing work at California Hills, Ballyfermot. Cost of repairing damage to playground equipment at Willie Pearse Park is €23,000. Works should be completed in 8 weeks. CCTV for Parks is not feasible due to the number of trees and possible hiding places.

(3) Reports from local H&S sub committees:

- Drimnagh Residents Community Group
All weather pitch in Brickfield Park going well. The Saturday run is also going well in park. Sean Redmond informed the members that an architect has been engaged for the dressing rooms. Liam Fitzgerald requested that this should be a clubhouse rather than just dressing rooms. Ray McHugh has submitted a motion to the October South Central Area Committee Meeting requesting same and that users of the park be consulted. Drimnagh Residents Community Group to send this request in writing to Sean Redmond.
- Markievicz Park/Le Fanu Park Management
- Crumlin/Walkinstown Forum

(4) Update on illegal dumping Prosecutions issued in the SCA

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.

(5) Update from Dave O'Donovan on Horse Project

A report on the Horse Project from David O'Donovan was circulated.

(6) Plans for Halloween

John MacEville informed the members that the office are already active with removing bonfire material and there had been 2 substantial raids earlier this week. Drones will be used in all areas of South Central Area but there are issues regarding GDPR.

Liam Fitzgerald asked if there were contact numbers if bonfire material was discovered late on a Friday evening.

John MacEville informed the members that he had requested that a Garda Public Order Unit be available from 2.00 p.m. on Halloween.

Liam Fitzgerald informed the members that there were tyres stored at the Miller Site, Davitt Road. Public Domain section have been informed of this.

Action: - A letter to be written to the Chief Superintendents for the 3 areas regarding the shortage of staff and the need for a Public Order Unit to be available at Halloween – Chief Supt. Kevin Galton, Crumlin, Chief Supt. Lorraine Wheatley, Blanchardstown, and Chief Supt. Finbarr Murphy, Ballyfermot.

(7) Any other business

- Proposed date for next meeting Wednesday 5th December @ 3pm