

Parks Health & Safety Sub-Committee Meeting
Wednesday 5th December, 2018
Conference Room, Eblana House

Minutes

Chairperson: Cllr. Ray McHugh

In Attendance: John MacEvilly- Dublin City Council, South Central Area
Sean Redmond – Dublin City Council, Parks Department
Tony McGrath – Dublin City Council, Parks Department
Liam Fitzgerald – Drimnagh Residents Community Group
Henry Harding – Le Fanu/Markiewicz Representative
Garda Barry Curtin

Apologies: Sergeant Bobby Blake – Crumlin DV AGS

1. Minutes of previous meeting (3rd October, 2018) and review of actions

Agreed

2. Antisocial behaviour in the parks

Brickfield Park– Railings car jacked. Materials have been ordered and repairs will be made.

Pearse Park – Quiet since Halloween. Councillor McHugh asked if it would be possible to install lockable gates at the Star Bingo entrance. This laneway is in the charge of DCC since 1993. Sean Redmond stated that installing gates would result in problems accessing the park particularly for those who use the park as a shortcut when commuting to work early in the morning. **Action: Sean Redmond** will speak with Eamonn Dunne.

Kylemore Park – Play unit had to be removed. A decision to be made on what to install in its place. Community Garda moving youths on from outside the shops resulting in them congregating in the park. No evidence of any damage being caused. However, one resident is unhappy and requesting fencing and cameras to be installed. **Action: Sean Redmond** will speak with the Residents Committee who were involved in the design of the park. **Action: Garda Curtin** doesn't cover this area but will refer the matter.

California Hillis– A lot of work has been done over the past 12 months with new paths and barriers. The vegetation on some of the island beds will be cut back over the coming months. It is hoped to add another unit to the existing gym.

Henry Harding reported that horses continue to be a problem. They are untagged and are brought onto the park during the day. No one has come forward with information as to their ownership.

3. Reports from local H&S sub committees

Markiewicz Park – Henry Harding praised the work of the Parks Department on the pavilion and wished to acknowledge Councillor Michael Conahan's hard work down through the years.

4. Update on illegal dumping prosecutions issued in the South Central Area

Henry Harding stated that at 8 a.m. yesterday morning a trailer load of dumped bags of rubbish was removed from the park in Cherry Orchard. This is an ongoing issue. He asked if it was possible for a Litter Warden to go through these bags.

He stated that the residents would like to see a running track in the park which he feels would alleviate the problem in this section of the park.

Dumping in the laneway at Rafters Avenue was discussed. **Action: John MacEvilly** will speak with the Public Domain Officer in relation to this matter.

5. Report from Halloween

Councillor McHugh wished to record his appreciation for the work of the Gardaí and City Council staff over the Halloween. Liam Fitzgerald also thanked the Gardaí and Council Staff for their hard work.

Locations of stockpiled bonfire material

Rear garden of 281 Mourne Road – Privately owned

Rear of 31 Keeper Road – **Action: John MacEvilly** to check if this land is in the ownership of DCC .

Drones were used but they may need to be brought in closer to Halloween, for next year. Information provided by members of the public was invaluable.

A large amount of tyres were recovered, some of which were stolen and returned to their owner.

2 arrests were made. In addition to this names have been passed to the Project Estate Officer for follow up action.

2 Committees have been set up since Halloween – Task Force and Safety Committee

6. Any other business

None

Next meeting – To be confirmed.