

**MINUTES OF DEPUTATION MEETING HELD WITH
BALROTHERY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
ON THURSDAY 8TH MAY 2008
IN FINGAL COUNTY HALL.**

Present:

Deputation: Niall Keady
Eamonn Lynch

Councillors: Ciarán Byrne
Joe Corr
Gerry McGuire
May McKeon
David O'Connor

Council Joe Mahon, Billy Mc Clean, Senior Executive
Engineers; Tom

Officials: Hussey, Executive Parks Superintendent; Noeleen
Mc Hugh, Pat Kenny, Martin Sweeney;
Administrative Officers; Rafe Costigan,
Community Officer; Janice Kavanagh, Staff
Officer; Rowena Dunne, Assistant Staff Officer.

Councillor Joe Corr presided.

Item 1. Roads, Traffic and Footpaths

The Deputation expressed their concerns regarding the increased traffic volumes in the area.

The Transportation Department confirmed that it is proposed to install one pedestrian crossing in the area but that the location has not yet been chosen. The 50Km zone will be extended from south of the town to the Skerries Road. A Speed limit review is being presented at the Council meeting in June after which it will go on public display. Traffic calming, pedestrian crossings and works on the south exit have all been included in the programme of works.

The Deputation said that there is a dangerous area coming off the Skerries Road. A warning sign needs to be erected there.

The Transportation Department said that they are conscious of the request for a sign in the area and they will install any signing or lining that is required. They also indicated that the road up to Turnpike will be upgraded.

The Deputation enquired about the parking spaces and footpath

at Cloch Chaoirneal. They said that the footpath hasn't been dishd and that people are parking longways instead of parallel to the footpath.

The Transportation Department said that they are aware of the situation and are liaising with the Developer to rectify this. A mobility accessibility study will also be carried out in the area.

Item 2. Schools Crisis.

The Deputation indicated that this is still an issue and should be kept on the Agenda.

Item 3. Development of Amenities.

The Deputation said that there is a problem with accessibility to the Tennis Courts, Rugby Club and Cricket Club as there is no proper footpath leading up to them. They asked if more walkways and paths could be looked at for the area.

The Transportation Department indicated that access to the Clubs will require land acquisition in the area.

The Parks Division indicated that a feasibility study for walkways and paths will be looked at.

The Deputation then enquired about the expansion of the Balrothery Resource Centre.

The Community Division confirmed that a funding application has been received for adapting the Resource Centre. The Committee have been written to requesting additional information in order that the funding application can be further processed. The maximum amount of funding available under the Capital Facilities Funding Scheme for this project is €75,000

A question was raised as to where the development levies are being spent. The Planning Department explained that the levies are collected on a countywide basis but are not necessarily spent in the specific area where they are collected.

The Deputation then asked about pedestrian linkages at Balruddery Woods.

The Parks Division confirmed that these are identified in the Local Area Plan. The Developers have been met with and the following has been agreed:

- 1) Pedestrian linkage between Balruddery Woods and relaying pitch and tennis courts.
- 2) The relocation of the temporary timber fence railing with a new metal structure out to within a metre of the slope so that the open space becomes available.
- 3) Tree planting.

The Parks Division confirmed that funding is available for drainage works around the Tennis courts and to restore and repair boundaries. Works will be completed in 8/10 weeks. In relation to the extending of the car park at the tennis courts it was indicated that there could be a minor extension to the car park area.

The Parks Division have identified 6 proposed locations for playgrounds in the area and details of these will be sent out to the Committee.

Item 4. Unfinished Housing Developments.

The Deputation enquired about unfinished housing developments including lack of signage and the finish of road surfaces.

The Planning Department reported that the open space at Cloch Chaoirneal has been finished and at Rose Park the road surface has been completed but the open space has not been completed. In relation to Balruddery Woods the final surface is needed to be finished on the road. The issue of directional signs will be looked at.

Item 5. Protection of Heritage.

The Deputation expressed their concerns in relation to the Holy Well at Rosepark and its restoration.

The Planning Department confirmed that a submission has been received from the Developer regarding the open space and that the Well is going to be retained. As part of the original planning

permission conditions, Dúchas have to approve of the treatment of the Holy Well.

A request was made that the issue of the Holy Well would be listed on the Agenda of the next Area Committee meeting.

The meeting concluded at 3.00 p.m.