

18th March, 2016.

Deputy Frances Fitzgerald, T.D.
Minister for Justice & Equality,
Department of Justice & Equality,
94 St. Stephen's Green,
Dublin 2.
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RE: Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting of South Dublin County Council held on 16th March, 2016.

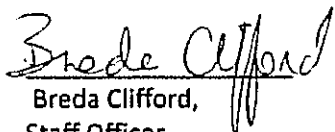
Dear Minister,

At the meeting of the Clondalkin Area Committee held on 16th March, 2016 the following motion was passed by the Members:

“That this committee write to the Minister for Justice, and ask her to introduce new legislation in regards to scramblers and quads.”

I would be obliged for your comments and responses as soon as possible to enable me to revert to the Committee.

Yours sincerely,



Breda Clifford,
Staff Officer,
Operations,
Environment Water & Climate Change



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Minister Reference: 0322151603

21 April, 2016

Dear Ms. Clifford,

I am directed by the Minister for Justice and Equality, Ms. Frances Fitzgerald, T.D., to refer to your correspondence dated 18 March, 2016.

The Minister is aware of concerns expressed about the misuse of vehicles such as scrambler and quad bikes. In this regard, the Minister is advised by the Garda authorities that members of An Garda Síochána have the power to require a vehicle in a public place to stop under Section 109 of the Road Traffic Act 1961, and that failure by the driver to do so is an offence. The Minister is further advised that mechanically propelled vehicles (including scrambler and quad bikes) used in a public place must comply with the Road Traffic Acts, including in relation to motor tax, insurance and possession of a valid driver licence or learner permit, and that non-compliance is also an offence. In addition, a vehicle may be seized where the driver has no driving licence or learners permit, where the driver has no insurance, or where there is no motor tax paid for a period of over three months after the expiry of the road tax payable on the vehicle.

You might also note that road traffic legislation comes within the remit of the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport.

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Quattrociocchi
Private Secretary to the Minister for Justice and Equality