

DEPUTATION MEETING REPORT

Date & Time: Wednesday, the 28th of May 2025 @ 3.30pm.

Deputation Group: Cherrywood Tidy Towns.

Deputation Group attendees: Anita Gormley, Carla Vedres, Andreoi Pop.

Elected Members: Cllr Shirley O' Hara, Cllr Francis Timmons, Cllr Linda De Courcy, Cllr William Carey, Cllr Trevor Gillian.

Council Officials: David Fennell (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Public Realm), Catherine White (SSO Community Dept), Kelly Fitzgerald (ASO Community Dept.), Alison Somerville (SO Community Dept.), Abdulaahi Mohamuud (CO Community Dept.),

*Cllr Shirley O' Hara presided. *

Items Discussed

Item 1 – Storage issue for our group – We submitted 13 potential locations to the Council, and they have all been rejected including 2 local Depots, that definitely has some potential where we could get a room to store our hand tools.

David Fennell replied to the groups query:

Commitment given – D. Fennell acknowledged the group's good work to date and explained why the suggested storage locations were deemed unsuitable, citing issues such as limited space, access restrictions (allotments), anti-social behaviour risks (too close to residential areas), and the poor condition or uncertain status of some buildings. He confirmed that the Council is currently reviewing its existing assets, including car parks, depots and council-owned properties, to identify potential spaces that could be adapted for use. This review will consider factors like suitability, accessibility, and security. Mr. Fennell committed to consulting with the group once the review is complete and will report back to councillors with proposed next steps at a future Area Committee Meeting.

Item 2 – Cherrywood Park Cul de Sac Bollards to be replaced. Council submission number 1860324. We are not happy with this generic answer as it doesn't give us a timeframe when job would commence and when can we expect old rotte bollards to be replaced.

David Fennell replied to the groups query:

Commitment given – The manager confirmed that two locations are under review and acknowledged the group's observation that some bollards are missing. Following an inspection, it was determined that 21 bollards require replacement.

South Dublin County Council's Public Realm team will initiate a procurement process for the supply of these bollards, with the aim of completing the process and installing the replacements by July or August of this year (depending on the supplier's availability to provide new bollards).

As SDCC does not manufacture bollards in-house, the procurement must follow the standard tendering procedure before installation can proceed.

Item 3 – We have 2 dumping locations in Cherrywood Estate. For the last 2 years we are asking those spots to be cleared and some minor landscaping to be done. Hopefully it would stop people to continue their waste dumping. Council removed waste but without being landscaped. Dumping in these spots continues, Cherrywood Lawns & Cherrywood Grove Park Entrance.

David Fennell replied to the groups query:

Commitment given – D. Fennell spoke on each location separately

Cherrywood Lawns:

This area was brought to his attention in 2023, at which time the fence in front of the hedge was removed and pruning was carried out. During a recent inspection, it was noted that a six-meter fence remains both in front of and behind the hedge, and all other fencing is still in place. He advised that no further landscaping can be undertaken in this area, as it would risk damaging the tree roots in place. However, he committed to arranging a litter pick to improve the appearance and cleanliness of the site.

Cherrywood Grove:

In relation to residents spreading grass clippings, Mr. Fennell clarified that this practice is considered unauthorised dumping and is not permitted. He strongly recommended the use of brown bins for garden waste disposal or encouraged residents to leave clippings on the lawn, allowing nutrients to naturally return to the soil. He committed to having existing litter and dumped material removed and urged councillors and community members to raise awareness and discourage the dumping of garden waste.

The meeting ended as there was no other business.