

Clontarf Castle Estate Update – June 2013

Dear Resident,

I was delighted to meet and speak with many of you at your recent Residents Association Meeting. One of the main concerns people raised was the anti-social behaviour problem that is developing around the green areas of the estate.

I undertook to set up a Local Policing Forum with the support of the Community Gardaí in Clontarf Garda Station and I have been working with the Residents' Association towards this over the past few weeks. We continue to run very successful Policing Forums in other areas that experience similar problems, especially in the summer months. Hopefully establishing this communication between residents and Gardaí will have a positive effect in your area too.

I also raised a number of other queries with the Council at the request of residents, including the fox problem and the maintenance of the laneway. Their response is overleaf. I will contact the DSPCA as advised in relation to the fox problem and update the Residents' Association further when more information is available.

I hope to see you next Tuesday – as always if I can be of any assistance to you please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Cllr Jane Horgan-Jones

Policing Forum – Tuesday 11th June

The details of the first meeting are:

- Clontarf Rugby Club
- 8pm
- Tuesday 11th June
- In attendance: Cllr Jane Horgan-Jones, Deputy Aodhán Ó Ríordáin, Community Garda representative, Clontarf Castle Residents Association.

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Q105. COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the City Manager the following question,

Could the City Manager address the following issues that have arisen in relation to the Clontarf Castle Estate? (Kincora Grove, Drive, Avenue, Clontarf)

a) A long term solution is needed to the anti social behaviour that consistently takes place on the green area on Kincora Grove. This situation has deteriorated in recent months and is causing residents much concern. Would the council be willing to meet with the residents association to devise a strategy to minimise anti-social behaviour in the green area on Kincora Grove?

b) There is an ongoing issue relating to maintenance of the laneway between Kincora Avenue and The Stiles Road. The Residents would like the lane to be taken in charge ideally - at the moment it is no man's land and residents have clean it out occasionally when rubbish is dumped in it.

c) There is a fox problem in the estate. What are residents legally entitled to do/not entitled to do in relation to foxes? What advice is there from the City Council as regards dealing with this problem?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

(a) The Parks and Landscape Services would welcome the opportunity to meet the Residents Association concerning the green area on Kincora Grove and contact will be made with the Residents Association to organise the meeting. We would also suggest that An Gardaí should also be invited to ascertain what antisocial activities are occurring and what can be done to address them.

(b) Part of this laneway is in charge of Dublin City Council and we had this part of the laneway cleaned on the 9th May 2013. The tarmacadam covered part of this laneway is not in charge and we are not in a position to include private laneways in our cleaning schedules. In respect of the application to have the lane at this location taken in charge, the Area Office in Kilbarrack has reviewed copy documentation received from residents. The NCA Kilbarrack will contact internal Departments and separately contact residents directly in connection with this application in the next week.

(c) Foxes live throughout the city and it is not clear in what regard the City Council could assist in this matter. Perhaps the DSPCA could advise the residents.

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