

Allenwood Tidy Towns

# Playground for Allenwood - Public Information Meeting

Thursday, 15th June 2017 20:00 at Allenwood GAA Hall

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## Attendees

Martin Heydon T.D.	<i>T.D. for Kildare South</i>
Cllr. Mark Stafford	<i>Councillor for Kildare Newbridge Municipal District</i>
Cllr. Murty Aspell	<i>Councillor for Kildare Newbridge Municipal District</i>
Martina O'Neill	<i>Chairperson - Allenwood Tidy Towns</i>
Michelle O'Neill	<i>Secretary - Allenwood Tidy Towns</i>
Colin Connolly	<i>PRO - Allenwood Tidy Towns</i>
Wilfie Cronin	<i>Committee Member - Allenwood Tidy Towns</i>
Brendan Wyse	<i>Vice-chairperson - Allenwood Celtic AFC</i>
Joe Jacob	<i>Chairperson - Allenwood GFC</i>
Thomas Brennan	<i>Treasurer - Allenwood GFC Underage Committee</i>
Richard Pearle	<i>Chairperson - ACDAL</i>
Peg Regan	<i>Board Member - ACDAL</i>
Mag Jacob	<i>Board Member - ACDAL</i>
Paul Meagher	<i>Secretary - Woodlawn Resident's Association</i>
Penny O'Brien	
Danielle Molyneaux	
Simon O'Flaherty	
Kim McCabe	
Celine Brennan	
Susan Cross	
Jose Goncalves	
Amanda Kielthy	
Mikaela O'Shea	
Jacqui Jacob	
Joy Fetherston	
Damien Coyne	

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## Apologies

Tom Quinn

*General Manager, ACDAL*

Fiona O'Loughlin T.D.

*T.D. Kildare South*

Seán Ó'Fearghaíl T.D.

*T.D. Kildare South*

Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

*Councillor Kildare Newbridge Municipal District*

## Minutes

### Presentation

- Brendan Wyse gave a presentation on the work done by the Tidy Towns playground sub-committee which was formed in January this year.
- Some rationale showing the need for a playground in Allenwood were given. It was pointed out that there is no playground within 10 kilometres of Allenwood at present when some villages in Kildare have four playgrounds in such proximity.
- He summarised the work done so far on the playground project by other groups including any potential sites for a playground and any discussions that had been held in previous years.
- He then showed details of five potential sites that were assessed on criteria such as area, availability and security.
- Brendan identified some proposed next steps
- It was then presented to the attendees that the sub-committee were recommending a site offered by ACDAL at the Bright Sparks drive way to be used for the playground. Feedback on this was then sought from the members of the community present.

*The presentation is available for viewing at <https://goo.gl/8H6uof>*

### Feedback

- Feedback from the community was unanimously positive in relation to the proposed site.
- ACDAL Chairperson Richard Pearle was very receptive to suggestions, including how the nearby Enterprise Centre could be used to support car parking for the playground.
- Cllr. Mark Stafford outlined the next steps which would need to be taken and indicated that the Drehid Grant Committee would be definitely interested in sponsoring the playground as a flagship project. He also indicated that Kildare

County Council would possibly have funding in the region of €40,000 to €50,000 allocated towards the playground. Cllr. Stafford explained that the planning permission required for a playground depends on a number of factors including the build cost of the playground.

## Actions

- A panel will be set up from attendees that would represent the community in any discussions relating to the playground with Kildare County Council, ACDAL, the Drehid Grant Committee or any other external grouping
- The sub-committee will formally notify ACDAL and the Drehid Grant Committee of its desire to proceed with the ACDAL site following the agreement by the community members present at the meeting
- The panel of representatives will seek to meet with Simon Wallace of Kildare County Council
- The panel sub-committee will seek to be introduced to the Kildare County Council liaison contact for the playground project