



27 March 2023

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St Patrick's Park Rathangan

The members considered the Chief Executive's report for a residential development and regeneration works at St Patrick's Park, Rathangan.

Mr D Creighton gave a presentation to the members on the works involved and advised that the Chief Executive's Report had been previously circulated.

The members thanked Mr Creighton for his presentation, congratulated and commended the team on the works involved and raised the following points:

- There were currently four wheelchair users in Beechgrove so could these people be considered for some of the accessible units.
- There were concerns regarding giant hogweed which was prevalent in the area.
- What type of controlled access would be provided to the back lanes.
- There were concerns of segregation in relation to the two green areas in the development.
- What type of planting was being considered.
- Were there plans to provide a link to adjacent lands at Beechgrove
- Could the impact on adjacent lands be clarified and could Mr Creighton clarify if anyone had been forced to sell their home.
- Lessons should be learnt from this scheme which would inform how best to approach future schemes.

Mr D Creighton provided the following replies:

- The accessible units would be allocated by the allocations team
- Planting would be organised by the Parks Department
- Contractors had been sent to deal with the giant hogweed.
- It was proposed to remove the fencing on the back lanes and to have one access point. The lane would be closed off with a 3m wide maintenance access. Access for residents would dealt with at a later date

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- There was a lack of open space in the development previously. Units would face the pocket park and these units would be for older residents giving them access to this green area. The gym would be relocated as a circuit.
- To his knowledge there had been no forced sales. Some residents had moved voluntarily. One private residence in the centre of the regeneration scheme was in an area to be demolished but agreement had been reached.
- There were no proposals for development on adjacent lands so therefore there would be no impact. A map had been produced at a public workshop which showed connections through adjacent lands but the council had no proposals to access these lands and the next phase would be Beechgrove.

Councillor A Connolly proposed that the Part 8 be approved. This was seconded by Councillor Stafford and agreed by all members with Councillor McLoughlin Healy abstaining, explaining that she would like sight of the map which had been produced before making a definitive decision.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor A Connolly, seconded by Councillor Stafford and agreed by the members, with Councillor McLoughlin Healy abstaining, that the Chief Executive's report for a residential development and regeneration works at St Patrick's Park, Rathangan be approved.

(END OF EXTRACT)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true extract from the minutes of the monthly meeting of Kildare–Newbridge Municipal District held on 15 February 2023.

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