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**SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of the Lucan Area Committee dealing with Development, Planning, Corporate Services, Libraries, Community, Housing, Parks, Environment, Water & Drainage and Roads Business held on 26th February 2013.**

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| **PRESENT** |
| **COUNCILLORS** |
| **E. Higgins** |
| **C. Jones** |
| **W. Lavelle** |
| **G. O’Connell** |
| **E. Tuffy** |

**An Cathaoirleach, Councillor E. Tuffy presided.**

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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| Senior Executive Officer | L. Leonard, E. O’Gorman, W. Sheils, Y. Dervan |
| County Librarian | G. Byrne |
| Senior Engineer | J. McLoughlin |
| Senior Planner | P. Hogan, C. Ryan |
| Project Manager | M. Ni Dhomhnaill |
| Senior Executive Planner | D. Larkin, |
| Senior Executive Engineer | M. Glynn |
| Administrative Officer | T. Curtin, T. Shanahan |
| A/Senior Staff Officer | C. Malone |
| Clerical Officer | A. Shaw. |

**L/53/13 CONFIRMATION AND RE-AFFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**HEADED-ITEM (1) Item ID: 34884**

The Minutes of the Lucan Area Committee dealing with Roads, Water & Drainage, Planning, Development, Libraries, Corporate Services, Housing, Community, Environment and Parks Business, held on 22nd January 2013, which had been circulated, were submittedand **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor E. Tuffy, seconded by Councillor E. Higgins and **RESOLVED:**

“That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Lucan Area Committee Meeting held on 22nd January 2013 be **ADOPTED and APPROVED.”**

**Development**

**L/54/13 QUESTIONS**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/55/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (2): Development Department Item ID: 34885**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/56/13 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (1): Development Department Item ID: 34886**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/57/13 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS**

**MOTION (1): Development Department Item ID: 34887**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**Planning**

**L/58/13 QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor E. Tuffy, seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell and **RESOLVED**:

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Question number 1 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**L/59/13 KISHOGUE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**QUESTION (1): Councillor C. Jones Item ID: 34965**

"To ask the Manager to give an update regarding works to be taken at Kishogue by the Council to ensure accessibility to the planned Kishogue Community College?"

**REPLY:**

The proposed post primary school at Kishoge remains subject to pre-planning negotiation with the VEC who are progressing the development on behalf of the Department of Education and Science.  Vehicular and pedestrian access from the adjoining road network are part of that discussion and will form part of any planning application.  It is expected that the works required to access the site will be undertaken by the developer as part of the development.

**L/60/13 PLANNING FILES**

**HEADED ITEM (3): Planning Department Item ID: 34888**

Planning Files

A. Large Applications Under Consideration

**FILE DISCUSSED**: SDZ13A/0001

**LOCATION**: Adamstown Castle, Lucan, Co. Dublin

**COMMENTS**: Councillors W. Lavelle and G. O’Connell supported the application.

B. Files Requested by Members

(i)

**FILE DISCUSSED**: SD12A/0248

**LOCATION**: Block 2, Griffeen Local Centre, Lucan, Co. Dublin.

**COMMENTS**: Councillor W. Lavelle supported the application.

(ii)

**FILE DISCUSSED**: SD13A/0001

**LOCATION**: Unit 1, Fonthill Retail Park, Fonthill Road, Dublin 22

**COMMENTS**: The application was noted.

**L/61/13 TAKING-IN CHARGE REPORT**

Mr. T. Shanahan, Administrative Officer, presented the following report:-

**HEADED ITEM (4): Planning Department Item ID: 34991**

“**Taking in Charge Listing - Roads and Services**

**No. of Houses** **Estate** **Location** **Developer**

**Works Outstanding**

**C** **ESTATES WHERE TAKING IN CHARGE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE BEING PREPARED:**

235 Larkfield Lucan Fitzgibbon Bros

Following discussions with the bondholder,

the developer returned to site and completed

minor works and submitted CCTV surveys.

The development is now ready for taking in

charge, with only legal documents, a wayelave

required for foul and surface drains through a

private part of the development. This wayleave

is with Water Services to be executed and the

the development will be advertised for taking

in charge.

110 Mount Bellew Lucan Fitzgibbon Bros

Owing to the failure of Fitzgibbon Bros to

complete works, a claim was placed

on their bond in 2011. Following

discussions with the bondholder and the

Council, the developer returned to the site

and completed the remaining surface

works.

The Parks Department have confirmed that all

lansdcaping works are also complete.

The remaining works, repair of a sewer in the

development has been completed and the scheme

will now be advertised for taking in charge.

27 Moy Glas (Phase 2) Lucan Castlethorn/Cou

rtland/Lyncourt

27 units involved. The majority of this estate

is taken in charge. Remainder of estate

approved for taking in charge by Senior

Engineer and preparation of drawings for

statutory process underway.

**D** **ESTATES WHERE TAKING IN CHARGE WORKS ARE OUTSTANDING**

Adamstown Square/Park Lucan Castlethorn

Approximately 190 of 225 units occupied.

Developer liaising with Parks and Building

Control on taking in charge package and

security being re-negotiated.

**No. of Houses** **Estate** **Location** **Developer**

**Works Outstanding**

252 The Paddocks Lucan Mapelwood

Homes Ltd

In July and August 2012, the developer

(Maplewood), who was retained by the

receivers, Grant Thornton, met the Council. It

was agreed that following completion of taking

in charge works in the Glebe estate in

Newcastle at the end of September, that the

developer would then direct efforts at bringing

the Paddocks to taking in charge standard. The

areas identified as the focus for taking in

charge were in Phase 1(Paddocks

Grove,Walk,Drive,Square,Way,

Place, Crescent and Road). There will also be

legal matters relating to wayleaves for some

areas that will remain under Mgmt Comp

control particularly at Paddocks Place and

Square. It was anticipated that the taking in

charge package would be submitted in

October/November 2012.

However after these meetings a liquidator was

appointed to the developers company and the

Council are since working with him to identify

all required works to services which the

liquidator will carry out. Taking in charge

works are now intended for Phases 1 and 2.

Given the legal complexity both a liquidator

and receiver being involved with different

aspects, both parties are in dialogue as to

preparing a site resolution plan to bring the

development to taking in charge standard. The

Council is retaining security until the works

are completed.both the liquidator and the

receiver have been notified of the security held

and have been in dialogue with building

control re a taking in charge package.

**No. of Houses** **Estate** **Location** **Developer**

**Works Outstanding**

**D2** **ESTATES WHERE TAKING IN CHARGE WORKS ONGOING ON FOOT OF BOND CLAIM ETC**

224 Hansted Lucan McInerney

Construction

Following the Council claim on the bond in

Oct 2011 and after lengthy interactions, the

bondholder advised in writing (March 2012) of

their intention to honour the bond and hired

agents to liaise with the Council on agreeing

the value of works subject of the claim. The

terms of the bond allows the bondholder to

either pay the Council or complete works

using their contractor.

4 Council Departments have been engaged

with the bondholders consultants in identifying

the taking in charge works needed and

agreement on the works has been made with all

Depts. Works commenced Jan 2013 and

scheduled for completion by mid-March at

latest, as conditions allow..

Paralell to the works are a number of legal

issues being pursued to ensure taking in charge

may progress after works are done, such as

obtaining wayleaves from the receiver for

public lighting columns that the Council must

have future access to but which are in private

areas owned by the receiver. Also matters

relating to re-instatement of open space and

boundary areas beside a construction access to

the site are being pursued with the receiver and

Tierra who are developing an adjacent site.

The Council has written to the receiver in

these matters and is in process of reviewing a

draft wayleave.

**F1** **ESTATES SUBJECT TO LEGAL DIFFICULTIES:**

4 Cnoc Aoibheann Lucan Weston

Properties Ltd.

The remaining issue with the taking in charge

of this development are some legal queries in

connection with the land folios resulting from

the dissolution of the developers company.

Legal advice was received in this matter and

the Council have provided drawings and

technical documents in order for the Chief State

Solicitors office to give their consent to

proceed with taking in charge.The council have

written again to the CCSO re the urgency of a

reply on this issue and are still awaiting this

consent to proceed with taking in charge.

**No. of Houses** **Estate** **Location** **Developer**

**Works Outstanding**

3 Copse Lucan Weston

Properties Ltd

The remaining issue with the taking in charge

of this development are some legal queries in

connection with the land folios resulting from

the dissolution of the developers company.

Legal advice was received in this matter and

the Council have provided drawings and

technical documents in order for the Chief State

Solicitors office to give their consent to

proceed with taking in charge.The council have

written again to the CCSO re the urgency of a

reply on this issue and are still awaiting this

consent to proceed with taking in charge

**f2** **ESTATES SUBJECT TO ENFORCEMENT ACTION:**

108 Rossberry Lucan Kingscroft Ltd

& Hollioake Ltd

Two developers built Rossberry, Kingscroft

and Hollioake.

The Council has claimed security lodged for

completion of remedial works to part of the

development carried out by Hollioake and is

retaining the balance of security pending

completion of Deeds of Transfer for the open

space, which is almost completed.

However the estate as a whole cannot be taken

in charge as the Council requires unfettered

access to services and in the part developed by

Kingscroft, there remain significant issues

with residents having built walls etc blocking

access to various public services; manholes,

hydrants and public lighting. The Council has

served enforcement notices relating to the

unauthorised developments and the majority of

residents (one remaining) have agreed to set

back the unauthorised walls to allow access to

services. A collectively agreed timescale of

March 2013 has been set for these works to be

completed. If the Enforcement Notice is

compied with the Council will proceed with

taking in charge.

**G** **ESTATES UNDER CONSTRUCTION/CONSTRUCTION CEASED:**

61 Hansted Grove Lucan Tierra Ltd

Development under construction, adjacent to

existing Hansted development and Adamstown

Link Road. 61 units permitted, 17 2bed and

44 3bed. 13 units commenced to date. Bond

received for development.

10 Hawkridge Lucan Welcan Builders

Ltd.,

Houses partially completed, not occupied.

Permission expired. Development under

control of IBRC, site secured recently

following anti-social behaviour at location.

**No. of Houses** **Estate** **Location** **Developer**

**Works Outstanding**

St Edmonds Lucan Glenkerrin

Homes

Part of the development has been completed

and is substantially occupied and a bond is in

place. An extension of duration has been

granted for the rest of the development which is

currently fenced from the rest of the

development. On appointment of a receiver the

Council reviewed the site and outlined initial

requirements for a taking in charge process but

no request was made.

50 Tullyhall (Phase 3) Mews Lucan Eleveden

Properties Ltd

Permission is for 50 units. Less than 15

units built and some occupied. Works have

ceased on this site at present however the

remaining site is secured. An extension of

duration for the permission has been granted.

Issues with drainage have been repaired and

issues with public lighting have been referred

to the Councils Public Lighting section for

resolution. The Developer has made an

application to the ESB for connection to

permanently resolve issues with public

lighting.

**N** **PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT OPEN SPACE NOT COMPLETED**

107 Esker Manor Lucan Brian M.

Durkan Ltd

Mixed residential development. Management

agreement submitted. Partially private.

Public services completed to standard with

exception of play area which is not provided

and bond has been retained. Planning Dept

issued claim ron the bond equiring response

from surety by Jan 28 2013. Response was

received and the Council have outlined options

for meeting requirements of the permission.

30 Fforster Square Tierra Ltd

30 Apartments commenced June 2006.

Developer handed control to Mgmt Comp in

2011. Developer seeking release from bond and

the taking in charge of 200m of road at

Fforster Crescent, security held for same

also.Of the 220m of road offered for taking in

charge there is an outstanding road core test

which must be done in order to progress the

taking in charge process.A Playground is

required and the Parks department are in

discussions re same. The Parks Department are

also in discussions re the replacement of

trees.”

Following contributions from Councillors E. Tuffy, G. O’Connell and W. Lavelle, Mr. Shanahan responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**L/62/13 12th Lock Draft Masterplan**

Mr. P. Hogan, Senior Planner, presented the following report:-

**HEADED ITEM (5): Planning Department Item ID: 35013**

**“12th Lock Draft Masterplan**

**Report on Submissions Received**



**February 2013**

**Planning Department**

**South Dublin County Council**

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**Introduction**

It is a Specific Local Objective of the South Dublin County Development Plan 2010-2016 to prepare a Masterplan for the 12th Lock, Adamstown. The terms of Specific Local Objective No. 37 are set out in the County Development Plan and are also reiterated in the 12th Lock Draft Masterplan.

Following on from progress reports in October, November and December of 2012, the 12th Lock Draft Masterplan was presented at the Lucan Area Committee Meeting in January 2013.

**Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is to summarise issues raised in submissions on the 12th Lock Draft Masterplan and to outline alterations that will be made to the Draft Masterplan in response to submissions.

Landowners, adjoining landowners, Members of the Lucan Area Committee and trustees of Lucan-Sarsfields GAA club and Lucan Pitch and Putt Club were each circulated with a copy of the Draft Masterplan together with a cover letter during the week of the 21st of January 2013. Each recipient (circa 60) was invited to make a submission up until 4.00pm on Thursday the 14th of February 2013. This gave interested parties approximately 3 weeks to make a submission.

**Outcome of Invite for Submissions**

The number of submissions received by the closing date came to 7. A list of the persons/bodies that made the submissions is provided under Table 1 below.

All submissions were read, analysed and the primary issues raised were identified thus ensuring that all submissions will be taken into consideration prior to the completion of the 12th Lock Masterplan. Some of the issues raised were interrelated and have been categorised under 23 main category headings.

The main category headings and the number of times that issues were raised in relation to each of these category headings are detailed under Table 2 below.

**Main Issues Raised**

In terms of the issues that were raised most frequently, the highest number (12% of issues raised) related to a requested provision of outdoor facilities and equipment including fitness equipment, benches, picnic tables, seating, fishing pontoons, play areas for children, boat pontoons and berthing places.

The joint second highest proportion of issues/comments raised (8% of issues raised) related to a welcoming of the preparation of a Masterplan for the 12th Lock and comments on the mapping of the Griffeen River in the area appraisal section of the Masterplan (OPW Flood Risk Data and Topography & Watercourses).

Other issues that featured prominently (each jointly representing 6% of issues raised) related to the extent of the boundary to the Masterplan Lands and Strategic Amenity Zone; the Design of the R120 scheme and traffic management; the use and implications for Mill Buildings including the safety of the 3 story Mill Building; and improving accessibility including that for wheelchair users.

Responses to the issues raised and subsequent alterations to the 12th Lock Masterplan are set out further below and then summarised under Table 3.

**Table 1: List of Persons/Bodies Who Made Submissions**

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| **Body Represented** | **Person(s)** |
| Irish Wheelchair Association | Christopher Hoey |
| JFOC Architects | John F. O’Connor |
| Sanline Systems Ltd | Thomas & Colette McLoughlin |
| Waterways Ireland | Derek Higgins |
| Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club | Pat O’Keeffe |
| Henry & Timothy Crowley | JFOC Architects - John F. O’Connor |
|  | John & Beverly Power |

**Table 2: Breakdown of Issues Raised According to Category Heading**

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| **Main Category Heading**  **(in no particular order)** | **No. of Times Issue Raised** | **% of Total** |
| 1. Preparation of Masterplan welcomed | 4 | 8% |
| 2. Extent of Masterplan boundary & Strategic Amenity Zone | 3 | 6% |
| 3. Design of R120 Improvement Scheme & Traffic Management | 3 | 6% |
| 4. Anti social behaviour | 2 | 4% |
| 5. Flooding | 1 | 2% |
| 6. Water quality | 1 | 2% |
| 7. Mapping of Griffeen River, flooding & river catchment | 4 | 8% |
| 8. Provision of Green Secondary Route through Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club lands | 2 | 4% |
| 9. Use of GAA Club & Farm Access Lane as Green Secondary Route | 1 | 2% |
| 10. Impact on security | 2 | 4% |
| 11. Use of northern towpath/ extension of Green Route on northern bank | 2 | 4% |
| 12. Designation of quarries/areas as Eco Features | 2 | 4% |
| 13. Use, implications and safety of Mill Buildings | 3 | 6% |
| 14. Tree/hedgerow planting | 1 | 2% |
| 15. Request for a meeting | 1 | 2% |
| 16. Potential nuisance from construction in terms of restriction of access to business premises & trespass | 1 | 2% |
| 17. Detailed construction & design issues | 2 | 4% |
| 18. Improving accessibility including that for wheelchair users | 3 | 6% |
| 19. Provision of accessible public parking | 2 | 4% |
| 20. Provision of public toilets & changing facilities | 2 | 4% |
| 21. Provision of outdoor leisure, fishing, boating facilities and equipment | 6 | 12% |
| 22. Provision of information boards & signage | 2 | 4% |
| 23. Improvements in local bus routes | 2 | 4% |
| **Total** | 52 |  |

**Responses to Submissions and Alterations to Masterplan**

Responses to the issues raised under each of the main category headings and any subsequent alterations that will be made to the Draft Masterplan are set out below. The responses and recommendations have been framed taking account of the statutory obligations of the local authority, relevant Government and Ministerial guidelines and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

1. Preparation of Masterplan Welcomed

*Response*

Noted

2. Extent of Masterplan Boundary & Strategic Amenity Zone

*Response*

The Masterplan Boundary has been drawn up to centre on the 12th Lock and include lands and structures that are relevant to SLO 37 of the County Development Plan. The boundary therefore extends to include lands that accommodate recreational and sporting facilities (Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club & Lucan Pitch & Putt Club), historic canal-side and mill structures, non-conforming uses immediately to the north and south of the Canal, overhead power lines, adjacent undeveloped lands zoned for development (EP2) and lands adjacent to the Griffeen Valley Park. The strict adherence of the Masterplan to zoning boundaries, which are relatively arbitrary in the area of the 12th Lock, is not prescribed under the Development Plan SLO.

The Masterplan’s Green Infrastructure Strategy sets out to integrate existing recreational amenities, greenfield lands and ecological features on the northern side of the Grand Canal in a manner that will create an agglomerated amenity zone for a range of activities including tourism, recreation, sports and ecological protection. This amenity zone will tie in with the extension of the Grand Canal Green Way on the northern towpath of the Canal, as required under SLO 37, and the renovation and re-use of historic mill and canal buildings along the northern bank. It is intended that this amenity zone will complement and link with the Grand Canal, 12th Lock and Griffeen Valley Park while also forming a strategic ‘Green Lung’ for the existing and future employment and residential communities of Adamstown and Clonburris.

3. Design of R120 Improvement Scheme & Traffic Management

*Response*

The design of the R120 Scheme, which included traffic management details, was approved by the Council under a separate Part 8 process in November 2012.

4. Anti Social Behaviour

*Response*

The Masterplan sets out to encourage and increase activity and movement in the area around the 12th Lock in a manner that will discourage anti-social behaviour through passive and active surveillance.

5. & 6. Flooding & Water Quality

*Response*

The Masterplan includes details of the OPW Draft Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment and, further to the requirements of SLO 37 of the County Development Plan, includes policy to prevent the discharge of surface water run-off to the Grand Canal. The Masterplan also includes objectives that require developments to incorporate on-site SUDS technologies that will clean and slow down surface water flows and prohibits the culverting of watercourses in the interest of (inter alia) flood relief.

Further objectives also require developments in areas at risk of flooding to be accompanied by a Flood Risk Assessment and all development proposals to demonstrate sufficient protection of existing groundwater sources from pollution during construction and operational phases.

It is accepted that the Draft Masterplan Objective for a 5-10 metre buffer between development and watercourses should be strengthened in line with the County Development Plan requirement for development to be set back a minimum distance of 10 metres from watercourses.

*Alteration*

Amend Objective G13 to require a minimum distance of 10 metres (measures from the top of the bank) to be maintained either side of all watercourses and for such buffers to be left free from development with the exception of approved roadway, towpath and footpath/cycleway works that have undergone appropriate ecological assessment and will not adversely impact on flora or fauna. This should apply to all streams, rivers, tributaries, Millraces and Canals that traverse the Masterplan Lands.

7. Mapping of Griffeen River, Flooding & River Catchment

*Response*

The Masterplan’s Area Analysis Section includes mapping sourced from the OPW’s Draft Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment (Figure 2.4). It is noted that the Flood Risk Data map relates to the route of the Griffeen River before it was diverted along a more winding route through Grange Castle Business Park and that this preceding route is further reflected on the Topography and Watercourse Map (Figure 2.5), which has also been sourced from OPW mapping. The location of the 12th Lock within the catchment of the Griffeen River is acknowledged in the accompanying text (Section 2.5.1).

The Council does not currently have access to alternative flood risk data modelling and the OPW Flood Risk Assessment represent the best available data. The Topography and Watercourses Map can, however, be amended to reflect the current route of the Griffeen River.

*Alteration*

Amend Topography and Watercourses Map (Figure 2.5) to reflect recent diverted route of Griffeen River through Grange Castle Business Park. Attach note to OPW Flood Risk Data Map (Figure 2.4) to advise that flood risk modelling is based on route of Griffeen River prior to its diversion through Grange Castle Business Park.

8. Provision of Green Secondary Route through Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club lands

*Response*

The Masterplan’s Accessibility and Movement Strategy seeks to improve permeability and link the unconnected areas of the Masterplan Lands with each other and integrate such with the 12th Lock as a hub for activity and movement. The Strategy also seeks to open up and connect the Masterplan Lands with surrounding locations including Griffeen Valley Park, Grange Castle Business Park and towards Clonburris and Adamstown in the interest of improving the area’s tourism, amenity and business potential. This includes for the strengthening, improvement and linking of primary and secondary routes such as the GAA Club/Farm Access Lane and the Grand Canal. The Masterplan sets out to extend the Grand Canal Way Green Route to the east of the 12th Lock Bridge along the northern tow path in accordance with SLO 37 of the County Development Plan. Furthermore, the GAA Club/Farm Access Lane will be upgraded with cycle and pedestrian routes under the R120 improvement scheme, which was approved by Council in November 2012.

Further development of Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Grounds would present an ideal opportunity to link both of these strategic pedestrian and cycle routes in a co-ordinated manner via a secondary green route. The subject Masterplan is indicative and it is stated under Objective AM3 that the linking Green Secondary Route should be considered as part of further development of the Club Grounds and thus represents a suggested development option. It is acknowledged that such a route, if realised, could impact on the security of the GAA lands and therefore recommended that the Masterplan be amended to clarify that access should be within the control of Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.

*Alteration*

Amend Objective AM3 of the Masterplan to state that access to any open ended pedestrian and cycle route delivered as part of any further development of Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club should be within the control of Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club and made available and open to the public at appropriate times.

Further to an internal submission in relation to access to Grange Castle Business Park, clarify under Objective AM9 that consideration of the opening of the existing access gate between Grange Castle Business Park and the Grand Canal Way Green Route to members of the public should coincide with the redevelopment/build out of the Masterplan Lands and the northern area of the Grange Castle Business Park subject to consultation with existing tenants.

9. Designation of GAA Club & Farm Access Lane as Green Secondary Route

*Response*

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This includes for the strengthening, improvement and linking of primary and secondary routes such as the GAA Club & Farm Access Lane, which represents one of the few existing routes that traverse the Masterplan Lands. This lane is also is due to be upgraded to include pedestrian and cyclist facilities under the R120 Improvement Scheme, which was approved by Council in November 2012.

The Masterplan seeks to capitalise on the investment and upgrade of this route by designating it as a potential Green Secondary Route and to utilise its strategic amenity potential. It is not intended to procure access beyond the existing gate at the western boundary of the Masterplan Lands into private farmlands but to retain the scope for a potentially strategic future link or access point to serve, for example, any future rezoning or development of lands to the west. This is illustrated on Figure 3.1 and Figure 3.3 in the form of a green arrow. It is acknowledges that this could be further clarified as a future potential access point or link.

*Alteration*

Amend legend to Figure 3.1 (Accessibility & Movement Strategy) to indicate that Green Arrows represents a potential future link and state under Section 3.2.1 (under Cycle and Pedestrian Access) that the potential future link at the western end of the GAA Club & Farm Access Lane is intended to provide scope for a potential strategic access point to lands beyond the boundary of the Masterplan and not as a through route to be development as part of the Masterplan.

10. Impact on Security

*Response*

The Masterplan sets out to encourage and increase activity and movement in the area around the 12th Lock in a manner that will improve security through passive and active surveillance.

11. Use of Northern Towpath/ Extension of Green Route on Northern Bank

*Response*

The Masterplan sets out to extend the Grand Canal Way Green Route to the west of the 12th Lock along the northern towpath in accordance with the requirements of SLO 37 of the *South Dublin County Council Development Plan, 2010 – 2016*.

12. Designation of quarries/areas as Eco Features

*Response*

The disused quarries acknowledged under the Masterplan are mapped as quarries on First Edition OS maps from circa 1843 and confirmed as escarpments on modern day OS mapping. These quarries were further confirmed during site visits and a review of aerial photography during the preparation of the Draft Masterplan.

Both historic quarries therefore originate from before the mid-nineteenth century and have become flooded and overgrown with woodlands. Furthermore, both connected to the Grand Canal pNHA by a network of historic hedgerow boundaries. Part of the southern quarry is located within the boundary of the Grand Canal pNHA.

The flooded woodland quarries therefore form part of a network of potentially rich habitats for flora and fauna including Habitat Directive protected species associated with the Grand Canal pNHA such as bats, otter and crayfish. It is within the context of their significant natural amenity potential that both quarries have been designated as important ecological features under the Masterplan’s Green Infrastructure Strategy.

Article 10 of the Habitats Directive recognises the importance of such ecological networks and refuges as corridors and stepping stones for the movement of wildlife. The networks are considered imperative in connecting areas of biodiversity to each other, thus avoiding the creation of isolated island habitats. Such corridors and refuges are known to be particularly important for mammals and small birds while providing foraging routes for bats.

13. Use, implications and safety of Mill Buildings

*Response*

The Masterplan’s Land Use Strategy encourages the establishment of a hub for tourism, sports, culture and community along the northern side of the Grand Canal that would incorporate the historic mill buildings as important elements. The Strategy prioritises the re-use and renovation of these Protected Structures and NIAH listed buildings in accordance with the principles of conservation. The re-use and renovation of such buildings would help resolve issues of dilapidation and safety while contributing to the establishment of a successful hub of activity around the 12th Lock that retains its historic setting and character.

14. Tree/hedgerow planting

*Response*

A recently permitted upgrade of pitches and floodlights at Lucan Sarsfields GAA club has been largely completed with the exception of an approved landscape scheme that is to include hedgerow planting along the southern boundary of the club’s lands as part of a condition of the permission. It is noted that the permission does not expire until August 2014, however, completion of the landscape scheme is considered important in the context of the completion of the associated playing pitches and floodlighting. This planting is intended to mitigate against adverse impacts on protected bat species (in accordance with the Habitats Directive) and the visual setting of the 12th Lock.

The permitted hedgerow is illustrated along the southern boundary of the club’s lands on the Masterplan’s Green Infrastructure Strategy Map (Fig. 3.2). Objective GI4 of the Strategy suggests that progress on completing the permitted landscaping scheme be taken into consideration under any application for further development of Lucan Sarsfields GAA club particularly for developments that would exacerbate impacts on Habitat Directive Species and the visual setting of the 12th Lock.

15. Request for a meeting

*Response*

Noted.

16. Potential Nuisance from Construction in Terms of Restriction of Access to Business Premises & Trespass

17. Detailed Construction & Design Issues

*Responses*

Issues of detailed design and nuisance from construction for individual projects are difficult to pre-empt at plan making stage. It is more appropriate to deal with such issues at planning application and Part 8 application stages. These processes will both present further opportunities to make submissions/observations on specific issues as they arise and can be dealt with by way of condition or amendment.

18. Improving Accessibility Including that for Wheelchair Users

*Response*

The 12th Lock Masterplan incorporates an Accessibility and Movement Strategy that seeks to achieve direct lines of movement in order to create a highly accessible place for a range of uses and activities.

Within this context, the Masterplan’s Land Use Strategy seeks the installation of specially adapted facilities for wheelchair users in consultation with the nearby Irish Wheelchair Association Centre and for towpaths to be upgraded to provide for improved universal access.

As mentioned above, issues of detailed design and compliance with Part M (Accessibility) of the Building Regulations will be dealt with at planning application and Part 8 application stage. It is accepted that the opportunity for improving access for people with mobility impairments should be acknowledged in the analysis section of the Masterplan.

*Alteration*

Insert acknowledgement of the potential for the Masterplan to achieve improved access for disabled people and people with mobility impairments into the Opportunities column of the SCOT Analysis set out under Table 2.1.

19. Provision of Accessible Public Parking

*Response*

The Masterplan’s Movement and Accessibility Strategy aims to encourage pedestrian and cyclist movement and the use of bus and rail public transport services. This includes for the upgrade of pedestrian and cycle routes and the provision of improved access to bus and rail stops.

It is considered that the provision of stand alone car park facilities could encourage further vehicular traffic in a manner that would be at variance with the objectives of the Masterplan. An increase of vehicular traffic would also detract from the unique historic and semi-rural visual character and setting of the 12th Lock.

Further to the submission of the Irish Wheelchair Association, Hayden’s Lane is not included within the boundary of the Masterplan Lands and it would be beyond the scope of the Masterplan to suggest the provision of parking along this narrow laneway.

The redevelopment of existing modern warehouse buildings within the planned hub for tourism, culture, sport and community facilities could include parking facilities provided that it is carried out in a sensitive manner that accords with the objectives of the Masterplan.

20. Provision of Public Toilets & Changing Facilities

*Response*

The Masterplan’s Land Use and Density Strategy encourages the provision of toilets, changing room and shower facilities within the planned hub for tourism, culture, sports and community uses. It is accepted that the accessibility of these facilities should be clarified.

*Alteration*

Amend Section 3.4.2 (hub for tourism, culture, sports and community) to clarify that the suggested toilet, changing room and shower facilities should be accessible to the mobility impaired and those with disabilities.

21. Provision of Outdoor Leisure, Fishing, Boating Facilities and Equipment

*Response*

The Masterplan’s Land Use and Density Strategy encourages the provision of pontoon and fishing pegs. It is accepted that the provision of additional outdoor facilities should be encouraged.

*Alteration*

Amend Section 3.4.2 (hub for tourism, culture, sports and community) to encourage the provision of further outdoor facilities including fitness equipment, benches, picnic tables, and seating.

22. Provision of Information Boards & Signage

*Response*

The suggested provision of heritage and information signage is considered acceptable.

*Alteration*

Amend Section 3.4.2 (hub for tourism, culture, sports and community) to encourage the provision of heritage and information signage.

23. Improvements in local bus routes

*Response*

Whilst the Masterplan encourages improved access to bus services in a manner that will help sustain and improve the efficiency of such services, the extension and additional provision of bus routes is outside the control of the Council and the plan making process.

**Table 3 Summary of Alterations to be Made prior to Making of 12th Lock Masterplan\***

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| **Page** | **Section** | **Alteration** |
| 9 | Fig 2.4  Fig. 2.5 | Amend Topography and Watercourses Map to reflect recent diverted route of Griffeen River through Grange Castle Business Park. Attach note to OPW Flood Risk Data Map to advise that flood risk modelling is based on route of Griffeen River prior to its diversion through Grange Castle Business Park. |
| 13 | Table 2.1 | Insert acknowledgement of the potential for the Masterplan to achieve improved access for disabled people and people with mobility impairments into the Opportunities column of the SCOT Analysis. |
| 14 | 3.2.1 | GAA Club & Farm Access Lane:  State that the potential future link illustrated on Figure 3.1 (Accessibility & Movement Strategy) at the western end of the GAA Club & Farm Access Lane is intended to provide scope for a potential strategic access point to lands beyond the boundary of the Masterplan and not as a through route to be development as part of the Masterplan.  Potential Link through GAA Club:  Amend Objective AM3 to state that access to any open ended pedestrian and cycle route delivered as part of any further development of Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club should be within the control of Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club and made available and open to the public at appropriate times. |
| 15 | 3.2.1 | Clarify under Objective AM9 that consideration of the opening of the existing access gate between Grange Castle Business Park and the Grand Canal Way Green Route to members of the public should coincide with the redevelopment/build out of the Masterplan Lands and the northern area of the Grange Castle Business Park subject to consultation with existing tenants. |
| 17 | 3.3.4 | Amend Objective G13 to require a minimum distance of 10 metres (measures from the top of the bank) to be maintained either side of all watercourses and for such buffers to be left free from development with the exception of approved roadway, towpath and footpath/cycleway works that have undergone appropriate ecological assessment and will not adversely impact on flora or fauna. This should apply to all streams, rivers, tributaries, Millraces and Canals that traverse the Masterplan Lands. |
| 15 | Fig 3.1 | Amend legend to Figure 3.1 to indicate that Green Arrows represents a potential future link. |
| 18 | 3.4.2 | Clarify that the suggested toilet, changing room and shower facilities should be accessible to the mobility impaired and those with disabilities.  Include additional text that encourages the provision of outdoor fitness equipment, benches, picnic tables and seating.  Encourage the provision of heritage and information signage. |

Following contributions from Councillors W. Lavelle, G. O’Connell, E. Higgins, C. Jones and E. Tuffy, Mr. Hogan responded to queries raised. It was **AGREED** to defer consideration of this report to the March meeting of the Committee.

**L/63/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (6): Planning Department Item ID: 34889**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/64/13 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (2): Planning Department Item ID: 34890**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/65/13 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS**

**MOTION (2): Planning Department Item ID: 34891**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/66/13 FUNDING TO REPLACE PRE-FABS AT SCOIL Áine NAOFA, ESKER – DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SKILLS 5 YEAR BUILDING PLAN**

**MOTION (3): Item ID: 34941**

It was proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle, seconded by Councillor E. Tuffy**;-**

"That this Committee notes the recent announcement of funding to replace pre-fabs at Scoil Áine Noafa, Esker; but nonetheless:

* restates our request to the Minister for Education and Skills to update his Department's five year school building plan to correct the omission of five Lucan primary schools which are in serious need of permanent extensions and/or refurbishment;
* again extends an invitation to officials of the Department’s ‘Planning & Building Unit’ to meet with this Committee to review the Department’s policy towards primary school developments in the Lucan area; and
* further expresses to the Minister our support for the proposed development by Stewart’s Hospital of a Special Primary School at Rosse Court. "

The following report by the Manager was **READ:**

“Under the Memorandum of Understanding agreed between the Department of Education and Science and the City and County Managers Association in 2012, the Council is working on behalf of the Department to identify sites required for new school provision in the County.  Under the terms of the MoU, the Council acts when a requirement for a site is identified by the Department in a particular area.  It is a matter for the Department of Education and Science to determine the extent to which existing schools may be extended and/or refurbished to accommodate need in a particular area.”

Following a contribution from Councillors W. Lavelle and E. Tuffy, Mr. P. Hogan, Senior Planner and Mr. T. Curtin, Administrative Officer, responded to queries raised. The motion was **AGREED.**

**Corporate**

**L/67/13 QUESTIONS**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/68/ NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (7): Corporate Services Dept. Item ID: 34892**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/69/13 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (3): Corporate Services Dept. Item ID: 34893**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/70/13 INTRODUCTION OF FREE WiFI FOR LUCAN**

**MOTION (4): Item ID: 34972**

It was proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle, seconded by Councillor E. Tuffy;-

"That this Area Committee calls on the Council to introduce free WiFi in Lucan Village."

The following report by the Manager was **READ:**

“It is proposed that free public Wi-Fi may be rolled out as part of the Village Renewal Scheme by South Dublin County Council subject to technical and logistical considerations.  The proposed solution will provide the facility to initially drive users of the service to a single webpage – customisable for advertising or local events.

The objective is to provide free wireless public internet access to the general public and customers of businesses in the main trading area thereby ultimately benefiting businesses, traders and local people.

The technical considerations will include;

* The ideal solution would be centrally managed for ease of network and full graphical visibility.
* Automated notifications of service with remote management facility.

The logistical considerations will include;

* Numerous locations, scalable, and functioning as a single integrated network.
* The ability to drive network traffic to a single webpage - customisable for advertising etc.
* Management reporting and web filtering included.

To this end, various models of deployment are currently being investigated and evaluated by the IT Department with a view towards deploying throughout all villages which are part of the renewal scheme.”

Following a contribution from Councillor W. Lavelle, Ms E. O’Gorman, Senior Executive Officer, responded to queries raised. It was **AGREED** to present a further report on this matter to a future meeting of the Committee following completion of the evaluation of various models of deployment by the IT Department.

**Libraries**

**L/71/13 QUESTIONS**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**l/72/13 Library News & Events**

Ms G. Byrne, County Librarian, presented the following report:-

**HEADED ITEM (8): Libraries Item ID: 34899**

**March 2013**

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| **Branch** | **Events** | | **Date** |
| **Lucan** | **Adult Creative Writing Group** | | Saturday 2nd & 23rd March 11am – 1pm |
|  | **TEEN Writing Group**  For 13-17 year olds | | Saturday, 2nd & 23rd March, 2.30pm – 3.30pm |
|  | **Business & Careers**  Graphic Art by Palmerstown Community College | | 4th – 16th March |
|  | **Graphic Novel Project** with Palmerstown Community College Transition Year. End of project activity and exhibition. | | Tuesday 5th March at 10am |
|  | **Seachtain na Gaeilge**  Toddler time with an Irish twist | Wednesday 6th March at 10am | |
|  | **Seachtain na Gaeilge**  Irish storytime | Wednesday 6th March at 3pm | |
|  | **Seachtain na Gaeilge**  Arts and Craft with Irish theme | Wednesday 6th March at 3.30pm | |
|  | **World Book Day Event**  Including ‘The Great Big World Book Day Vote!’ | | Thursday 7th March at 10am |
|  | **Japanese Family Group**  Parent and children group with arts and crafts activities for local Japanese families. | | Thursday 7th and 21st March at 3.30pm - 5.30pm |
|  | **Seachtain na Gaeilge**  Bodhrán Workshop with Robert O’Connor | | Friday 8th March at 11am |
|  | **Seachtain na Gaeilge**  Tráth na gCeist - As Gaeilge le bunscoil áitiúl agus Coláiste Cois Life | | Monday 11th and Friday 15th March at 10am |
|  | **Children’s Book Club**  For 10 year olds | | Tuesday 12th and 26th March at 3.45pm |
|  | **Business & Careers**  Start Your Own Business Seminar. With Ena Coleman, South Dublin County Enterprise Board | | Tuesday 12th March at 7pm |
|  | **Seachtain na Gaeilge**  Storytime with an Irish twist | Wednesday 13th March at 3pm | |
|  | **Business & Careers**  Business Mentoring Session | | Thursday 14th March from 10am – 4pm |
|  | **Musical Tots, le Gaeilge**  Fun, interactive workshop for 6 months to 4 years and their parent/guardian.  *Booking essential* | | Tuesday 19th March at 10.30am |
|  | **Business & Careers**  Future Options Career Development. Participants to attend all six sessions | | Tuesday 19th, Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd, Tuesday 26th, Thursday 28th February & Friday 1st March from 10am – 1pm |
|  | **Home Delivery Service**  New borrowers welcome | | Friday 22nd March |
|  | **Lucan Library Book Club**  New members welcome | | Wednesday 27th March at 7pm |
|  | **Lucan Library TEEN Book Club** for 13-17 year olds | | Thursday 28th March from 6pm – 7pm |
|  | **Group Visits**  Crèches and school classes welcome | | Monday – Thursday mornings |
|  | **Lucan Knitting Club** | | Mondays from 10.30am – 12noon |
|  | **French Beginners’ Class** | | Mondays from 6.45pm -8pm |
|  | **Touch Type Read Spell group.** Ongoing sessions by arrangement with library | | Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays at 12pm. |
|  | **English Language** **Class** | | Tuesdays from 5.30pm -7pm |
|  | **Spanish Class** | | Wednesdays from 10am -11.30am |
|  | **Toddler Time**  Early learning session for pre-school children and their parent/carer | | Wednesdays from 10am - 11am |
|  | **Children’s Storytime**  For c. 3-5 year olds | | Wednesdays at 3pm |
|  | **Arts and Crafts Class**  For 8 – 11 year olds | | Wednesdays at 3.30pm – 4.45pm |
|  | **Bridge Class** | | Wednesdays, 7pm, except last Wednesday of each month |
|  | **Class Visit**  Stewart’s Hospital | | Every Thursday and Friday morning |
|  | **Irish Class** | | Thursdays from 7pm – 8pm |

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**March 2013**

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| **Branch** | **Events** | **Date** |
| **Tallaght** | **Art Exhibition -** an exhibition of oil and water colours by Dermott Lynch | 18th February – 4th March |
|  | **Engineers Week**  KNEX workshops for primary schools | Friday 1st March |
|  | **Language Classes for Leaving Cert**  Irish and German | Saturday 2nd March from 11am – 4pm |
|  | **E Book Clinic** | Saturday 2nd March from 12noon - 2.30pm |
|  | **Art Exhibition -** Imelda Hickey | 4th – 9th March |
|  | **Business Focus**  Cloud Computing talk | Monday 4th March |
|  | **Seachtain na Gaeilge**  Peadar O’Guilin  Bilingual Creative Writing for 5th/6th class pupils | Monday 4th March at 10am |
|  | **Business Focus**  Energy Efficiency Talk with Phil Walker | Monday 4th March from 6pm – 8pm |
|  | **Business Focus**  P.R for Business talk | Tuesday 5th March from 10am – 12noon |
|  | **Seachtain na Gaeilge**  Nuala Hayes  Bilingual Storyteller | Tuesday 5th March at 12noon |
|  | **Seachtain na Gaeilge**  Irish class for adults | Tuesday 5th March at 1pm |
|  | **Seachtain na Gaeilge**  Storytime with an Irish twist | Tuesday 5th March at 3.30pm |
|  | **Business Focus**  Website & Blog Training for business | Wednesday 6th March from 10am – 12noon |
|  | **South Dublin Volunteer centre information stand** | Wednesday 6th March from 12noon – 2pm |
|  | **Children’s event for World Book Day TBC** | Thursday 7th March |
|  | **Seachtain Na Gailge**  Bodhran Workshop  Class Booking | Thursday 7th March from 11.30am - 12.30pm |
|  | **Living Life to the full**  **Aware** | Thursday 7th March from 1.30pm – 3pm |
|  | **Knitting club**  All Welcome | Thursday 7th March 6pm – 8pm |
|  | **Exhibition -** Czech & Slovak Photography Club | 9th -23rd of March |
|  | **Art Exhibition** - Adeniyi Adesina | 11th - 23rd of March |
|  | **Ballyroan Book Club** | Monday 11th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm |
|  | **Business Focus**  Website and blog training for business | Tuesday 12th March from 10am – 12noon |
|  | **Pre exam Relaxation techniques** for leaving cert students. Booking Essential | Tuesday 12th March from 11am - 12.30 |
|  | **Seachtain na Gaeilge**  Irish class | Tuesday 12th March at 1pm |
|  | **Seachtain na Gaeilge**  Storytime with an Irish twist | Tuesday 12th March at 3.30pm |
|  | **Tallaght Historical Society Lecture** | Tuesday 12th March from 7pm - 8.30pm |
|  | **Arts & Crafts for St Patrick’s Day** with Alison & Emma ages 5-8. Booking Essential | Wednesday 13th March from 3.30pm - 4.30pm |
|  | **Positive Living Month**  Living Life to the full Aware  6 week programme  providing life skills to people who are experiencing depression | Thursday 14th March from 1.30pm – 3pm |
|  | **Business Focus**  Tendering for Business talk | Thursday 14th March from 3.15pm - 4.30pm |
|  | **Easter Arts & Crafts** for ages 5- 8.Booking Essential | Wednesday 20th March from 3.30pm - 4.30pm |
|  | **Knitting Club** | Thursday 21st March from 6pm - 8pm |
|  | **Exhibition - Proud to live in Tallaght** | 25th March – 6th April |
|  | **World of Engineering Week**  Exhibition - between South Dublin County Council, PM Group, Villacom and the Institute of Technology, Tallaght | Monday 25th Feb - Saturday 2nd March |
|  | **Easter Salt Dough Decoration Craft Class** for ages 5- 8 years. Booking Essential | Monday 25th March from 3.30pm - 4.30pm |
|  | **Why I’m proud to live in Tallaght** competition prize giving | Monday 25h March  time TBC |
|  | **Easter Story time** with Jackie | Tuesday 26th March from 3.30pm - 4pm |
|  | **Musical tots** – songs & music for parents preschool kids & toddlers | Tuesday 26th March |
|  | **An Leabhar Ballyroan Book club** | Wednesday 27th March from 1pm – 2pm |
|  | **Easter Drawing Collage for Children** (Draw on our collage for our Easter Decorations for the junior library). All ages | Wednesday 27th March from 3pm – 4pm |
|  | **Film Club**  All Welcome | Thursday 27th March from 7pm - 9.30pm |
|  | **Computer Training for St John of Gods Group** | Mondays from 2.30pm – 3.30pm |
|  | **BRI ( Aquired Brain Injury Support Group)** | Mondays from 6pm – 8pm |
|  | **Irish Class**  Booking Essential | Tuesdays from 1pm – 2pm |
|  | **Children’s Story time**  All Welcome | Tuesdays from 3.30pm – 4pm |
|  | **TTRS -** Touch Type Read Spell | Tuesdays from 6.30pm – 7.30pm |
|  | **Spanish Class**  Booking essential | Tuesdays from 6.30pm |
|  | **Creative Writing**  Booking Essential | Tuesdays from 7pm - 8.30pm |
|  | **Toddler Time** | Wednesdays from 10.30am - 11.30am |
|  | **Guitar Club**  Booking Essential | Wednesdays from 5pm - 6pm |
|  | **English Classes**  Booking Essential | Wednesdays  Beginner: 5pm – 6pm  Intermediate: 6pm – 7pm |
|  | **TTRS -** Touch Type Read Spell | Wednesdays from 5.30pm - 6.30pm |
|  | **IE Network Business Meetings -** Innovation Enterprise Network | Thursdays from 10am – 12.30pm |
|  | **Chess Club**  Booking Essential | Thursdays from 5pm – 6pm |
|  | **German Beginners Class** | Thursdays from 7pm |
|  | **Computer Training** for St John of Gods Group | Fridays from 10am – 12noon |
|  | **BRI Art Class**  Acquired Brain Injury | Fridays from 2pm – 4pm |
|  | **Junior Book club**  **Ages 9 +**  Booking Essential | Every Second Saturday from 11am – 12noon |
|  | **TTRS -** Touch Type Read Spell Booking Essential | Saturdays from 11am – 12noon |
|  | **Seachtain na Gailge**  Nuala Hayes | Date & time TBC |

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| **Mobiles** | **Events** | **Date** |
| **Lucan** | **Public stops**  **Lucan:**  Adamstown: near Londis  Earlsfort Estate  Foxborough Walk  Kishogue Park  Ballyowen Castle Shopping Cen  Larkfield Avenue  Beech Park  **Newcastle:** Aylmer Road  **Rathcoole:** Forest Hills & Broadfield Estate  **Palmerstown:**  Old Lucan Rd.  Kennelsfort Road,  Glenmaroon Park  Woodfarm Drive | Weekly |
|  | **Centre Stops**  Stewart’s Hosp. Resource Cent | Monthly |
|  | **School Stops**  Palmerstown: St Lorcan’s BNS  Griffeen: Lucan East Educate Together  Lucan Educate Together NS  Rathcoole: Holy Family NS | Monthly |
|  | **Lynch’s Lane Capsule Library**  Homework Club and Library | Thursday pm |
| **Tallaght** | **Public stops**  Firhouse: Woodlawn Park Ave,  Parklands Avenue.  Ballycragh: Allenton Drive  Aylesbury: Heatherview Drive  Tallaght : Mac Uilliams Estate,  Killinarden Community Centre  Brookfield: Glenshane Drive  Citywest: Shopping Centre  Kilnamanagh: outside school  Kingswood: Sylvan Avenue  Fettercairn, St Anne’s NS  Belgard Heights: outside shops  Greenhills: Keadeen Avenue, &  outside Greenhills church | Weekly |
|  | **Public stops**  Brittas: Gortlum Cottages  Saggart: outside church  Tallaght: Ard Mor Estate,  Avonbeg Road | Fortnightly |
|  | **School stops**  Brookfield: Scoil Bhride JNS  Glenasmole: National School  Firhouse: Scoil Treasa,  Saggart: St Mary’s NS  Jobstown: St Thomas’ SN  Greenhills: St Paul’s JNS  Ballycragh: Holy Rosary NS  Abacas Special School | Monthly |
|  | **Book deliveries to** Community Centres  St Kevin’s, Kilnamanagh CC  Glenasmole CC  Kiltipper Woods Nursing Home | Monthly |
|  | **Book deliveries to Crèches**  An Turas, Jobstown  Brookview, Tallaght  Fledglings Brookfield CC  Mac Uilliam Fortunestown  Cathlin Maud, Killinarden  St Elmo’s, Killinarden  Cnoc Mhuire, Killinarden  Brittas Montessori | Monthly |

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| **Branch** | **Events** | **Date** |
| **Stewarts** | **Pre School Visit** | Mondays at 1.30pm |
|  | **Junior Group Visit** | Mondays at 1.30pm |
|  | **Adult Group Visit** | Tuesdays at 11am |
|  | **Sewing group for Adults** | Tuesdays at 3pm |
|  | **Adult Group Visit** | Wednesdays at 10.30am, 11am, 11.30am & 2.30pm |
|  | **Pre School Visit** | Wednesdays at 1.30pm |
|  | **Junior Group Visit** | Wednesdays at 1.30pm |
|  | **Adult Group Visit** | Thursdays at 10.30am, 11am & 3pm |
|  | **Pre School Visit** | Thursdays at 11.30pm |
|  | **Junior Group Visit** | Fridays at 10am |
|  | **Adult Group Visit** | Fridays at 11am |
|  | **Junior Group Visit** | Fridays at 2pm |
|  | **Sewing group for Adults** | Fridays at 2.30pm |

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Following contributions from Councillors W. Lavelle and G. O’Connell, Ms Byrne responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**L/73/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (9): Libraries Item ID: 34900**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/74/13 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (4): Libraries Item ID: 34901**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/75/13 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS**

**MOTION (5): Libraries Item ID: 34902**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**Community**

**L/76/13 QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor E. Tuffy, seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell and **RESOLVED**:

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Question number 2 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**L/77/13 ST. ANDREW’S N.S. FOR COMMUNITY USE**

**QUESTION (2): Councillor W. Lavelle Item ID: 34945**

"To ask the Manager to engage with St. Andrew's NS and the Department of Education & Skills with a view to securing the existing school premises for community use once the new school building at St. Edmundsbury is completed and operating?"

**REPLY:**

The Community Services Department will examine the possibility of securing the existing school premises for community use as suggested. If there is a real prospect of making a viable arrangement with the Department of Education, we would be happy to engage with the Department.

**L/78/13 Application for Grants**

Mr. W. Sheils, Senior Executive Officer, presented the following report:-

**HEADED ITEM (10): Community Services Item ID: 34895**

**“Application for Grants**

Application for a grant under South Dublin County Council’s Community Grants Scheme has been received from the organisation listed below. Payment of this grant, in accordance with the conditions of the Scheme and in the amount set out hereunder, is recommended for approval:-

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| **Ref:** | **Name of Group** | **Type of Application** | **Date Received** | **Amount** |
| GF2145 | Liffey Sound Communication Co-Op Society Ltd., | Major Equipment Grant | 25/01/13 | €2,500 |

It was proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle, seconded by Councillor E. Tuffy and **RESOLVED:**

“That this Committee recommends that South Dublin County Council **APPROVE** the grant as recommended in the foregoing report”.

**L/79/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (11): Community Services Item ID: 34896**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/80/13 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (5): Community Services Item ID: 34897**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/81/13 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS – PALMERSTON ALLOTMENTS**

**MOTION (6): Item ID: 34952**

It was proposed by Councillor E. Tuffy, seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell;-

"That the Community Services Department would examine the potential for a Project which would support the involvement of youth volunteers from Palmerston working with elderly Allotment Plotholders in the Palmerston Allotments, so that the plotholders get assistance with physical work and the youth gain knowledge of horticulture and working with older residents."

The following report by the Manager was **READ:**

“The Community Team responsible for the Palmerston area will investigate the potential for such a project, if the motion is passed.”

Following a contribution from Councillor E. Tuffy, Mr. W. Sheils, Senior Executive Officer, responded to queries raised and the motion was **PASSED.**

**L/82/13 LUCAN SPORTS & LEISURE CENTRE**

**MOTION (7): Item ID: 34973**

It was proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle, seconded by Councillor E. Tuffy;-

"That this Area Committee requests the Manager to provide an update on the Lucan Community Development Initiative including any proposals to secure the most effective use of Lucan Sports & Leisure Centre."

The following report by the Manager was **READ:**

“Work has commenced on phase one of the Lucan Community Development Initiative.  Five schools have been selected and contact has been made with the key stakeholders. A series of engagements are scheduled for the next two months. The views and needs of the participants will be used to craft a report which will assist in prioritising and progressing the use of the available community assets.  This work is being carried out by the Community workers in the area in addition to their regular day-to day work.

The most effective use of Lucan Leisure Centre is currently under consideration and must be viewed in the context of South Dublin Leisure Services, which also runs both Tallaght and Clondalkin Leisure Centres. When considering the options, there are a number of factors which need to be taken into account. These include the current user groups, the nature of the facilities provided on site at Lucan Leisure Centre, the financial viability of the Centre and SDLS, as well as the demand for community space in the Lucan area.

The Lucan Community Development Initiative is expected to supply up-to-date and relevant information which will be of considerable use when considering how best to optimise the use of Lucan Leisure Centre.”

At the request of Councillor W. Lavelle it was **AGREED** to **RE-ENTER** this motion for the March meeting of the Committee.

**L/83/13 COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEME**

**MOTION (8): Item ID: 34957**

It was proposed by Councillor E. Tuffy, seconded by Councillor E. Higgins;-

"That the Manager, noting the contents of the written Report on Motion 3 on the Agenda of the Council meeting of the 11th January 2013, would examine the possibility of Council sponsored Community Employment Scheme or Schemes, which could support the work of community organizations in Lucan, such as Lucan Youth Service, Lucan Tidy Towns, and other organizations/groups, and that the Manager would make a statement on the matter."

The following report by the Manager was **READ:**

“The Community Team will give consideration to all such options. Since the government announcement of the extra Community Employment (CE) places being made available, the various government departments have been involved in discussions for the purpose of ironing out the details on a national basis.  
  
In the meanwhile, the Community Department has been assessing its own CE schemes to see where there is potential for expanding existing schemes and possibly initiating new ones. The Community Team will contact the organisations in the Lucan area and see what options may be open to support the very valuable work carried out by the various groups mentioned.”

Following contributions from Councillors E. Tuffy, E. Higgins and W. Lavelle, Mr. W. Sheils, Senior Executive Officer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**Housing**

**L/84/13 QUESTIONS**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/85/ 13NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (12): Housing Department Item ID: 34903**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/86/13 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (6): Housing Department Item ID: 34904**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/87/13 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS**

**MOTION (9): Housing Department Item ID: 34905**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**Parks**

**L/88/13 QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor E. Tuffy, seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell and **RESOLVED**:

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Question numbers 3-5 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**L/89/13 taking-in-charge of open space at each of Griffeen Glen Courtyard/Boulevard and Rossberry/Tullyhall/Haydens Park access road.**

**QUESTION (3): Councillor W. Lavelle Item ID: 34943**

"To ask the Manager to provide a further report on the taking-in-charge of open space at each of Griffeen Glen Courtyard/Boulevard and Rossberry/Tullyhall/Haydens Park access road, including details of any contact with the developers and/or solicitors since the January meeting?"

**REPLY:**

The following reply was provided at the January Lucan ACM meeting:

*Documents in relation to the Deed of Transfer for both areas have been received from the relevant developers.*

*All of the documentation in relation to Griffeen Glen Courtyard has now been received and is currently being processed through the Council’s Development and Law Departments.*

*In the case of Rossberry/Tullyhall the Council is still awaiting some of the required documentation, has been in correspondence with the respective developer representatives and has stressed the need for these matters to be addressed as a matter of urgency.  In order to expedite this process the Council has also recently (January 2013) made contact with the receiver for the Developer firm.*

*In relation to a date for the completion of the transfer of the lands to the Council the sooner that all of the required documentation has been supplied by the developer representatives the sooner the matter can be brought to a conclusion.  However, it should be stressed that even when all of the documentation has been received there is often a long time period in which the processing of the material takes place and this process involves, inter alia, legal and land registry processing.  The Council has been proactive in following up with the respective developers and will continue to do so.*

Since the meeting the Council has been in contact with both the Receiver for the developer firm for Rossberry as well as the Solicitor firm representing the Receiver.  The Council will continue to follow up on the matter with the developer and the current representatives for the developer’s interests in Rossberry.

**L/90/13 ANTI-SOCIAL ACTIVITY IN WATERSTOWN PARK**

**QUESTION (4): Councillor G. O'Connell Item ID: 34486**

"To ask the Manager for a report on Waterstown Park to include the incidence of vandalism or anti-social activity in the Park which appears to be on the increase after a period of relative calm and to include in the report what has been done, is being done, to make the area safe and to reduce or eliminate the level of annoyance and fear it is causing for local residents?"

**REPLY:**

Anti-social behaviour is an unfortunate aspect of our modern society. The consequences of it impact particularly heavily on our parks and open spaces and while it is more evident in those parks and open spaces that do not have a daily staff presence, the majority of anti-social behaviour takes place during the hours of darkness after the parks have closed and our staff have finished work for the day.

Physical measures that have been taken to tackle anti social activity in Waterstown Park include the provision of boundary walls and railings, installation of vehicle control barriers and kissing gates and routine patrolling by the Park Rangers. In addition to this the staff routinely remove cans and bottles as part of regular maintenance works undertaken in the Park.

There have been 4 reported instances of scrambler bikes being used in the Park in recent times on 7th, 8th, 16th January and on 18th February. On each occasion the Gardaí were informed and although they were not able to respond with a patrol car at the time they committed to calling to the park once a car became available.  Reducing anti-social problems is something that can only be done with the assistance of residents and communities groups living in the area.  It is important that anyone who experiences anti social activities should be encouraged to contact the Gardaí who have the powers to enforce the law under the Criminal Justice (Public Order) Act.

**L/91/13 REPORTED RAT INFESTATION AT THE VILLAGE GREEN**

**QUESTION (5): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 34996**

"To ask the Manager if she can arrange for an inspection of reported rat infestation to be carried out at The Village Green, Lucan, and if there is evidence of rat infestation at this location, that the HSE be requested to apply the appropriate treatment?"

**REPLY:**

An inspection of the Village Green was undertaken recently and there was no evidence of a rat infestation.  At the time of inspection it was noted there was a sign present indicating that the area had been treated in the past by the Pest Control Section of the HSE.

**L/92/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (13): Parks Department Item ID: 34906**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/93/13 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (7): Parks Department Item ID: 34907**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/94/13 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS**

**MOTION (10): Parks Department Item ID: 34908**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**Environment**

**L/95/13 QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor E. Tuffy, seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell and **RESOLVED**:

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Question numbers 6-13 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**L/96/13 LITTER PROBLEMS AT WILLSBROOK PARK**

**QUESTION (6): Councillor C. Jones Item ID: 34966**

"To ask the Manager what has been done in the recent past to address specific litter problems at Willsbrook Park especially in the vicinity of Esker Park? And further to ask the Manager whether recent collecting of black rubbish bags was as a result of illegal dumping or an organised clean-up?"

**REPLY:**

The Esker Park Area is scheduled for litter picking once a month. The foreman of the Operations crew inspects the area to determine the nature of the waste to facilitate scheduling the works in both the Park and along the surrounding boundary treatment.

On February 15th the crew removed waste bags totalling 100 kilos.

This waste was dumped material and included burnt trees.

**L/97/13 LIST OF LOCATIONS FOR NEW LITTERBINS IN LUCAN**

**QUESTION (7): Councillor W. Lavelle Item ID: 34946**

"To ask the Manager to provide a list of locations in Lucan where the awaited delivery of new litterbins are to be installed?"

**REPLY:**

The following areas are listed for bin installation.

Lucan                   Entrances to Glenaulin and Waterstown Park

Lucan                   N4 @ Bus stop near The Spa Hotel

Lucan                   Willsbrook Road located at entrance to Bewley Estate

Lucan                   Woodville, Esker Lane

Lucan                   Dodsboro Clinic, Woodview Court and N4 Footbridge

Lucan                   Castle Road Bus stop, at Earlsfort.

**L/98/13 DOG-FOULING STENCILLING ON FOOTPATHS FOXBOROUGH & GRIFFEEN CENTRE**

**QUESTION (8): Councillor W. Lavelle Item ID: 34947**

"To ask the Manager, further to previous repeated requests, to expedite the provision of dog-fouling stencilling on the footpaths between Foxborough and the Griffeen Centre?"

**REPLY:**

As part of a wider approach to addressing dog-fouling which incorporates both the Responsible Dog Ownership programme and the Green Dog Walking campaign, dog-fouling stencils are being painted at strategic locations on pathways within the regional parks in the County. Following completion of this roll-out, pathways within local and neighbourhood parks will be assessed and stencilled as required but it is not anticipated that stencils will be provided on residential or village centre streets/pathways.

**L/99/13 MONITORING LANDFILL AT WATERSTOWN PARK**

**QUESTION (9): Councillor G. O'Connell Item ID: 34995**

"To ask the Manager for a report on Waterstown Park to include the recent work on monitoring the landfill and its impact on local residents and park users and to include some indication on plans for the future and assurances that local residents will not be discommoded and receive pertinent in formation prior to activity that may impact on them in the future?"

**REPLY:**

The current work on Waterstown landfill is being carried out to satisfy the requirements of Waste Management (Certification of Historic Unlicensed Waste Disposal and Recovery Activity) Regulations 2008: SI No.524 of 2008.  Under these regulations Local Authorities are required to apply for a Certificate of Authorisation for any closed landfill in their area of jurisdiction. A closed landfill for the purpose of these regulations is defined as  a landfill site operated by a local authority for the recovery or disposal of waste on any date between 15th July 1977 and 27th March 1997 ( ie prior to the entry into force of the Waste Management (Licensing ) Regulations 1997 ( SI  S.I No 133 of 1997)). Waterstown falls into the category of closed landfill as defined above.  These regulations now require SDCC to apply for a Certificate of Authorisation for Waterstown Landfill. To do this the landfill has to be risk assessed in line with the EPA Code of Practice for the Environmental Risk Assessment of Unregulated Waste Disposal sites which was published in 2007.  The first stage of this risk assessment is an exploratory site investigation and sampling which is the current work that has just been completed in Waterstown. The current work started on 12th November 2012 and was completed on 12th December 2012.  The work completed was as follows -

* The geophysical survey of the site and five trial pits have been completed.
* Three gas wells have been drilled and equipped for monitoring of gas. All these gas wells are capped so there is no venting of gas into the atmosphere.
* Three boreholes have been drilled and equipped for Groundwater monitoring.
* Groundwater, surface water and leachate monitoring have been completed
* Gas monitoring has been completed.
* Topographical surveys have been completed.
* A draft report on the findings of the exploratory site investigation was submitted by the Council's consultant last week.
* This report is currently being reviewed by the Council's Environmental Services Dept.
* SDCC in consultation with the DECLG will decide on the next course of action regarding the need to put in additional monitoring boreholes, once the report has been reviewed.

**L/100/13 GRAFFIT IN PALMERSTON VILLAGE**

**QUESTION (10): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 34951**

"To ask the Manager for a report on works done recently to remove graffiti in and around Palmerston Village, and if there are plans to have graffiti removal work done in the near future?"

**REPLY:**

While there have been five graffiti removal jobs carried out in the Palmerston area within the past year, there are also an additional two jobs outstanding.  The Council's Graffiti Removal Crew, complemented by resources from Probation Services when available, undertake the removal of graffiti in public locations and their workload is generally informed by complaints received from Members, the general public and others.  They also undertake graffiti removal works as required in areas adjacent to where works are scheduled when they are in the vicinity of locations that have previously been repeatedly targeted.

Any complaints relating to graffiti in the Palmerston Village and surrounding areas can be directed to the local Litter Warden through [**info@sdublincoco.ie**](mailto:info@sdublincoco.ie)

**L/101/13 ILLEGAL DUMPING GREEN SPACE IN SARSFIELD PARK**

**QUESTION (11): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 34958**

"To ask the Manager if she can arrange for an inspection for illegal dumping on the main Green Space in Sarsfield Park, inside the boundary wall near the Bus Stop on the Old Lucan Road, opposite the Layby outside St. Joseph's College?"

**REPLY:**

The Litter Warden for the area carried out an inspection for litter and illegal dumping on the main green space near the bus stop on the Old Lucan Road on the 21st February last.  She witnessed a considerable amount of litter caught in the overgrowth behind the wall and there is a high foot fall in this area due to the bus stop.  Arrangements have been made to have the area cleaned and cleared of all litter by our cleansing section.

**L/102/13 DOG FOULING SIGNS ON FOOTPATHS IN PALMERSTON VILLAGE**

**QUESTION (12): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 34959**

"To ask the Manager if the Council will consider the installation of Signs prohibiting Dog Fouling, or stencil signs on footpaths in Palmerston Village, where residents report increased dog fouling on footpaths?"

**REPLY:**

As part of a wider approach to addressing dog-fouling which incorporates both the Responsible Dog Ownership programme and the Green Dog Walking campaign, dog-fouling stencils are being painted at strategic locations on pathways within the regional parks in the County.  Following completion of this roll-out, pathways within local and neighbourhood parks will be assessed and stencilled as required but it is not anticipated that stencils will be provided on residential or village centre streets/pathways.

**L/103/13 RAT INFESTATION AT LANDS BEHIND TULLYHALL ESTATE**

**QUESTION (13): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 34961**

"To ask the Manager if she can arrange for an inspection of reported rat infestation to be carried out at the lands behind Tullyhall Estate on which a development by Eleveden Properties has begun, but has not progressed in the last two years or more, and if there is evidence of rat infestation at this location, that the HSE be requested to apply the appropriate treatment?"

**REPLY:**

The lands in question are situated to the rear of Tullyhall Estate and backs onto the link road between the Fonthill Road and the Outer Ring Road.

Following recent site inspection, the Environmental Health Officer for the area has reported that while there was previously a problem with dumping at Lynchs Lane, which contributed to the pest issue, the dumping activity has largely ceased.  The land is fenced off from the estate using eight foot plus metal fencing. The top of the fence is corrugated to discourage climbing. At time of inspection there were 3 bags of waste on the long strip of land and a variety of inert material, such as tyres, poles, a bag of wool insulation, and some green waste obviously thrown over by residents (hedge clippings from nearby houses) etc. There were no obvious signs of pest activity on the land. There were no track indicating rodent runs, no smears on the concrete or roadways, no droppings nor were the 3 bags of domestic waste nibbled at all.

In the past, the lands have been administered on behalf of the owners by a management company who  have, on request,  provided details of their pest control for this land which includes  2/3 visits per annum to the site by a private pest control firm. The company's main control for pest activity is to restrict unauthorised access and to prevent dumping on the land.   The Environmental Health Officer for the area is making further contact with the management company to arrange for clean up of the site and to establish  if the pest control arrangements are still in place.

The HSE does not provide a pest control service for commercial property. Any residents in the Tullyhall estate experiencing a problem with rats may contact the HSE Pest Control service on 01 620 6057 to arrange an appointment to bait their own garden. The HSE must receive a request from a resident to lay the bait; they cannot bait a garden on the request of a neighbour.

**L/104/13NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (14): Environmental Services Item ID: 34909**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/105/13 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (8): Environmental Services Item ID: 34910**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/106/13 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS**

**MOTION (11): Environmental Services Item ID: 34911**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/107/13 LITTER BLACKSPOTS IN LUCAN**

**MOTION (12): Item ID: 34942**

It was proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle, seconded by Councillor E. Tuffy;-

"That this Committee expresses its ongoing grave concern over littering, in particular at repeatedly-identified blackspots; and requests the Manager:

* to engage with the elected members to prepare a list of blackspots in the Lucan area;
* to target more frequent and effective litter cleansing in these areas; and
* to introduce a new approach to engage with local businesses to seek to deliver enhanced local cleansing in surrounding litter blackspots."

The following report by the Manager was **READ:**

“There is an ongoing programme of routine public realm maintenance works as planned in the [**Area Maintenance Schedule**](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/index.aspx?pageid=6428). This schedule outlines the various maintenance tasks – litter picking, street sweeping and gully cleaning which take place throughout the County . Other routines tasks will be included in this schedule in time e.g. grass cutting. In addition there are non routine tasks that are scheduled to tackle particular areas or deal with particular problems. The Council will continue to work with the members and the public to ensure effective litter management.

There is an ongoing programme to support communities in getting active in their area through the [**Social Credits**](http://www.socialcredits.ie/) and [**Community Clean ups**](http://www.sdcc.ie/services/neighbourhoods-communities/initiatives/community-clean-ups) initiatives. The Tidy Towns programme is also very effective in making a real difference to villages and neighbourhoods. A Tidy Towns meeting is planned for Lucan on Wednesday 6th March **@** 7.30pm in Scoil Mhuire Primary School, Lucan to encourage more people to get involved and support the efforts of the group.

There are also a number of initiatives that the Council has to support local businesses in the reduction of litter – litter awareness materials, posters and the current preparation of litter byelaws. These target problems - cigarette litter and takeaways in particular. The Council is prepared to work with local businesses and Tidy Town groups to tackle litter black spot areas.”

Following contributions from Councillors W. Lavelle, C. Jones, E. Tuffy and E. Higgins, Ms M. Ní Dhomhnaill, Project Manager, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**L/108/13 EXISTING RODENT PROBLEM AT TULLYHALL**

**MOTION (13): Item ID: 34963**

It was proposed by Councillor C. Jones, seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell;-

"That the Manager will address the concerns of residents of Tullyhall regarding an existing rodent problem."

The following report by the Manager was **READ** and **NOTED:**

“The lands in question is situated to the rear of Tullyhall Estate and backs onto the link road between the Fonthill Road and the Outer Ring Road.

Following recent site inspection, the Environmental Health Officer for the area has reported that while there was previously a problem with dumping at Lynchs Lane, which contributed to the pest issue, the dumping activity has largely ceased.  The land is fenced off from the estate using eight foot plus metal fencing. The top of the fence is corrugated to discourage climbing. At time of inspection there were 3 bags of waste on the long strip of land  and a variety of inert material, such as tyres, poles, a bag of wool insulation, and some green waste obviously thrown over by residents (hedge clippings from nearby houses) etc. There were no obvious signs of pest activity on the land. There were no track indicating rodent runs, no smears on the concrete or roadways, no droppings nor were the 3 bags of domestic waste nibbled at all.

In the past, the lands have been administered on behalf of the owners by a management company who  have, on request,  provided details of their pest control for this land which includes  2/3 visits per annum  to the site by a private pest control firm. The company's main control for pest activity is to restrict unauthorised access and to prevent dumping on the land.   The Environmental Health Officer for the area is making further contact with the management company to arrange for clean up of the site and to establish if the pest control arrangements are still in place.

The HSE does not provide a pest control service for commercial property. Any residents in the Tullyhall estate experiencing a problem with rats may contact the HSE Pest Control service on 01 620 6057 to arrange an appointment to bait their own garden. The HSE must receive a request from a resident to lay the bait; they cannot bait a garden on the request of a neighbour.

**Water & Drainage**

**L/109/13 QUESTIONS**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/110/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (15): Water & Drainage Item ID: 34912**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/111/13 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (9): Water & Drainage Item ID: 34913**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/112/13 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS – LEAKING OF SEWAGE AT HILLCREST COURT, LUCAN**

**MOTION (14): Item ID: 34954**

It was proposed by Councillor E. Tuffy, seconded by Councillor C. Jones;-

"That the Manager presents a Report for discussion on the recent leaking of sewage at Hillcrest Court, Lucan and that the Manager would clarify the policy of the Council on this matter and how the Council can best be of assistance to any resident in these circumstances."

The following report by the Manager was **READ:**

**“Under the Water Services Acts 2007 and 2012 and the Water Services Act 2007 (Waste Water Complaint Notice Form) Regulations 2009 (S.I. No. 141/2009) the users' responsibilities of private drains is defined and set out under a number of headings. Firstly what a drain is defined as below:-**

“ drain ” means a drainage pipe, or system of such pipes and related fittings for collection of waste water, that is not owned by, vested in or controlled by a water services authority (The County Council), an authorised provider of water services, or a person providing water services jointly with or on behalf of a water services authority or an authorised provider of water services, and that is not a service connection, which is used, or to be used as the case may be, to convey waste water from one or more premises or to any waste water treatment system on a premises where the waste water is generated;

Most houses in Dublin are served by a single private drain used for the drainage of a number of separate premises as in this case at Hillcrest Court, Lucan.

Section 70 of the 2007 Act places a duty of care on owners and occupiers of premises served by a drain to, among other things, keep their drains in such condition as not to cause or be likely to cause a risk to human health or the environment and not to cause a nuisance through odours. Responsibility for the maintenance of a drain rests with the users of that drain until it reaches the sewer (usually located in the footpath or sometimes the road) and in practical terms this means:

A) The drain should be used solely for the carriage of waste water.

B) Anything that could block a drain should not be allowed into the system (Drains are frequently blocked by wipes of all kinds, fats, grease, oil. sanitary towels and waste food.)

C) Drainage accessories such as rodding eyes and manhole covers should not in the ordinary course of events be removed and, if so, be replaced without delay.

A drain subject to frequent blockages may have suffered structural damage. A CCTV camera survey should be undertaken to ascertain the nature and extent of any such damage. The survey itself and any remedial works deemed necessary in its wake should be organised by all those using the drain.

The above Act and Regulations provide a procedure for complaint to the District Court by any person affected by the non-compliance by another with a duty of care under Section 70 of the Act. If the house is a rented house, the tenant should inform their landlord of the issue.

Should a Water Services Authority, in its absolute discretion, prosecute for non-compliance with a duty of care, the penalty on summary conviction for allowing a drain to cause a risk to human health or to the environment is a maximum fine of €5,000 and/or 3 months imprisonment.”

It was **AGREED** to take Motion 15 in the name of Councillor C. Jones in conjunction with the above.

**MOTION (15): Item ID: 34962**

It was proposed by Councillor C. Jones, seconded by Councillor E. Tuffy;-

"That the Manager will present a report regarding the recent leaking of sewage at Hillcrest Court and that the Manager will clarify the stance of the Council on this matter and how the Council can best be of assistance to any residents in these circumstances."

The following report by the Manager was **READ:**

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Following contributions from Councillors E. Tuffy, C. Jones and G. O’Connell, Mr. D. Finch, Senior Engineer, responded to queries raised and the reports were **NOTED.**

**Roads**

**L/113/13 QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor E. Tuffy, seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell and **RESOLVED**:

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Question numbers 14-19 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**L/114/13 GRITTING ON LINK ROAD TO ADAMSTOWN**

**QUESTION (14): Councillor C. Jones Item ID: 34967**

"To ask the Manager to comment on the regularity of gritting on the link road to Adamstown during the cold weather? And further to ask the Manager if she has had any contact with the developer within Adamstown regarding gritting of roads not yet taken in charge during the period?"

**REPLY:**

The Adamstown Link Road is included in our Winter Maintenance Gritting Route Schedule and as such is gritted during each Winter Maintenance Call Out. The route terminates at the Bus Terminus.

Roads Department have had no contact with the developer regarding the gritting of roads not yet taken in charge as these roads are the responsibility of the Developer.

**L/115/13 PUBLIC LIGHTING IN LUCAN VILLAGE & N4/CELBRIDGE ROAD**

**QUESTION (15): Councillor W. Lavelle Item ID: 34944**

"To ask the Manager for an update on the previously committed-to reviews of public lighting in Lucan Village and at N4/Celbridge Road in vicinity of Weston Park estate?"

**REPLY:**

Public lighting on the Celbridge Road at Weston Park estate is provided by council public lighting columns on an underground network. Trees are also provided but are not generally coincident with public lighting column locations.

Street lighting in Lucan village is provided on ESB Network poles and is maintained by the Council. Any significant modifications to the street lighting will require additional columns to supplement the ESB Network installation, this is undesirable.

The public lighting installation is considered to be adequate.

**L/116/13 REPAIR TO FOOTPAGH & GRASS MARGIN 2-6 TURRET ROAD**

**QUESTION (16): Councillor G. O'Connell Item ID: 34489**

"To ask the Manager when repairs to the footpath and grass margin at 2 to 6 Turret Road, which I was promised would be done in conjunction with the work outside St Brigid’s School last August, will be carried out?"

**REPLY:**

The Area Engineer is currently arranging for repairs to be carried out to the damaged kerbs and grass verge outside No. 4 & 8 Turret Road. The works will be carried out shortly.

**L/117/13 DRAFTING OF TAXI BYE-LAWS FOR LUCAN VILLAGE**

**QUESTION (17): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 34949**

"To ask the Manager for an updated report on the drafting of Taxi Bye-Laws for Lucan Village and other locations in the County, and to note that it is now 3 years since the concerns of Lucan residents about Taxis waiting on Lucan Main Street was raised at meetings of the Lucan Area Committee?"

**REPLY:**

Public consultation on the proposed "Lucan Appointed Stands (Street Service Vehicles) Bye-Laws 2012 commenced on 14th May 2012.  The closing date for receipt of submissions was 6th July 2012.  Three submissions were received.  A meeting was arranged with the local Councillors for Tuesday 23rd October 2012 to discuss the submissions.

The three submissions were discussed and the issues highlighted were noted.  The Members suggested the possibility of using the parking spaces outside the shops from 9pm when these shops would be closed.  However, as there were only 2 of the 5 Councillors present, they undertook to discuss this suggestion with the other three Councillors and revert with the outcome. A meeting will be arranged with the members to progress this matter.

**L/118/13 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING GRIFFEEN AVENUE**

**QUESTION (18): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 34950**

"To ask the Manager for an updated report on the operation of the pedestrian crossing installed last year on Griffeen Avenue, including details of any additional measures implemented to improve awareness by drivers of the crossing, the safety of pedestrian users and any monitoring of the performance and effectiveness of the crossing?"

**REPLY:**

The Zebra Crossing was installed in August 2012 as part of a county wide pilot scheme.  The appropriate standard warning signs were included in this installation. In Oct 2012 additional signs were installed. These signs again notify drivers of the presence of the Zebra Crossing and remind them to give way to pedestrians.

In early February additional signing and lining was installed at the location to narrow the approaches to the crossing and thus encourage compliance. In the near future a speed bump will be installed on each approach to the crossing. The effectiveness of these measures in increasing driver compliance will be monitored. The Gardai in Lucan have also indicated that they are continuing to monitor the location.

The pilot will then be continued throughout 2013 and reviewed for its effectiveness.

**L/119/13 FUNDING BY NTA, UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT MEASURES PROGRAMME 2013**

**QUESTION (19): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 34956**

"To ask the Manager if a Report can be provided at the meeting outlining the possible measures which might be considered under Project SDCC/13/006 " Local Traffic Management Measures, including Parking Strategy for the Village" of the list of Projects allocated funding by the NTA, under the Sustainable Transport Measures Programme 2013?"

**REPLY:**

The key issues are:

 Access to Lucan Village as a centre.

 The role of the Kildare rail line in Lucan.

 How buses routes through Lucan balancing journey times and reliability with minimum accessibility to populations.

 Pedestrian and cycle access to schools and services.

 Development of the strategic cycle network in this area, linking to the city centre and other major destinations.

 Lucan village traffic management and public realm improvements.

A full report on the NTA allocations will be brought as a headed item for full discussion to the next O&P meeting which is scheduled for March 21st next. It is intended to invite the NTA to this Meeting.

**L/120/13 2013 National Roads Allocations**

Mr. M. Glynn, Senior Executive Engineer, presented the following report:-

**HEADED ITEM (16): Roads Department Item ID: 34653**

**“2013 National Roads Allocations & 2013 Non National Road Allocations**

By letters dated 22rd January 2013 and 25th January 2013 the Council received notification from the National Roads Authority and the Department of Transport of the Roads Allocation Grants for 2013 for National, Regional and Local Roads (details attached).

The allocation for Local and Regional Roads will determine the Roadworks Programme for 2013, which will be presented to the Area Committee in March.

[National Road Allocations 2013](../../ITEMS/February%2013/HI16%2034653%20RDS%202013%20National%20Road%20Allocations.pdf)

[Non-National Road Allocations 2013](../../ITEMS/February%2013/HI16%2034653%20RDS%202013%20Non-National%20Road%20Allocations.pdf)”

The report was **NOTED.**

**L/121/13 Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

**HEADED ITEM (17): Roads Department Item ID: 34915**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/122/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (18): Roads Department Item ID: 34916**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/123/13 CORRESPONDENCE (i) Kishogue Station (ii)Weston Airport**

**CORRESPONDENCE (10): Roads Department Item ID: 34917**

[Letter 9Jan13 to Mr. Hugh Creegan NTA Re: Kishogue Station](../../ITEMS/February%2013/C10(i)%2034917%20letter%209Jan%20Mr.%20H.%20Creegan%20Kishogue.doc)

[Letter 9Jan13 to Mr. Leo Varadkar Dep.t of Transport Re: Kishogue Station](../../ITEMS/February%2013/C10(i)%2034917%20letter%209Jan%20Mr.%20L.%20Varadkar%20Dept%20of%20Trans%20Kishogue.doc)

[Reply 15Jan13 from the Office of Mr. Varadkar Re: Kishogue Station](../../ITEMS/February%2013/C10(i)%2034917%20Reply%2015Jan%20Mr.%20L.%20Varadkar%20Kishogue.pdf)

[Reply 17Jan13 from Mr. Gerry Murphy NTA Re: Kishogue Station](../../ITEMS/February%2013/C10(i)%2034917%20Reply%2017Jan%20Mr.%20G.%20Murphy%20NTA%20Kishogue.pdf)

[Reply 18Feb13 from Mr. H. Creegan, NTA Re: Kishogue Station](../../ITEMS/February%2013/C10(i)%20Reply%2018Feb%20Mr.%20H.%20Creegan%20Kishogue.pdf)

[Letter 29Jan13 to Mr. Dick Fearn, Irish Rail Re: Kishogue Station](../../ITEMS/February%2013/C1o(ii)%20Lette%2029Jan%20Mr.%20D.%20Fearn%20Irish%20Rail%20Kishogue.pdf)

[Reply 11Feb13 from Mr. D. Franks CEO Iarnrod Eireann Re: Kishogue Station](../../ITEMS/February%2013/C10(ii)%2034917%20Reply%2011Feb%20Mr.%20D.%20Franks%20Iarnrod%20Eireann%20Kishogue.pdf)

[Letter from NAMA 21Feb1013 – Weston Airport](../../ITEMS/February%2013/C10%2034917%20Letter%20from%20NAMA%2021Feb%20Weston%20Airport.pdf)

Following a contribution from Councillor W. Lavelle the correspondence was **NOTED.** It was **AGREED** to again invite representatives from NAMA to a future meeting of the Committee to discuss NAMA policy generally in relation to lands along the Liffey Valley.

**L/124/12 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS - TAXI RANK LUCAN VILLAGE**

**MOTION (16): Item ID: 34948**

It was proposed by Councillor E. Tuffy, seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell;-

"Noting the Reply to Question 6 at the January 2013 Lucan Area Committee meeting, this Committee requests the Manager to meet with Lucan EA Councillors at an early date to discuss proposals for the location of Taxi Ranks and Taxi Waiting Areas in Lucan Village, so that a final proposal can be brought to the March meeting of the Area Committee."

The following report by the Manager was **READ:**

“Public consultation on the proposed "Lucan Appointed Stands (Street Service Vehicles) Bye-Laws 2012 commenced on 14th May 2012.  The closing date for receipt of submissions was 6th July 2012.  Three submissions were received.  A meeting was arranged with the local Councillors for Tuesday 23rd October 2012 to discuss the submissions.

The three submissions were discussed and the issues highlighted were noted.  The Members suggested the possibility of using the parking spaces outside the shops from 9pm when these shops would be closed.  However, as there were only 2 of the 5 Councillors present, they undertook to discuss this suggestion with the other three Councillors and revert with the outcome. A meeting will be arranged with the members to progress this matter.”

Following contributions from Councillors E. Tuffy and W. Lavelle, Mr. J. McLoughlin, Senior Engineer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**L/125/13 TRAFFIC FLOW BETWEEN KENNELSFORT ROAD UPPER AND THE OVAL**

**MOTION (17): Item ID: 34970**

It was proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell, seconded by Councillor E. Tuffy;-

"That the Manager carry out a review of the traffic flow and patterns through the “Estates” i.e. the roads between Kennelsfort Road Upper and the N4 at the Oval, be carried out to establish how the current arrangements are working with particular reference to the areas round the primary schools, Turret and adjoining roads with the view of bringing forward effective and cost efficient proposals on how the area can be made safe for both pedestrians and cyclists."

The following report by the Manager was **READ:**

“The area comprising of roads between the Oval and Wheatfield Road is a large residential area and includes local shops and schools. Access is provided the Oval junction on the Palmerston Bypass and on Kennelsfort Road at Wheatfield Road and Palmerston Avenue. A substantial population are resident and traffic calming has been provided. Through traffic consists of less than 50 vehicles per hour over a 12 hour period. The roads in the area provide pedestrian footpaths. The use of the area by pedestrians and cyclists is considered to be generally low risk and is consistent with similar residential areas. At particular times the area adjacent to the schools will be busy. School keep clear markings are provided at specific locations and a school warden crossing is located at the entrance to Scoil Lorcan serving both schools.

The mobility patterns in the area do not indicate the existence of a specific issue and the Garda have not highlighted the area as having a collision problem. Additional traffic calming proposals put forward by the Council in 2009 have not been agreed to by local residents. The facilities for pedestrians and cyclists this area are considered adequate.”

Following a contribution from Councillor G. O’Connell, Mr. J. McLoughlin, Senior Engineer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**L/126/13 SCHOOL TIME HGV RESTRICTION ON NEWCASTLE ROAD**

**MOTION (18): Item ID: 34971**

It was proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle, seconded by Councillor E. Tuffy;-

"That this Area Committee restates its request for the immediate introduction of a school-time HGV restriction at Newcastle Road similar to that in place in Lucan Village since 2008; and noting the motion approved at the December 2012 meeting which requested the Manager “to conclude the required statutory process for introduction a school-time HGV restriction on Newcastle Road between the Nangor Road & N4 junctions”; requests the Manager:

* To confirm or clarify, clearly and unambiguously, the statement made at the December 2012 meeting to the effect that the only outstanding element of the required statutory process relates to the ongoing consultation with South Dublin Chamber;
* To report on the consultation with South Dublin Chamber;
* To immediately conclude the required statutory process with a view to bringing a report and recommendation to the Lucan Area Committee similar to the report presented to the June 2008 Lucan-Clondalkin (1) ACM on the proposed Lucan Village restriction."

The following report by the Manager was **READ:**

“Stakeholder consultation has been ongoing in respect of the request for a school-time HGV restriction at Newcastle Road. Arising from the consultation, signing, lining and additional safety measures are being surveyed. It has been agreed that a further meeting will take place with residents /school representative shortly. In addition the Chamber of Commerce attended the joint Economic Development and Transportation sub-committee meeting.

The Transportation SPC have been considering a Countywide HGV Mobility policy. A recent meeting of the Joint Sub Committee of the Economic Development and Transportation SPC considered a draft policy which was subsequently brought to the Transportation SPC on 7th February 2013. The draft policy will provide a framework of criteria for the assessment of applications for HGV restriction and given the upcoming legislative change will be the basis for review all existing HGV restrictions in the County. Suggested amendments are being incorporated into the draft document which will be referred to a final meeting of the sub-committee and then onto the joint Economic Development and Transportation SPC for recommendation to Council.”

Following contributions from Councillors W. Lavelle, C. Jones and G. O’Connell, Mr. J. McLoughlin, Senior Engineer, responded to queries raised. It was **NOTED** that a drawing incorporating additional safety measures is being finalised and will be forwarded to the Members when complete. The motion was **AGREED.**

**L/127/13 TURNING SPACE WOODFARM COTTAGES**

**MOTION (19): Item ID: 34919**

It was proposed by Councillor E. Higgins, seconded by Councillor E. Tuffy;-

"That the Manager present a report on progress for the residents of Woodfarm Cottages who have serious safety concerns in relation to poor turning space on the laneway behind their homes."

The following report by the Manager was **READ:**

“The access road adjacent to No.1 Woodfarm Cottages in charge of the Council is the access road only along the full property length of No.1 The Council has recommended stop signs at both ends of the short laneway to ensure that vehicles entering this section of the laneway behind the cottages will do so safely.  A yellow box was also recommended at the entrance into the laneway on Lucan Road

It is important to note that the laneway behind the cottages is not in charge of the Council and therefore the Council cannot do any work on this section of the laneway to improve the turning space.  The laneway to the rear of the cottages is not of general public utility and would require significant expenditure including land acquisition to be brought to a Taking in Charge standard.  The Council does not intend to take this laneway in charge at present.”

Following a contribution from Councillor E. Higgins, Mr. J. McLoughlin, Senior Engineer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**L/128/13 TREE ROOTS CAUSING DAMAGE TO ROADS/PAVEMENTS IN ARTHUR GRIFFITH PARK**

**MOTION (20): Item ID: 34964**

It was proposed by Councillor C. Jones, seconded by Councillor E. Higgins;-

"That the Manager will report on the actions to be taken arising from damage done to roads, pavements and other structures from tree roots in Arthur Griffith Park".

The following report by the Manager was **READ:**

“Roads Department will liaise with Parks in relation to the removal of trees that are causing a hazard. When the trees are removed, necessary repairs will be carried out.”

Following a contribution from Councillor C. Jones, Mr. J. McLoughlin, Senior Engineer, responded to queries raised. At the request of Councillor C. Jones it was **AGREED** to **RE-ENTER** this motion for the March meeting of the Committee.

**L/129/13 NTA SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT MEASURES PROGRAMME 2013**

**MOTION (21): Item ID: 34953**

It was proposed by Councillor E. Tuffy, seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell;-

"That this Committee notes the content of **CORRESPONDENCE** dated 11th February 2013 from the NTA to the Director of Services, Planning confirming the decision of the Authority to fund over 30 Projects throughout the County under the Sustainable Transport Measures Programme 2013, congratulates the staff of the Planning and Roads Departments in developing Project proposals and consulting with stakeholders, welcomes the allocation of almost 500 000 Euro for 5 Projects in the Lucan EA, and requests the Manager to advise the Committee on the likely schedule for the completion of the Projects, viz. Walkway/Cycleway along the Esker between Griffeen Road and Grangecastle Road, Willsbrook Road Cycling Facility, Improvement to Walking and Cycling Facilities at the double roundabout under the N4, Lucan Village Traffic Management Improvements and Toucan Crossing at St. Kevin's College, Fonthill Road."

The following report by the Manager was **READ:**

“The Council welcomes the allocation of funding for Projects in the Lucan Electoral Area.  The funding allocation is in accordance with the NTA 5 year Investment Programme for South Dublin and is also subject to the NTA Project Management guidelines which outline the process for project delivery. Funding is subject to approval throughout the lifecycle of a project and is allocated in stages depending on adherence to the guidelines. Projects are not automatically approved to completion depending on numerous criteria and it is therefore not possible to give a likely completion until the projects are at a stage where funding is guaranteed for completion.

A full report on the NTA allocations will be brought as a headed item for full discussion to the next O&P meeting which is scheduled for March 21st next. It is intended to invite the NTA to this Meeting.”

Following a contribution from Councillor E. Tuffy, Mr. J. McLoughlin, Senior Engineer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**L/130/13 LUCAN VILLAGE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT & PARKING STRATEGY**

**MOTION (22): Item ID: 34940**

It was proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle, seconded by Councillor E. Tuffy;-

"That this Committee welcomes the allocation of €100,000 by the National Transport Authority for ‘Lucan Village traffic management improvement and parking strategy’; and requests the Manager to present a detailed report on:

* What exactly was proposed or envisaged in the application to the NTA?
* The scope of this proposed project and how it is intended to proceed?
* How the Lucan Village Network can be included in the planning phase in line with the Council’s ‘Village Programme’ and recognising both the priority attached to this issue by the Lucan Village Network and the outstanding request from the Network for a meeting with the Roads Department?
* How this project will interface with the review of parking bye-laws?”

The following report by the Manager was **READ:**

“The key issues are:

* Access to Lucan Village as a centre.
* The role of the Kildare rail line in Lucan.
* How buses routes through Lucan balancing journey times and reliability with minimum accessibility to populations.
* Pedestrian and cycle access to schools and services.
* Development of the strategic cycle network in this area, linking to the city centre and other major destinations.
* Lucan village traffic management and public realm improvements.

A full report on the NTA allocations will be brought as a headed item for full discussion to the next O&P meeting which is scheduled for March 21st next. It is intended to invite the NTA to this Meeting.”

Following a contribution from Councillors W. Lavelle and E. Tuffy, Mr. J. McLoughlin, Senior Engineer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**L/131/13 SALT BINS IN LUCAN AREA**

**MOTION (23): Item ID: 34968**

It was proposed by Councillor C. Jones, seconded by Councillor E. Tuffy;-

"That the Manager will report on pilot self-service gritting bins in the Lucan Electoral Area and also on any improved efficiency as a result of the proximity of the newest salt barn."

The following report by the Manager was **READ** and **NOTED:**

“The pilot scheme for the self-service salt bins was introduced to the County by Roads Maintenance at the beginning of the 2011-2012 Winter Maintenance Season. The three locations agreed for the siting of these bins were Ardeevin, Sarsfield Park and Woodfarm Acres. They were checked by Roads Maintenance staff and the beginning of the 2012 - 2013 season last October and were found to be full.

This winter and last winter have been relatively mild and therefore it is difficult to assess the success of the bins.   Note that 2 additional locations in the Lucan Electoral Area have yet to be confirmed by the Committee. The locations proposed by Roads Department are Beech Park, Lucan Heights and Airlie Heights.

The new salt barn adjacent to the Hermitage Clinic adds an extra 1,000 tonnes to our salt storage capacity and is used by the Palmerston gritting trucks.”

The meeting concluded at 5.25 p.m.

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