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**SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**RATHFARNHAM AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Minutes of Rathfarnham Area Committee Meeting, dealing with Planning, Development, Libraries, Corporate Services, Housing, Community, Environment, Parks, Roads and Water & Drainage, held on 10th September 2013.**

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| **PRESENT** |
| **COUNCILLORS** |
| E. Coburn |
| P. Cosgrave |
| A. M. Dermody  |
| J. Lahart |

An Cathaoirleach Councillor P. Cosgrave presided.

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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| Senior Executive Officer | H. Hogan, M. Fagan, Y. Dervan. |
| County Librarian | G. Byrne. |
| Principal Environmental Health Officer | D. O’Brien |
| Senior Engineer | T. O’Grady, S. Fagan. |
| Senior Planner | C. Ryan. |
| Senior Parks Superintendent | M. Hannon, B. Kearney. |
| Senior Executive Engineer | A. O’ Mullane. |
| Executive Engineer | C. Cummins. |
| Project Manager | M. Ní Dhomhnaill |
| Administrative Officer | T. Curtin, M. McCartan. |
| A/Senior Staff Officer | C. Malone. |
| Clerical Officer | A. Mooney. |

**R/394/13 CONFIRMATION AND RE-AFFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**HEADED ITEM (1): Item ID: 36838**

Minutes of Rathfarnham Area Committee Meeting, dealing with Water & Drainage, Roads, Development, Planning, Corporate, Libraries, Community, Housing, Parks and Environment, held on 11th June 2013, which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Cosgrave, seconded by Councillor E. Coburn and **RESOLVED:**

“That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the 11th June 2013 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**Planning**

**R/395/13 QUESTIONS**

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

**R/396/13 PLANNING FILES**

**HEADED ITEM (2): Planning Department Item ID: 36839**

A. Large Applications Under Consideration

**FILE DISCUSSED**: SD13A/0003

**LOCATION**: Dalriada, Ballycullen Road, Ballycullen, Dublin 16

**COMMENTS**: The application was noted.

B. Files Requested by Members

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

**R/397/13 Palmer Park Planning Enforcement**

**HEADED ITEM (3): Planning Department Item ID: 36915**

**Mr. C. Ryan, Senior Planner, presented the following report:-**

**“Palmer Park Planning Enforcement**

You will all be aware there is a long and complex history associated with this matter. As part of the resolution process a strip of land in the ownership of South Dublin County Council was transferred to the relevant parties. This transfer was completed earlier this year.

As part of the agreement for the transfer of this strip of land specific works were set out to be completed by the new owners after the transfer was finalised.

Inspections during the summer have demonstrated that works were being carried out on the site and on the 3rd of September these works were considered to be approximately 90% complete. This Planning Enforcement file will remain open and the site monitored until the works are 100% complete.”

Following a contribution from Cllr. P. Cosgrave, Mr. Ryan responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**R/398/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (4): Planning Department Item ID: 36840**

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

**R/399/13 Correspondence**

**CORRESPONDENCE (1): Planning Department Item ID: 36841**

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

**R/400/13 Cathaoirleach’s Business**

**MOTION (1): Planning Department Item ID: 36842**

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

**R/401/13 BALLYROAN HOUSE LODGE**

**MOTION (2): Item ID: 36986**

It was proposed by Councillor J. Lahart, seconded by Councillor P. Cosgrave:-

"That the Manager update this Committee with regard to the derelict site, Ballyroan House Lodge, which was raised by this Committee in the last twelve months."

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

“This site is the subject of an Endangerment Notice.  Following court action the works necessary to make the site secure and to safeguard the structure from both unauthorised access and ingress of water have been completed.  The front site has been cleared of overgrowth and cleaned out.  These works whilst of a temporary nature have been deemed to satisfy the terms of the Endangerment Notice whilst the future of the site is being determined.  The site continues to be the subject of surveillance by the Council's Architectural Conservation Officer.”

Mr. C. Ryan, Senior Planner, presented the report. Following contributions from Councillors J. Lahart, A.M. Dermody and P. Cosgrave, Mr. Ryan responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**Development**

**R/402/13 QUESTIONS**

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

**R/403/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (5): Development Dept. Item ID: 36843**

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

**R/404/13 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (2): Development Dept. Item ID: 36844**

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

**R/405/13 Cathaoirleach’s Business**

**MOTION (3): Development Dept. Item ID: 36845**

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

**Libraries**

**R/406/13 QUESTIONS**

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

**r/407/13 Library News & Events**

**HEADED ITEM (6): Libraries Item ID: 36846**

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

**“September 2013**

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| ***Ballyroan*** | ***Events*** | ***Date*** |
| **Library Statistics since opening**  | **220,652 items loaned****145,565 visitors****6000 wifi sessions****10,500 ICT sessions** |  |
| **Home Delivery Service**  | For local people who cannot visit the library building | Weekly |
| **Innovation Enterprise Network** | Innovation Enterprise Network – Sessions for high skilled unemployed area in the Rathfarnham area | 20th September at 10am and 12noon |
| **Mental Health Awareness for Teenagers** | Anti bullying/cyber bullying workshop | Monday 23rd September 10am |
| **Mental Health Awareness for Teenagers** | Mindfulness for exam students  | Thursday 26th September 11 15am and 12 15pm |
|  Culture Night | Dramatic readings from Strumpet City – be entertained as actor Fergus Cronin and historian Catriona Crowe evoke the atmosphere of the time and provide historical context through reading, recorded music and imagery. | Friday 20th September from 7pm - 8:30pm |
| **Digital Training** | PCs for beginners | Tuesdays from 11am - 1pm |
| **Digital Training**  | PCs for beginners | Wednesday from 11am - 1pm |
| **Foundation in Photography** | Foundation in PhotographyBooking essential | Wednesday 11th, 18th & 25th September at 6:30pm |
| **Exhibition** | “The Town I Love So Well”An exhibition of oil paintings by local artist, Peter O’Connor | Month of September |
| **Ballyroan Film Club** | Marking the 1913 Lockout a screening of Strumpet City | 2nd, 9th and 16th September at 7pm |
| **Literacy**  | TTRS – one to one coaching for young people with dyslexia | Ongoing |
| **Literacy** | Ready2Read pre literacy programme for young children and their parents  | Ongoing |
| **Calligraphy**  | A foundation course | Tuesdays 10th 17th and 24th September  |
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| **Children’s activities** | Stories for Little OnesStory time for children aged 3 - 6 years. All welcome. | Every Tuesday at 3:30pm. |
|  | Parent and Toddler GroupAll welcome. | Every Friday at 10am |
| **Roald Dahl’s Birthday** | Mischief Mayhem  | 11th September |
|  | Junior Chess ClubAll welcome. | Saturday 14th, 21st & 28th September at 10am |
|  | Junior Book ClubBooking essential | Thursday 19th September |
| **Book Clubs & Writing Group** | Thursday Lunchtime Book Club | Thursday 29th August from 1pm - 2pm |
|  | Rathfarnham Retired Teachers Book Club | Wednesday 4th September from 10am - 12pm |
|  | Orchard/An Leabhar Book Club | Monday 9th September from 2:30pm - 3:30pm |
|  | Second Tuesday Book Club | Tuesday 10th September from 7pm - 8pm |
|  | Creative Writing Course | Thursday 12th, 19th & 26th September at 6:30pm |
|  | TARA Book Club | Friday 13th September from 2pm - 3pm |
|  | Chicklit Book Club | Thursday 19th September from 10am - 11am |
|  | Golfers Book Club | Monday 30th September from 8pm - 9pm |

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**September 2013**

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| ***Tallaght*** | ***Events*** | ***Date*** |
| **Books and reading** | Creative writing class | Mondays from 6.30pm - 8pm |
|  | Book Club | Tuesday 3rd September 6.45pm - 7:45pm  |
|  | Poetry Circle | Thursday 12th September from 6.30pm - 8pm |
| **Book Launch** | Summer Daily – love poems by James Hyde | Wednesday 18th September from 6pm - 8pm |
| **Children’s events** | Barnardo’s special needs service | Mondays from 10:30am - 11:30am |
|  | Junior chess club | Thursdays from 5.30pm – 6.30pm |
| **Culture** | Film Club talk | Thursday 19th September from 7pm - 8pm |
|  | Film Club  | Thursday 26th September from 7pm - 9pm |
| World Culture Night | Culture night events including: readings from Bram Stoker’s Dracula and from Padraig Pearse, and drama from Oscar Wilde and Sean O’Casey. For children, Irish History Live with bring the heady days of 1913 Dublin tenements to life.  In addition we have the music of Enda Reilly and Stephen James Smith | Friday 20th September from 6pm - 8pm (children’s session in afternoon at 3.30pm and 5.30pm) |
|  | Over 55s Drama Group | Tuesdays from 10.30am - 12noon |
| **Early childhood** | Story time for Children | Tuesdays at 3.30pm |
|  | Toddler Time  | Wednesdays from 10.30am - 11.30am  |
| **Exhibition** | 1913 Lockout exhibition | All month during library opening hours |
|  | Views of South Dublin then and now – “The Gathering” postcards exhibition | All month during library opening hours |
| **I.T.** | Computer Training for St John of Gods Group  | Every Monday from 2.30pm – 3.30pm and every Friday from 10am - 12noon |
|  | National Learning Network computer training | Wednesdays from 1pm - 3pm |
|  | Beginners Computer Class | Mondays from 16th September from 4pm - 6pm |
|  | Next Steps Computer Class | Thursdays from 19th September from 4pm - 6pm |
| **Literacy** | TTRS – Touch Type Read Spell | Tuesdays 6.30pm – 7.30pm; Wednesdays 5.30pm - 6.30pm; Saturdays 11.30am - 12.30pm |
| **Life long learning** | Knitting Club | Mondays 2nd and 16th September from 6pm |
|  | History and Heritage lecture: Poverty Paraded in the Streets: 1913 the Mothers and Children by Ann Matthews | Thursday 5th September from 7pm - 8.30pm |
|  | Tallaght Historical Society Lecture – Tallaght in transition from ancient to modern by Chris Flood | Tuesday 10th September from 7pm to 8:30pm |
|  | Craft class for adults | Friday 20th September 10.30am - 12.30pm |
|  | Me Mollser theatre workshops for 2nd level students | Thursdays 19th and 26th September from 10.30am - 12noon |
| **Language Classes** | Irish Class | Every Tuesday from 1pm – 2pm from 10th September |

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|  | Spanish class | Every Tuesday from 6.30pm - 8pm from 17th September |
|  | English language class (beginners) | Every Wednesday from 5pm - 6pm from 11th September |
|  | English language class (intermediate) | Every Wednesday from 6pm - 7pm from 11th September |
|  | German language class | Thursdays from 7pm - 8pm |
|  | Ìrish conversation group | Every Friday from 1pm - 2pm |
|  | Vietnamese language class | Saturdays 14th and 28th September from 11am - 1pm |
| **Outreach** | County Library stand at Tallaght Health Fair, Fettercairn Community Centre | Tuesday 17th September from 10am - 4pm |
| **Partnership with outside agencies** | BRI Support Group Meeting(Acquired Brain Injury Group )  | Monday 9th September6pm - 8pm  |
|  | BRI Art Group | Fridays 2pm - 4pm |
|  | Stroke support group | Tuesday 17th September from 11am - 1pm  |
|  | South Dublin Advisory Consultative Panel meeting | Thursday 5th September from 9:30am - 12:30pm |
|  | ABI - Acquired Brain Injury social group | Thursday 26th September from 7.30pm – 9pm  |
| **Supporting employment and employers** | Back to work support group | Every Thursday from 1pm - 2pm |
|  | Noise Creative careers | Monday 30th September from 4.30pm - 8pm |

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|  | Start Your Own Business course | Saturday 28th September from 9.30am - 4.30pm |
|  | IE Network Business Meetings - Innovation Enterprise Network | Every Thursday from 10am – 12.30pm |

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**September 2013**

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| ***Mobiles*** | ***Events*** | ***Date*** |
| **Rathfarnham** **Public stops**  | **Ballycullen:** Woodstown Park & Hunters Wood **Templeogue:** Cypress Grove South, Rossmore Road, | Weekly |
| **Nursing Homes Deliveries** | Marlay Nursing Home, Rathfarnham | Monthly |
| **School Visits** | Ballyroan: Saplings special school | Monthly |
| **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 AvenueFettercairn, 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 |
| **Community Centre Deliveries** | St Kevin’s, Kilnamanagh CCGlenasmole CCKiltipper Woods Nursing Home | Monthly |
| **Crèches Deliveries** | An Turas, JobstownBrookview, TallaghtFledglings Brookfield CC Mac Uilliam Fortunestown Cathlin Maud, KillinardenSt Elmo’s, KillinardenCnoc Mhuire, KillinardenBrittas Montessori | Monthly |

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**September 2013**

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| ***Whitechurch*** | ***Events*** | ***Date*** |
|  | **Library Opening Hours** | Monday, Tuesday & Thursday2pm – 5pm & 6pm – 8pmWednesday10pm – 1pm & 2pm -5pm |
| **ICT Training** | Computers Classes for beginners | mornings and evenings |
| **Craft & Adult Activities** | Knitting & Crafts Group | Mondays from 2pm - 4pm |
| **Legal Advice** | Free Legal Advice by appointment telephone 4952020 | Tuesdays at 7pm |
| **Language Class** | Irish Classes | Wednesdays from 11am – 12noon |
| **Historical Society** | Ballyboden Social History Association new members always welcome | Thursdays from 2pm – 4pm |
|  | History Lectures | Thursday from 8pm - 9.30pm |
|  | Bookclub | 1st Friday of each month from 12noon – 1pm |
|  | Creative Writing | 3rd Friday of each month from 12noon – 1pm |
|  | Gentle seated yoga | Friday lunchtimes |
|  | Community healing | Wednesday afternoon & evening |

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Following contributions from Councillors P. Cosgrave, E. Coburn and J. Lahart, Ms Byrne responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**R/408/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (7): Libraries Item ID: 36847**

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

**R/409/13 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (3): Libraries Item ID: 36848**

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

**R/410/13 Cathaoirleach’s Business**

**MOTION (4): Libraries Item ID: 36849**

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

**Corporate**

**R/411/13 QUESTIONS**

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

**R/412/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (8): Corporate Services Department Item ID: 36850**

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

**R/413/13 Correspondence**

**CORRESPONDENCE (4): Corporate Services Dept Item ID: 36851**

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

**r/414/13 Cathaoirleach’s Business**

**MOTION (5): Corporate Services Department Item ID: 36852**

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

**Housing**

**R/415/ QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Cosgrave, seconded by Councillor J. Lahart and **RESOLVED:**

“That pursuant to Standing Order No.13, Questions 1-2 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**R/416/13 TARA HILL**

**QUESTION (1): Councillor P. Cosgrave Item ID: 36891**

"To ask the Manager to give a report on the subsidence to Council houses at Tara Hill Crescent and report on what work will need to be done to resolve the problem?"

**REPLY:**

There have been no reports/complaints to the Council of subsidence in Tara Hill.  The area was inspected in recent days and during the energy project some months ago.  No subsidence was noted.

**R/417/13 WINDOW REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME AT TARA HILL**

**QUESTION (2): Councillor P. Cosgrave Item ID: 36895**

"To ask the Manager to give a report on the window replacement programme for the Rathfarnham area to include Whitechurch Estate and Tara Hill Estate?"

**REPLY:**

The window replacement programme commenced in 2010 and between then and the end 2012 we have completed the replacement of windows in 37 houses in the above area.   This represents 7% of the overall 550 windows replaced countywide.  In addition another 2 have been completed this year and 2 more in progress.

There is a balance of 63 houses on a list for replacement windows in this area.  49 of this number are graded 5 which means they are in a bad condition.  Countywide there are 849 on the full replacement list, 809 of which are graded 5.

It should also be noted that all replacements are carried out in date order of application subject to the rent account being either clear or a tenant adhering to an official arrangement for a minimum period of 6 months.

**R/418/13 HOUSING PROCUREMENT & ALLOCATIONS REPORT**

**HEADED ITEM (9): Housing Department Item ID: 36990**

**Mr. H. Hogan, Senior Executive Officer, presented the following report:-**

**“Housing Procurement & Allocations Report**

**The following table outlines Housing Allocations progress in the Rathfarnham electoral area as at 31/8/13**

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| **RATHFARNHAM** | **2012** | **CURRENT 01/01/2013 TO 31/08/2013** | **CURRENT NOS ON LIST** |
| **HOUSING LIST ALLOCATIONS** | **17** | **11** | **4843** |
| CBL | 1 | 1 |   |
| ASH |   | 1 |   |
| OAP |   | 1 |   |
| Homeless |   | 2 |   |
| Medical | 7 | 2 |   |
| Priority Committee | 1 |   |   |
| Standard | 8 | 4 |   |
|  RAS |   |  0 |   |
| **TRANSFERS** | **11** | **4** | **536** |
|   |   |   |   |
| **TOTAL** | **28** | **15** |   |

**COUNTYWIDE**

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|   | **2012** | **CURRENT 01/01/2013 TO 31/08/2013** | **CURRENT NOS ON LIST** |
| **HOUSING LIST ALLOCATIONS** | **295** | **135** | **6774** |
| CBL | 147 | 73 |   |
| ASH | 8 | 8 |   |
| OAP | 15 | 4 |   |
| Homeless | 19 | 12 |   |
| Medical | 31 | 15 |   |
| Priority Committee | 5 |   |   |
| Standard | 70 | 23 |   |
|  RAS |  134 |  82 |   |
| **TRANSFERS** | **86** | **44** | **800** |
|   |   |   |   |
| **TOTAL** | **515** | **261** |   |

**The following table outlines** **Leasing/RAS and PRTB Inspections** **progress in the Rathfarnham electoral area as at 31/8/13**

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|   |  @31/12/12 | 1/1/13 to 31/8/13 | cumlative at 31/8/13 |  processing at 31/8/13 |
| Properties procured under lease arrangements | 7 | 6 | 13 | 0 |
| Properties procured under RAS arrangements | 50 | 7 | 57 | 2 |
| PRTB inspections(countywide) | 5200 | 923 | 6123 | 40 |
| (note 880 PRTB inspections in 2012) |   |   |   |   |

Following a contribution from Councillor P. Cosgrave, Mr. Hogan responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**R/419/13 Anti-Social Behaviour Quarterly Statistics - 2nd Quarter**

**HEADED ITEM (10): Housing Department Item ID: 36991**

**Mr. H. Hogan, Senior Executive Officer, presented the following report:-**

**“STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN THE RATHFARNHAM AREA FOR 2ND QUARTER 2013**

The table below provides statistical analysis of anti social activity in the Rathfarnham area on a quarterly basis.  In the 2nd quarter of 2013, a total of 13 incidents of anti social behaviour were recorded and 28 actions were taken. In the 2nd quarter of 2013 there were 1154 working files countywide.

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| **Incidents** | **1st Qtr 2013** | **2nd  Qtr 2013** |
| **Priority 1** |   |   |
| Drugs Activity reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 |
| Criminal Activity reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 |
| Joyriding reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 |
| Violence/intimidation/ harassment reported to SDCC | 3 | 4 |
|   |   |   |
| **Priority 2** |   |   |
| Squatters/illegal occupiers reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 |
| Vandalism reported to SDCC | 0 | 4 |
| Physical condition of property reported to SDCC | 1 | 0 |
| Physical condition of Garden reported to SDCC | 0 | 1 |
| Racism reported to SDCC | 0 | 1 |
| Vacant House reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 |
| Neighbour Dispute reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 |
|   |   |   |
| **Priority 3** |   |   |
| Noise/disturbance reported to SDCC | 0 | 2 |
| Pets/animal nuisance reported to SDCC | 0 | 1 |
| Children Nuisance reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 |
| **Total Incidents reported to SDCC** | **4** | 13 |
|   |  |   |
| **Total Complaints reported to SDCC** | **5** | 8 |
|   |  |   |
| **Total Actions taken by Allocations Support Unit Staff**   **Main actions listed below** | **12** | 8 |
| Housecall / Inspection | 3 | 8 |
| Notice to Quit | 0 | 0 |
| Abandonment notice served | 0 | 0 |
| Warnings issued | 0 | 1 |
| Interviews held (formal office and by phone) | 3 | 6 |
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The Council, through the office of its Estate Management Team, also hosts weekly Housing Clinics at the following locations:

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| **Clinic Name** | **Address of Clinic** | **Days Held** | **Time of Clinic** |
| Clondalkin  | Civic Offices, Clondalkin | Every Thurs | 10 am – 11am |
| Ronanstown | Ronanstown CYC | Every Tues | 11.30am – 1pm |
| Killinarden  | Killinarden Community Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24 | Every Friday | 11am – 12noon |
| Glenshane/ Rossfield | 12 Brookfield Court, Tallaght, Dublin 24 | Every Friday | 11am – 12 noon |
| Jobstown Community Centre | Jobstown, Tallaght, Dublin 24 | Every Thursday | 11am – 12noon |
| Fettercairn | Fettercairn Community Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24 | Every Wednesday | 2pm – 3pm |
| Macuilliam  | Macuilliam Ave , Tallaght, Dublin 24 | Every 2nd Thursday 2.30pm – 4.00pm | 2.30pm to 4.00pm |
| Rathfarnaham | Whitechurch Community Centre | First Thursday of the month | 11am – 12noon |

However people are invited to also report incidents of anti social behaviour through the following means – freephone 1800 200 245, telephone 414 9000, through the Customer Care system, by visiting County Hall or the Clondalkin Civic Centre.

Members of the public are encouraged to utilise these clinics and avenues for the purpose of discussing housing related matters including incidents of anti social behaviour in respect of which all such matters are treated with confidentiality.  The clinics are attended by the Allocations Support Officer for the area and the local Community Garda.

Any complaints of Anti – Social behaviour will be dealt with in strict confidence. Anti – Social behaviour is any type of unacceptable behaviour that prevents people from enjoying a safe and peaceful existence in their home and/or community.

What happens with a complaint?

Our team will investigate every complaint and follow up in one or all of the following ways:

* Conduct Interviews with victim and alleged perpetrators
* Issue verbal and written warnings
* Refer to other agencies where appropriate
* Issue Notice to Quit where appropriate
* Court Proceedings”

Following a contribution from Councillor P. Cosgrave, Mr. Hogan responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**R/420/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (11): Housing Department Item ID: 36853**

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

**R/421/13 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (5): Housing Department Item ID: 36854**

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

**R/422/13 Cathaoirleach's Business - REFURBISHMENT OF COUNCIL HOUSING STOCK AT TARA HILL**

**MOTION (6): Item ID: 36890**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Cosgrave, seconded by Councillor J. Lahart

"That the Manager give a report on the proposed refurbishment of the remaining Council housing stock at Tara Hill. The Manager had earlier reported that two further houses would be upgraded but there must be many more Council owned houses still needing insulation and overcladding at Tara Hill."

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

“Tara Hill is an Estate comprising of 70 houses, which were built in 1975. Most of the estate has been purchased over time and only 25 houses are still in Council ownership.  External insulation was carried out in 2012 in 6 houses in Tara Hill Grove under a scheme of Relet Energy-upgrade funded by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government.  This funding stream for this work is no longer available from the Department.  Current Departmental funding is limited to cavity-wall and attic insulation and ventilation for Council owned dwellings only**.”**

It was **AGREED** to take Motion 7 in the name of Councillor P. Cosgrave in conjunction with the above.

**MOTION (7): Item ID: 36892**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Cosgrave, seconded by Councillor J. Lahart

"That the Manager allow residents of Tara Hill who are purchasing or have bought Council houses at Tara Hill to be included in any further insulation and overcladding work at the estate. Some residents would be willing to pay the contractor to upgrade their houses, if a fair price was negotiated. Could the Manager report on what grants would be available to these residents."

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

“External insulation or over cladding of Council dwellings in Tara Hill was carried out in 2012 under a scheme of Relet Energy-upgrade funded by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government.  Adjoining owners in privately-owned houses were contacted at that time with the offer of including them in the work if they were willing to pay for same but they were unwilling to participate.  This funding stream for this work is no longer available from the Department.  Current Departmental funding is limited to cavity-wall and attic insulation and ventilation for Council owned dwellings only.

Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) sponsor the District Energy-upgrade Scheme used by the Council in Brookview and now underway in Kiltalown.  This scheme allows involvement by private-owners willing to contribute.  This scheme is subject to a complex bidding process.  Tara Hill will be examined for possible inclusion in the next round of this funding in the coming months.

Grants for insulation of private homes are provided by SEAI and the private-owner of houses in Tara Hill should apply to that body for information on same.”

Following contributions from Councillors P. Cosgrave, J. Lahart, E. Coburn and A.M. Dermody, Mr. H. Hogan, Senior Executive Officer, responded to queries raised and the reports were **NOTED.**

**Community**

**R/423/13 QUESTIONS**

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

**R/424/13 APPLICATION FOR GRANTS**

**HEADED ITEM (12): Community Services Item ID: 36856**

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

**R/425/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (13): Community Services Item ID: 36857**

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

**R/426/13 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (6): Community Services Item ID: 36858**

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

**R/427/ Cathaoirleach’s Business**

**MOTION (8): Community Services Item ID: 36859**

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

**Environment**

**R/428/ QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Cosgrave, seconded by Councillor J. Lahart and **RESOLVED:**

“That pursuant to Standing Order No.13, Questions 3-4 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**R/429/13 FLY-TIPPING**

**QUESTION (3): Councillor P. Cosgrave Item ID: 36897**

"To ask the Manager to have the rear access area between houses \*\* Address Supplied\*\* cleaned up. There has been fly tipping behind the entrance gate and rubbish strewn along the lane?"

**REPLY:**

Arrangements will be made to clean up the rubbish and fly tipping in the area of the access laneway at this location, as soon as it can be fitted into the planned works schedule for the area**.**

**R/430/13 PROVISION OF LITTER BINS AT NEW BUS STOPS ON FIRHOUSE ROAD**

**QUESTION (4): Councillor A.M. Dermody Item ID: 36604**

"To ask the Manager please can you locate litter bins at the new bus stops on the Firhouse Road next to the junction with Ballyroan Road/Butterfield Avenue?"

**REPLY:**

It is agreed that litter bins are needed in the vicinity of the bus stops on the Firhouse Road near the Butterfield/ Ballyroan junction and arrangements will be made to install bins here, as soon as it can be fitted into the works schedules for the area.

**R/431/13 LITTER MANAGEMENT PLAN 2011 – 2014 QUARTERLY REPORT**

**HEADED ITEM (14): Environmental Services Item ID: 32101**

**Ms M. Ní Dhomhnaill, Project Manager, presented the following report:-**

**“Litter Management Plan quarterly report**

1. ***Develop programmes on the basis of targeting the various litter categories, blackspots and illegal means of disposing of waste/refuse***.

The Green Dog Walkers programme launched in April 2013 has received positive reaction from the public. Almost 200 people have signed up to the programme to date. Supports are also available for anyone who would like to promote the programme in their local area – i.e. banners and pledge forms.

The Anti Gum Litter boost campaign took place in Rathfarnham in July. The Mayor, members of Rathfarnham Tidy Towns and local traders attended

***2. Develop a customer focused litter complaints procedure in order to deal effectively and efficiently with complaints***

***3. Continue to actively enforce litter pollution and waste management legislation, bye laws and standards***

Following a period of public consultation, Litter Byelaws were agreed at the September meeting of Environment Strategic Policy committee for recommendation to the October Council.

***4. Improve the litter disposal systems available to the public***

The online area maintenance is available and includes the County’s cleaning schedule.

The Public Realm section is in place and changes have been made to the Burial ground maintenance and grass cutting programme. Analysis of the work programme will continue and will inform an overhaul of the programmes in order to improve litter management.

***5. Expand the recycling opportunities within the County***

 A Master Composting course took place in Fettercairn Community centre June- July 2013. Over 20 people attended – the Mayor Dermot Looney opened the demonstration area and presented certificates to the participants on July. In August a group of the Master composters built a demonstration composting area in Corkagh Park next to the Pet Farm. A range of composting will be displayed and information boards will be available.

***6. Continue to monitor and review road cleansing service in order to provide an improved service.***

Road sweeping contract is in place until April 2014.

***7. Develop a litter management programme for designated urban areas within the County – Tallaght city, Clondalkin town centre and other designated areas***

[Cleansing schedule](http://www.southdublin.ie/cleansing_map/index.html) will continue.

Tallaght achieved Clean to European norm again in the latest IBAL litter survey released in September.

***8. Prepare litter management, education and awareness programmes that promote community and business involvement, community identity and responsibility, personal responsibility, youth activity etc.***

The South Dublin County Tidy Towns network continues to meet. The 2013 Tidy Towns results will be announced on 9th September.

***9. Encourage active participation in Anti Litter Campaigns***

**Social Credits Applications Community clean ups**

**Jan - Aug 2012**  529 455

**Jan - Aug 2013** 1162 972

***10. Develop a communications programme to promote a litter free County – including the promotion of the use of www.southdublin.ie and www.dublinwaste.ie***

Green Times newsletter distributed to all schools in September.

Social media campaign planned for Halloween to highlight environmental damage caused by bonfires and illegal dumping.

***11. Optimise the application of available technology in the enforcement and prevention of litter***

[Online A](http://www.southdublin.ie/cleansing_map/index.html)rea maintenance schedule development is available.

***12. Utilise systematic data analysis systems to monitor and plan Litter management and decision making***

Mobile technology is being used to monitor and plan more effective litter management.

***13. Continue to research and implement best practice models***

Research and discussion regarding best practice models is ongoing.

***14. Ensure the provision of a litter management plan for all major events***

This provision is included an all licence agreements.”

Following contributions from Councillors P. Cosgrave, J. Lahart, E. Coburn and A.M. Dermody, Ms Ni Dhomhnaill responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**R/432/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (15): Environmental Services Item ID: 36860**

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

**R/433/13 Correspondence**

**CORRESPONDENCE (7): Environmental Services Item ID: 36861**

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

**R/434/13 Cathaoirleach’s Business**

**MOTION (9): Environmental Services Item ID: 36862**

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

**R/435/13 DERELICT SITES AT TAYLORS LANE AND SCHOLARSTOWN ROAD**

**MOTION (10): Item ID: 36964**

It was proposed by Councillor J. Lahart, seconded by Councillor P. Cosgrave

"That the Manager update this Committee with regard to the following derelict site issues raised by this Committee in the last twelve months:

Augustinian Roundabout, Taylor's Lane

Derelict site on Scholarstown Road adjacent to Woodfield."

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

An inspection pursuant to the provisions of the Derelict Sites Act l990, was carried out on the site adjacent to the roundabout at the Augustinians, Ballyboden on the 12th June 20l3. The lands in question are in the ownership of SDCC, having been acquired for road improvement works. The Council's Roads Maintenance Section is currently completing its annual roads maintenance programme on completion of which the Roads Department will undertake necessary repair works, to include repair of bollards and removal of rock boulders from the site.

An inspection of the site on Scholarstown Road adjacent to Woodfield was carried out on the 21st March 2013, when the site was deemed to be non derelict, pursuant to the provisions of the Derelict Sites Act 1990.  This area is patrolled regularly by the Litter Warden and during the most recent inspection, on the 3rd September 2013, no dumping was visible.  The area will continue to be monitored by the Litter Warden and where necessary the appropriate enforcement action will be taken under the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended.

Ms Y. Dervan, Senior Executive Engineer, presented the report. Following contributions from Councillors J. Lahart and P. Cosgrave, Ms Dervan responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**R/436/13 DELIVERIES TO RATHFARNHAM SHOPPING CENTRE**

**MOTION (11): Item ID: 36978**

It was proposed by Councillor A.M. Dermody, seconded by Councillor P. Cosgrave

"To ask the Manager to brief this meeting as to any restrictions on deliveries of goods to Rathfarnham Shopping Centre. Please indicate time and permit location of such deliveries. There is a complaint from a resident that deliveries to the front of the shop are happening during the course of the night. If there are no such restrictions please confirm the procedure for adopting bye-laws to restrict deliveries at anti-social times during the night, so as to combat noise nuisance and upset to local residents."

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

The Principal Environmental Health Officer reports that his department is currently investigating a noise complaint concerning deliveries to Rathfarnham Shopping Centre.  This complaint concerned early morning deliveries to Tesco, Rathfarnham S.C. on Tuesday, 9th of July.  This current case is being handled by Elaine Gadd, Senior Env. Health Officer, who has called to Tesco on three occasions in relation to this matter.

Two of these visits/investigations involved meetings on-site with representatives from the Tesco Head Office.  Tesco have employed an independent noise consultancy firm, AWN Consultancy to carry out two noise assessments, the latest being carried out on Thursday night/Friday morning 18th/19th  July 2013 at the request of Ms. Gadd.

To date, a noise nuisance has not been established on either occasion.  Tesco have given assurances that the reversing of trucks by drivers is not permitted and that they utilise noise mats when removing trolleys from a truck.

In addition, the investigating officer has sent noise log sheets to the complainant to capture the dates and times when a noise nuisance has been deemed to have occurred.  Such evidence is crucial to adequately substantiate noise complaints particularly ones at night in order for formal action to be taken.

To date, the Environmental Health Department has not yet received the completed log sheets back from the complainant.  This complaint investigation is still ongoing.

In conclusion, there are no set times when such deliveries can and cannot occur.  It is fairly standard that most deliveries occur during night time hours when shops are closed and traffic is light on the streets to facilitate the movement of large HGVs.  However, if and when definitive evidence supports a complaint re noise affecting sleep patterns, the Environmental Health do and will move swiftly to take action to reduce or eliminate unacceptable noise levels.”

Mr. D. O’Brien Principal Environmental Health Officer presented the report.

Following contributions from Councillors A.M. Dermody, P. Cosgrave, J. Lahart and E. Coburn, Mr. O’ Brien responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.** It was **AGREED** that a further report on this matter would be presented to the October meeting of the Committee.

**Parks**

**R/437/ QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Cosgrave, seconded by Councillor J. Lahart and **RESOLVED:**

“That pursuant to Standing Order No.13, Questions 5-10 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**R/438/13 OVERGROWN SHRUBBERY AT BALLYBODEN WAY**

**QUESTION (5): Councillor E. Coburn Item ID: 36984**

"To ask the Manager to cut back the overgrown shrubbery at Ballyboden Way eastbound on the roadside and also on the internal footpath alongside Templeroan?"

**REPLY:**

The overgrown shrubbery at Ballyboden Way was recently cut back on the side facing the public road. A more extensive thinning and pruning operation is required along this shrubbery to deal with the overshadowing of the internal footpath adjoining Templeroan Estate. It is hoped to have this work carried out as part of the forthcoming winter tree works programme for the area.

**R/439/13 REPLACEMENT OF GRASS AND WEEDS**

**QUESTION (6): Councillor P. Cosgrave Item ID: 36898**

"To ask the Manager to have the grass and weeds removed and replaced with bark mulch at the rear access area between \*\* Address Supplied \*\* as this would help to keep the area clean?"

**REPLY:**

The margins along the access laneway at this location are in a poor condition and generally detract from the overall appearance of the area. The treatment of these margins using bark mulch and ongoing maintenance will be further discussed with the Council's Housing Dept. with a view to identifying suitable options to deal with this issue.

**R/440/13 TREE PRUNING PROGRAMME AT WILLBROOK LAWNS**

**QUESTION (7): Councillor P. Cosgrave Item ID: 36899**

"To ask the Manager to include in the tree pruning programme the trees at Willbrook Lawns?"

**REPLY:**

The pruning of trees at Willbrook Lawns Rathfarnham will be listed for inclusion in the draft Tree Works Programme for the Rathfarnham area.

**R/441/13 OPEN SPACE AT WILLBROOK LAWN**

**QUESTION (8): Councillor A.M. Dermody Item ID: 36976**

"To ask the Manager to recall that the completion of certain works and the re-opening of the gates, at the open space at Willbrook Lawn, was to have been completed by the 9th of June. It is accepted that significant progress has been made by the Council but on last inspection matters appear to be at a stand-still and a lock still on the gate. Please confirm when all works will be completed and when the key can be handed over to the residents representative?"

**REPLY:**

The erection of a new garden wall adjoining the open space at Willbrook Lawns has been carried out by the Public Realm Section in accordance with the terms of the High Court Order. Some additional tidying up and landscaping works on the open space damaged during the construction works, remains to be completed. It is hoped to have this work carried out within the next 2/3 weeks. As soon as the reinstatement work is completed, new locks will be placed on the gates and copies of the keys will be issued to the local Residents Association.

**R/442/13 PATHWAY IN DODDER VALLEY PARK**

**QUESTION (9): Councillor A.M. Dermody Item ID: 36977**

"To ask the Manager to deal with an item that was placed on the agenda for the June Area Committee meeting; relating to ponding along the pathway in Dodder Valley Park at Kilvere. The reply was that action was to be taken to deal with the issue. No such action appears to have taken place in the intervening time?"

**REPLY:**

In recent weeks the Council has carried out works adjacent to the footpaths along the Kilvere Section of the Dodder Valley, including the trimming and removal of encroaching vegetation which had reduced the effective width of the path at a number of locations. The situation regarding the drainage of the footpaths was investigated in consultation with the Council's Heritage Officer and there was some concern that additional footpath drainage in this area would affect the viability of important wetlands located in the vicinity of the path. A number of options were considered to resolve this issue and it was decided that the best option would be to raise the level of the path at the worst affected locations so that the drainage profile of the wetland is not changed by the proposed improvement work. Prices have now been sought for the surfacing of the path and it is planned to have this work carried out as soon as it can be fitted into the work schedules for the area.

**R/443/13 MAINTENANCE OF OPEN SPACE ANNE DEVLIN AREA**

**QUESTION (10): Councillor J. Lahart Item ID: 36955**

"To ask the Manager to explain the poor level of maintenance in the Anne Devlin area, particularly with regard to the maintenance of open spaces adjacent to Anne Devlin Road and will the Manager commit to have the open spaces maintained according to the online schedule and to be maintained in conjunction with the road sweeping schedule?"

**REPLY:**

The open spaces in the Anne Devlin area are included in the Council's regular grass cutting schedule, which operates on a cycle of 3 weeks between grass cuts in accordance with SDCC on-line maintenance schedule.  In recent times due to difficulties encountered with plant and machinery associated with the grass cutting programme in the Rathfarnham District, the schedule was temporarily interrupted.  This has now been resolved. The open spaces have been inspected recently and were found to be maintained to a good standard. Every effort will be made to synchronise the grass cutting operation with the street sweeping schedule in the future although if grass is kept short there is little need for grass clippings to be removed from road surfaces.

**R/444/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (16): Parks Department Item ID: 36863**

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

**R/445/13 Correspondence**

**CORRESPONDENCE (8): Parks Department Item ID: 36864**

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

**R/446/13 Cathaoirleach's Business – ACCESS TO FOOTBALL PITCHES AT KNOCKLYON PARK**

**MOTION (12): Item ID: 36894**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Cosgrave, seconded by Councillor A.M. Dermody

"That the Manager create a forest footpath at the rear of Stocking Well to allow parents and children to access the football pitches and Park at Knocklyon Park. There is no play area for children at Stocking Well and it will be many years before the new proposed Park adjacent Stocking Well will be built."

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

“The open space in Stocking Well has not been landscaped by the developer to date nor has a plan for doing so been agreed with the Council.  It is understood that the developer is in financial difficulties and it may be some time before work resumes on the site.  It is not possible for South Dublin County Council to provide the access suggested: however, ultimately this area will be connected to Knocklyon Park to form a larger open space that will facilitate the residents of Stocking Well.”

Following contributions from Councillors P. Cosgrave, J. Lahart and E. Coburn, Mr. B. Kearney and Mr. M. Hannon, Senior Parks Superintendents, responded to queries raised. The report was **NOTED** and it was **AGREED** that a further report on this matter would be presented to the October meeting of the Committee.

**R/447/13 CAR PARK AT RATHFARNHAM CASTLE**

**MOTION (13): Item ID: 36149**

It was proposed by Councillor J. Lahart, seconded by Councillor P. Cosgrave:-

"That the Manager accepts that despite all the work of Tidy Towns people the car park at Rathfarnham Castle is in really poor condition and the efforts of local people doesn’t seem to be matched by the Council at this location - so close to the ornamental garden and so close to the village."

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

“It is accepted that the environs of the car-park at Rathfarnham Castle are generally overgrown and in need of some attention. To address this, the planted areas in the car-park have recently been cleaned out and overgrown shrubs have been removed. Extensive work is still required to deal with heavy ivy growth on the walls facing the car park and it is planned to carry out this work in the coming weeks when the requirement for grass cutting in the area has somewhat diminished. Some additional herbaceous planted areas will also be provided in the car-park this Winter to complement the planting already provided in the adjoining formal garden.”

Following contributions from Councillors J. Lahart and P. Cosgrave, the report was **NOTED.**

**R/448/13 RE-INSTATEMENT OF THE GREEN/FOOTBALL PITCH AT WHITECHURCH ESTATE**

**MOTION (14): Item ID: 36896**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Cosgrave, seconded by Councillor J. Lahart:-

"That the Manager give a report on the planned reinstatement of the Green/Football pitch area at Whitechurch estate."

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

“The redevelopment of the open space at Whitechurch Estate Rathfarnham by the Public Realm Section commenced on Thursday 29th August last and is expected to take approx. 3/4 weeks.

As part of the works it is proposed to reduce the height of the open space adjoining the houses at Grangebrook Estate.  This is in order to help to reduce the anti-social activity which has become a particular problem in this area.   It is proposed that the height of the open space will be as close as possible to the original level which existed, prior to the construction of the infill housing scheme.

All spoil generated from the re-development work is to be accommodated on site and the gradients on the football pitch and the pitch surrounds are to be improved as part of the works.

When the work is completed and the re-developed areas have been landscaped and seeded, the Public Realm Section will thereafter maintain the entire open space on a regular basis as part of the normal work schedules for the area.”

Following contributions from Councillors P. Cosgrave and J. Lahart the report was **NOTED.**

**R/449/13 WALL AROUND RATHFARNHAM CASTLE**

**MOTION (15): Item ID: 36652**

It was proposed by Councillor J. Lahart, seconded by Councillor E. Coburn

"That this Committee agrees that a programme of funding be made available in the Parks budget, to remove the grey brick wall around Rathfarnham Castle and replace it with a granite/masonry stone stub wall and railing to open it up to the people of Rathfarnham."

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

“The existing grey brick wall around Rathfarnham Castle Park obscures the view of the Castle and the parkland and in itself is not a very attractive feature.  It also divides the village from the Castle and the parkland and makes for an unattractive pedestrian walk on the outside of the park.

There are a number of options that can be explored to improve on this boundary and one of them is contained in the Motion.  The different options to improve this vista will be examined and costed and the Elected Members will be updated on any proposed plans and the financial implications for the Council in committing to undertaking them”.

Following contributions from Councillor J. Lahart, E. Coburn, A.M. Dermody and P. Cosgrave, Mr. M. Hannon, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, responded to queries raised. The report was **NOTED** and it was **AGREED** that a further report on this matter would be presented to the December meeting of the Committee.

**Roads**

**R/450/13 QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Cosgrave, seconded by Councillor J. Lahart and **RESOLVED:**

“That pursuant to Standing Order No.13, Questions 11-14 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**R/451/13 PARKING IN LANDSDOWNE PARK**

**QUESTION (11): Councillor A.M. Dermody Item ID: 36979**

"To ask the Manager that you might recall that it was agreed traffic meeting that following a complaint from a resident in Lansdowne Park concerning the illegal parking of another resident whose house is situated on Knocklyon Road, that the parking of cars so close to the junction was deemed unsafe and therefore a hazard by the Manager. An extension of double yellow lines was to be made. No action has been taken since and residents continue to complain about the number of near accidents at this location. Also, it was agreed that the white lines would be repainted at the junction of Ballyroan Height & Ballyroan Crescent and I was lead to believe that this would happen as soon as possible. This does not appear to have happened. Please can I be provided with details as to when both matters will be attended to by the Council?"

**REPLY:**

The statutory approval for the extension of the double yellow lines has been received and it will be arranged as soon as practicable. The lining at the Ballyroan Height & Ballyroan Crescent junction has been included in the Area Engineers works programme and will be carried out in September 2013 subject to favourable weather conditions.

**R/452/13 REPAIR/REPLACEMENT OF BOLLARDS AT ROSEMOUNT CAR PARK**

**QUESTION (12): Councillor A.M. Dermody Item ID: 36980**

"To ask the Manager to please arrange for the repair/replacement of the bollards at Rosemount. Is it possible to replace with something other than what is currently being used as it appears such repairs are required on a very regular basis. BDRA believe that delivery trucks to the Centre are knocking the bollards. Is it possible to replace these concrete bollards with a steel equivalent?"

**REPLY:**

The Area Engineer has been requested to repair / replace the damaged bollards.

**R/453/13 COUNTY FLAGS**

**QUESTION (13): Councillor A.M. Dermody Item ID: 36981**

"To ask the Manager to examine a complaint from a Resident that there are two 'county' flags hanging precariously from the branch of a tree in the garden of \*\*address supplied\*\* and swift action by the Council may be required. This question is clearly one that ought to be posted through membersnet but I'm not confident that the matter will receive the immediate attention it needs if it were to be placed in this way?"

**REPLY:**

The householder will be contacted and asked to withdraw the flags within the extent of their property.

**R/454/13 REPAIR KERBSTONES AT ROSEMOUNT CAR PARK**

**QUESTION (14): Councillor J. Lahart Item ID: 36962**

"To ask the Manager to repair and bolster the kerbstones at Rosemount car park where traffic regularly exits by driving over these kerb stones and damaging them, and to provide a report on progress with regard to the repair of same?"

**REPLY:**

Repairs to the kerbs in the Rosemount Shopping Centre was carried out in July 2013.

**R/455/13 Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

**HEADED ITEM (17): Roads Department Item ID: 36866**

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

**R/456/13 Knockcullen Rise / Knocklyon Road junction**

**HEADED ITEM (18): Roads Department Item ID: 36913**

**Ms C. Cummins, Executive Engineer, presented the following report:-**

**“Knockcullen Rise / Knocklyon Road junction.**

***Examine approved plans for adjoining lands to see if they impact on the*** ***Knockcullen Rise / Knocklyon Road*** ***junction***

Planning Permission was granted by An Bord Pleanala in December 2008 for the development adjoining the junction to Knockcullen Rise, (Reg Ref, SD 07A/0977). The Grant of Permission was extended in July 2013.

The proposed residential apartment blocks are set back from the footpath, and do not interfere with required sight-lines at Knockcullen Rise.

A new boundary, comprising a stub-wall / railing, is proposed for the front of the development. Sight-lines have been examined and demonstrate that the proposed boundary complies with the requirements of the DMURS in respect of sight lines at the existing junction.

During the construction / landscaping / maintenance phases, due care must be taken with the retention of existing trees or the provision of new planting, to ensure that they do not interfere with the sight-lines from Knockcullen Rise.

The proposed junction modifications would further improve the sight-lines at this junction.

[**Map 1**](../../ITEMS/September%2013/HI%2018%2036913%20SRD84-100-01.pdf)

[**Map 2**](../../ITEMS/September%2013/HI%2018%2036913%20SRD84-100-02.pdf)

[**Map 3**](../../ITEMS/September%2013/HI%2018%2036913%20SRD84-100-03.pdf)

[**Map of Existing Layout**](../../ITEMS/September%2013/HI%2018%2036913%20Map%20of%20existing%20layout.pdf)

[**Map of Proposed Final Layout**](../../ITEMS/September%2013/HI%2018%2036913%20SRD84-100-04%20Map%20of%20proposed%20final%20layout.pdf)

Following contributions from Councillors P. Cosgrave, E. Coburn and A.M. Dermody, Ms Cummins responded to queries raised and recommended that the Council’s application to the NRA for funding under the Low Cost Safety measures include both option 1 and 3. The matter was put to a vote which resulted as follows;

Application to include option 3 only – 3 Councillors in favour. Councillor J. Lahart abstained. It was **AGREED** therefore, that the Council’s application to the NRA for funding under the Low Cost Safety measures for improvements at this junction include only option 3.

**R/457/13 County Wide Review of HGV Restrictions - Rathfarnham Area**

**HEADED ITEM (19): Roads Department Item ID: 37026**

**Mr. A. O’ Mullane, Senior Executive Engineer, presented the following report:-**

“Pursuant to SI332/2012 all weight restrictions on the public road network are required to be reviewed. On the 1st of October all existing restrictions will no longer be applicable. The basis for the selection of weight restriction is being modified and the applicable limits are being altered. The review is required to select the appropriate restriction on roads with existing restrictions (in accordance with the HGV Mobility Policy) while also taking the opportunity to remove any obsolete restrictions. The proposed alterations for the Rathfarnham area are as follows:

| **Road Name** | **Description and sign locations** | **Installed**  | **Reasons for Restriction** | **Review and Proposal** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rathfarnham Main Street** | Main Street only from Rathfarnham Road junction |  | Protect village from rat running. | Retire (Not observed as a short cut) |
| **Whitechurch Road / Grange Road** | **Grange Park** On the left sides at its junctions with Grange Road and Whitechurch Road**St. Enda’s Drive** On the left sides at its junctions with Grange Road and Whitechurch Road**Sarah Curran Ave** On the left, at approx 20m from its junction with Whitechurch Road | 17/05/1999 | Legacy congestion avoidance (rat run) preceding M50 and Taylors lane completion. | Retire Restrictions as rational for introduction has been resolved, (also see below regarding weak bridge issue on Sarah Curran Ave.)Also Whitechurch Road is now traffic calmed. |
| **Weak bridge on Sarah Curran Ave.**  | 21/12/94 | Structural integrity of Bridge on Sarah Curran Avenue  | Structural:RUS 053 sign (3.5 tonne prohibition on bridge) to be placed at both ends of the bridge – corresponding warning signs (for the prohibition) to be placed on Sarah Curran Ave, at both its junctions with Whitechurch Road, and Grange Road. |

The report was **NOTED.**

**R/458/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (20): Roads Department Item ID: 36867**

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

**R/459/13 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (9): Roads Department Item ID: 36868**

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

**R/460/13 Cathaoirleach’s Business**

**MOTION (16): Roads Department Item ID: 36869**

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

**R/461/13 PARKING IN RATHFARNHAM VILLAGE**

**MOTION (17): Item ID: 36878**

It was proposed by Councillor A.M. Dermody, seconded by Councillor J. Lahart:-

"That this Council confirm the position for traders in Rathfarnham Village who still continue to encounter problems with APCOA. It was indicated at an earlier Committee meeting that traders in the village could apply for an annual permit for a fixed fee of €300. It now appears that one such trader applied for an annual permit and her annual application was refused, she was told that she could only apply for a maximum 3 monthly permit. It appears APCOA are unaware of annual application option and only allow monthly or three monthly applications.

Can you please also confirm whether or not there is a cap on the number of applicants who can apply for such a permit; there is a suggestion that only one permit per business can be applied for? Are there any restrictions on the application for such permits by traders? If so what are these restrictions?

Finally, is it possible for the Manager to insist that applications for annual permits to APCOA be made more user friendly, that APCOA accept on-line applications, while ensuring payment protection for applicant."

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

“The car park at Village Court was surveyed during June and it was observed that 40 spaces remain available. To encourage better use option for motorists working in the village permits are available at €25 per month including VAT. To promote better use of the car park in a way that benefits the village area the provision of permits limited to workers of the village at the reduced rate will be retained and made available for annual and monthly periods. As up to 40 spaces are available it is not proposed to operate a limit. During the pilot period these permits were available for a shorter period.

Over the summer holiday period confusion regarding the numbers of permits that could be issued occurred, this was resolved and the requested permit was issued.

A general review of the permit application system will be carried out which will include on line applications. It is intended that a less onerous system that continues to deliver the necessary controls can be developed.”

It was **AGREED** to take Motion 19 in the name of Councillor E. Coburn in conjunction with the above.

**MOTION (19): Item ID: 36985**

It was proposed by Councillor E. Coburn, seconded by Councillor J. Lahart

"That this Committee discuss with the aid of a report the Paid Parking and Parking permits in Rathfarnham Village."

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

“Parking in Rathfarnham Village was surveyed in June. Sample areas were examined for their occupancy during the day and the type of parking i.e. long or short term parking. In order to get a full picture both a week day and a weekend were surveyed.

During the weekday survey parking was observed on a Thursday. It is observed that occupancy for on-street parking areas is well used with maximum occupancy between 60% and 90%. Parking is typically short term with long term parking confined to residential areas.

In Village Court car park (60 spaces) maximum occupancy on the Thursday survey was 30% and parking was predominately short term

At weekends maximum occupancy for on street parking was observed at 80% to 90% however more long term parking was observed. In Village court car park, where parking is free on Saturday, occupancy was 90% with a mix of long and short term parking.

The parking areas in Rathfarnham Village are effectively fully occupied during both weekdays and weekends and good parking turnover has been achieved with the exception of weekday use of Village Court car park. The current tariff is appropriate as there is no general requirement to either to increase use or turnover, as the parking is delivering close to its maximum vehicles parked and the turnover delivers short term parking.

In Village Court car park could be better utilised on weekdays as up to 40 spaces may be available. Currently parking is charged at ½ the Main Street rate to encourage better use option for motorists visiting the village and permits for workers are available at €25 per month including VAT.

In order to prevent the Village Court car park reverting to a park and ride site for the city bound trips controlled parking must be retained. To promote better use of the car park in a way that benefits the village area the provision of permits limited to workers of the village at the reduced rate will be retained and made available for annual and monthly periods. Additional 'low tariff' signage is now in place for the car park.

There is no proposal to make any modification to the system of residents parking permits.

As a general assistance to motorists parking 'Parking tag' has been introduced in South Dublin County Council in collaboration with the other Dublin local authorities. Parking Tag uses mobile phone and a Parking Tag account to make parking payment. The parking warden refers to the number plate for reference to parking payment. Benefits such as being able to extend parking time and never needing coins will remove a significant amount of anxiety associated with on-street parking. It is now operational in Rathfarnham Village.”

Following contributions from Councillors A.M. Dermody and E. Coburn, Mr. A. O’ Mullane, Senior Executive Engineer, responded to queries raised and the reports were **NOTED.**

**R/462/13 REPAIR RAMPS ON WILLOWBANK DRIVE**

**MOTION (18): Item ID: 36956**

It was proposed by Councillor J. Lahart, seconded by Councillor P. Cosgrave:-

"That this Committee agrees that the Manager resurface the traffic calming ramps and platforms on Willowbank Drive which have fallen into a poor state of repair and to give a timeline for the completion of the work should the motion be passed."

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

“Re-surfacing of the ramps on Willowbank Drive has been listed for inclusion in the 2014 Roadworks Programme which is currently being compiled.”

**R/463/13 SURVEY OF PARKING IN ROSEMOUNT CAR PARK**

**MOTION (20): Item ID: 36961**

It was proposed by Councillor J. Lahart, seconded by Councillor P. Cosgrave

"That the Manager update the Committee on the second traffic survey I requested to be carried out at Rosemount Car Park and to outline what contacts have been made with the traders and other stakeholders in the area to advance their concerns regarding parking in this car park."

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

“Rosemount Car Park on Marion Road Rathfarnham was surveyed in May following the opening of the redeveloped library. This follows a previous survey in September 2012. The following table outlines the changes in the use of the car park as observed between the two surveys:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Patrol Time* | *May-13* | *Sep-12* | *longer than 5 hours (2013)* | *longer than 5 hours (2012)* |
| *07:00* | 6 | 10 | 3 | 3 |
| *08:00* | 18 | 23 | 12 | 11 |
| *09:00* | 61 | 69 | 25 | 27 |
| *10:00* | 105 | 91 | 27 | 29 |
| *11:00* | 95 | 95 | 27 | 31 |
| *12:00* | 101 | 98 | 30 | 33 |
| *13:00* | 83 | 93 | 30 | 33 |
| *14:00* | 70 | 79 | 30 | 33 |
| *15:00* | 67 | 86 | 24 | 32 |
| *16:00* | 86 | 78 | 24 | 30 |
| *17:00* | 86 | 77 | 23 | 23 |
| *18:00* | 56 | 40 | 10 | 10 |
| *19:00* | 40 | 36 | 6 | 4 |

From the data no significant change was observed between September 2012 and May 2013. However in May the car park was effectively full in the morning at 10 am. The use by long term parking was static at about 30 spaces in each survey.

In detail the survey data indicated that the long term parking tended to occur at the south end of the car park avoiding the busier north end near the shops.

Given the variety of uses associated with the area adjacent to the car park the provision of spaces is considered adequate. Controlled parking such as pay and display parking will have a positive effect for commercial activity but would have a negative impact on community related use. However the additional availability due to the removal of long term parking would mostly occur at the south end of the car park. It has been requested that the Council meet a delegation from the shopping complex to discuss future options and this matter will be pursued with a view to improving parking in the publicly owned carpark.”

**Water & Drainage**

**R/464/ QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Cosgrave, seconded by Councillor J. Lahart and **RESOLVED:**

“That pursuant to Standing Order No.13, Question 15 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**R/465/13 SEWAGE LEAK AT PINEWOOD PARK**

**QUESTION (15): Councillor J. Lahart Item ID: 36966**

"To ask the Manager for a report on the serious sewage leak at Pinewood Park: Raw sewage leaked from the system into the front and rear gardens of houses \*\*addresses provided\*\*. We understand that Council Engineers have carried out an examination using cameras to establish if the system is blocked etc - can the Manager report on the outcome?"

**REPLY:**

The Drainage Section carried out a CCTV survey of the sewerage system in the Pinewood Park area in June 2013. The survey concluded that the pipes are structurally sound and the waste water flows well in the sewers. The survey highlighted a significant quantity of stone in the sewer at the lower end close to Butterfield Park. The jetting crew removed the stone along with a large concrete building block from the sewer. The stone in the pipe is normally deposited during heavy rain and can build up over time to reduce the flow in the pipe. The drainage maintenance section will monitor this location and jet the line as and when required.

**R/466/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (21): Water & Drainage Item ID: 36870**

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

**R/467/13 Correspondence**

**CORRESPONDENCE (10): Water & Drainage Item ID: 36871**

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

**R/468/13 Cathaoirleach’s Business**

**MOTION (21): Water & Drainage Item ID: 36872**

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

The meeting concluded at 5pm.

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