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**SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of the Lucan Area Committee dealing with Corporate Services, Libraries, Community, Housing, Parks, Evironment, Water & Drainage, Roads, Development and Planning Business held on 22nd October 2013.**

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

**An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor C. Jones.**

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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| Senior Executive Officer | L. Leonard, E. O’Gorman, W. Sheils, I. , Y. Dervan, M. Fagan |
| Senior Engineer | W. Purcell, T. O’Grady |
| Senior Planner | C. Ryan |
| Senior Executive Parks Superintendent | M. Hannon, D. Fennell |
| Senior Executive Librarian | I. Stobbart |
| Senior Executive Engineer | A. O’Mullane. |
| Administrative Officer | T. Curtin, T. Shanahan |
| A/Senior Staff Officer | C. Malone. |
| Clerical Officer | A. Shaw. |

**An Cathaoirleach Councillor G. O’Connell presided.**

**L/546/13 CONFIRMATION AND RE-AFFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**HEADED-ITEM (1) Item ID: 37356**

The Minutes of the Lucan Area Committee dealing with Planning, Development, Libraries, Corporate Services, Housing, Community, Environment, Parks, Roads and Water & Drainage Business, held on 24th September 2013, which had been circulated, were submittedand **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

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

“That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Lucan Area Committee Meeting held on 24th September 2013 be **ADOPTED and APPROVED.”**

**Corporate**

**L/547/13 QUESTIONS**

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

**L/548/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (2): Corporate Services Dept Item ID: 37357**

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

**L/549/13 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (1): Corporate Services Dept Item ID: 37358**

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

**L/550/13 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS – PLEBISITE FOR PALMERSTON VILLAGE**

**MOTION (1): Item ID: 37438**

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

"That preparations be made for the holding of a plebiscite to have the correct name restored to Palmerstown Village and that a time frame and strategy be brought to this LAC for consideration."

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

“As previously discussed at the [**June ACM**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=40416) the costs associated with holding a plebiscite are considerable and no budgetary provision has been made for such a plebiscite.  Advice is still awaited from the Law Department on the areas that can or cannot be excluded from a potential plebiscite for the area.  It is therefore premature to prepare for the holding of a plebiscite.

Once the advice has been received a report will be brought to the ACM for its consideration and if at that point the Members decide that a plebiscite should take place then it will be listed on the next Council meeting agenda for consideration.  Following that the stages in the process are as follows:-

1. A request is received to have a name changed by plebiscite
2. The request goes to Council for approval for a plebiscite of qualified electors
3. A draft list of qualified electors (Electoral Roll) is prepared by the Returning Officer. The names on the roll shall be numbered consecutively
4. An advertisement is placed in local papers stating details of proposed name change, and stating where the draft list of qualified electors can be viewed
5. Any objections to the list of qualified electors must be lodged within a 3 week period.
6. The final list of qualified electors (Electoral Roll) is formally adopted by Council
7. Once adopted the plebiscite is initiated.
8. Ballot papers are sent by ordinary post to every person whose name is on the electoral roll along with a prepaid postage envelope addressed to the returning officer for return of ballot paper.
9. Ballot papers must be signed in the presence of the witness who must also sign the form
10. Counting of papers takes place and result of Ballot determined – the majority of qualified electors must be in favour of the change
11. Decision is informed to Council. In accordance with [**Section 79 of the Local Government Act 1946**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1946/en/act/pub/0024/sec0079.html) (as amended) the Council may change the name of the locality. This is a reserved function of the Council.

Based on the time frame of the conduction of the last plebiscite from agreement at the Council meeting to the holding of the plebiscite to the adoption of its result, it would take approximately six months.”

Following contributions from Councillors G. O’Connell and E. Tuffy, Ms E. O’Gorman, Senior Executive Officer, responded to queries raised. It was proposed by Councillor G. O’Connell and **AGREED** that a recommendation to hold a plebiscite for Palmerston Village go forward to the full Council for its consideration.

**L/551/13 SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAMME**

**MOTION (2): Item ID: 37436**

It was proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle, seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell;-

"That this Area Committee yet again expresses its serious concerns over the continuing omission from the Department of Education's school building and pre-fab replacement programmes of a number of well-established schools in the Lucan area i.e. Archbishop Ryan JNS & SNS in Balgaddy and St. Thomas NS & Scoil Áine Naofa in Esker; each of which continue to rely to a significant scale of pre-fab accommodation. This Area Committee therefore calls on the Department of Education and Skills to, at a minimum, expedite the planning stage for these schools to 'tender stage' as soon as possible; and to further conduct an audit of the cost-effectiveness and suitability of maintaining pre-fabs on site at and if, on foot of this audit, it is considered appropriate to replace the prefabs, to proceed to provide (through devolved grants if appropriate) the funding to develop extensions or additional shared standalone buildings to accommodate each school's additional requirements. Finally this Area Committee yet again requests that officials of the Department 'Planning & Building Unit' meet with members of this Committee to review school-planning policy in the Lucan area."

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

“On 22nd July 2013, the following letter was sent to the Minister for Education and Skills. An acknowledgment was received on 24th July 2013.  As no further correspondence was received a reminder was issued on 6th September 2013.  The response of the Minister is still awaited.

"I refer to your letter dated [**28th February 2013**](file:///f%3A%5Cmeetings%5Clucan%20acm%5Cbuilding%20prog%20for%20schools%20in%20lucan%5C28%20feb%2013%20response%20from%20dept%20of%20edu.%20re%205yr%20school%20prog.pdf) in relation to the Department's Building Programme for schools in Lucan.  This correspondence was noted by the Lucan Area Committee at its meeting held on 25th June 2013.  Arising from this discussion the following motion was approved;

"That this Area Committee commends the Minister for Education and Skills for the progress to date in commencing developments planned under his Departments' five year school building programme.  However, this Committee further expresses its serious concerns over the continuing omission from this programme; and from the more recently-announced pre-fab replacement programme, of four well-established schools in the Lucan area i.e. Archbishop Ryan JNS & SNS in Balgaddy and St. Thomas NS & Scoil Áine Naofa in Esker; each of which continue to rely to a significant scale on pre-fab accommodation.  This Area Committee therefore calls on the Department of Education and Skills to, at a minimum, expedite the planning stage for these schools 'tender stage' as soon as possible; and to further conduct an audit of the cost-effectiveness and suitability of maintaining pre-fabs on site at and if, on foot of this audit, it is considered appropriate to replace the prefabs, to proceed to provide (through devolved grants if appropriate) the funding to develop extensions or additional shared standalone buildings to accommodate each school's additional requirements.  Finally this Area Committee again requests that officials of the Department 'Planning & Building Unit' meet with members of this Committee to review school-planning policy in the Lucan area; and this meeting take place before the elected members of this Council would be asked to consider any reserved function in respect to future school developments supported by the Department."

I should be obliged if you would let me have a response to this motion to enable me to revert to the Committee."

Following contributions from Councillors W. Lavelle, G. O’Connell and E. Tuffy the motion was **AGREED.**

**Libraries**

**L/552/13 QUESTIONS**

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

**l/553/13 Library News & Events**

**HEADED ITEM (3): Libraries Item ID: 37360**

**Mr. I. Stobbart, Senior Executive Librarian, presented the following report:-**

**“November 2013**

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| ***Lucan*** | ***Events*** | ***Date*** |
| **Employment Support Services** | Future Options Course in conjunction with CPLN Area Partnership. Booking via above | 1st, 5th, 7th, 8th, 12th, 14th, 15th November at 10am - 1pm |
| **Lucan Community College** | 1st and 2nd Year registration and outreach | November |
| **Colaiste Cois Life** | Transition Year Registration programme | November |
| **Life Centre Lucan**  | Outreach Programme and Registration | November 5th 10 – 12 noon  |
| **Scoil Oscair CNS** | Early Literacy Programme for Junior Infants and their parents. Libraries and Home School Liaison team  | October 2013 - ongoing |
| **Science Week 4th – 18th November** | Exhibition - Great Scientists and Innovators | 4th – 18th November |
|  | Science Roadshow – Class Visits | Monday 11th November Times TBC |
|  | Lego Workshops | Tuesday 12th November at 1pm & 3.30pm |
|  | Science Quiz  | Class Visits available to book during week |
| **Children’s activities** | Children’s StorytimeFor 3-5 year olds | Wednesdays at 3pm |
|  | Musical Tots Fun, interactive workshop for 6 months to 4 years and their parent/guardian | Tuesday 19th November at 10.30am |
|  | Arts and Crafts ClassFor 8 – 11 year oldsBooking essential  | First two Wednesdays of each month from 3.30pm – 4.45pm |
| **Books and Reading** | Children’s Book ClubFor 10/11 year olds | Tuesday 8th & 22nd November at 3.45pm |
|  | Home Delivery ServiceNew borrowers welcome | Friday 22nd November |
|  | Lucan Library Book ClubNew members welcome | Wednesday 27th October at 7pm |
| **Teen Fest 18th – 24th November** | Dan WellsClass Visit | Tuesday 19th November at 1.30pm |
|  | Claire HennessyClass visit | Thursday 21st November at 10am |
|  | Neville ThompsonClass visit | Friday 22nd November at 10am |
| **Literacy** | Touch Type Read Spell Group | Tuesdays & Thursdays at 6.30pm |
|  | Touch Type Read Spell Group | Saturdays at 12noon |
| **Partnership with outside agencies** | Christmas Decoration Workshops for Schools with EcoUNESCO, via Environmental Awareness, South Dublin Co. Council. Class bookings | Tuesday 26th November at 9.30am |
| **Life Long Learning** |  |  |
|  | French Beginners’ ClassBooking essential | Mondays from 6.45pm -8pm |
|  | English Language ClassBooking essential | Tuesdays from 6pm -7pm |
|  | Spanish Beginners’ ClassBooking essential | Wednesdays from 11.30am - 12.30pm |
|  | Irish Beginners’ Class / Rang Gaeilge | Thursdays from 7pm – 8pm |
|  | Japanese Family GroupParent and children group with arts and crafts activities for local Japanese families. | Thursday 7th and 21st November from 3.30pm - 5.30pm |
|  | Adult Creative Writing CourseBooking essential | Thursdays 10am – 12pm, for 8 weeks from 12th September |
|  | Adult Creative Writing GroupNew members welcome | Wednesday 6th & 20th November, 6.30pm to 8pm |
| Online Language Learning  | Online Language Learning Demo. Workshop | Saturday 9th November at 11.30am - 1pm |
| **Class Visits** | Class Visit Stewart’s Hospital  | Every Thursday and Friday morning |

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**November 2013**

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| ***Stewarts*** | ***Events*** | ***Date*** |
|  | Book Club discusses “The Dinner” by Herman Koch.  | Tuesday 5th November at 5pm |
|  | Portrait of an artist Study group 1 | Tuesday 5th November at 7.30pm |
|  | Portrait of an artist Study group 2  | Tuesday 12th November at 7.30pm |
|  | Portrait of an Artist Study group 3 | Tuesday 19th November at 7.30pm |
|  | Portrait of an Artist Study group 4 | Tuesday 26th November at 7.30pm |
|  | The Joyce study group will meet up on 2 Saturdays to visit Clongowes, Belevedere and old UCD as part of the Portrait of an Artist as a Young Man programme. |  |
|  | **Pre School Visit** | Mondays at 1.30pm |
|  | **Pre School Visit** | Wednesdays at 1.30pm |
|  | **Pre School Visit** | Thursdays at 11.30pm |
|  | **Junior Group Visit** | Mondays at 1.30pm |
|  | **Junior Group Visit** | Wednesdays at 1.30pm |
|  | **Junior Group Visit** | Fridays at 10am |
|  | **Junior Group Visit** | Fridays at 2pm |
|  | **Sewing group for Adults** | Tuesdays at 3pm |
|  | **Sewing group for Adults** | Fridays at 2.30pm |
|  | **Adult Group Visit** | Tuesdays at 11am |
|  | **Adult Group Visit** | Wednesdays at 10.30am, 11am, 11.30am & 2.30pm |
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| **Lucan** **Public stops**  | **Lucan:** Adamstown: near LondisEarlsfort EstateFoxborough WalkKishogue ParkBallyowen Castle Shopping CenLarkfield AvenueBeech Park**Newcastle:** Aylmer Road**Rathcoole:** Forest Hills & Broadfield Estate **Palmerstown:** Old Lucan Rd. Kennelsfort Road, Glenmaroon ParkWoodfarm Drive | Weekly |
| **Centre Stops**  | Stewart’s Hosp. Resource Cent | Monthly |
| **School Stops**  | Palmerstown: St Lorcan’s BNSGriffeen: Lucan Educate TogetherLucan Educate Together NSRathcoole: Holy Family NS | Monthly |
| **Lynch’s Lane** | Homework Club and Library | Thursday pm |

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| ***Tallaght*** | **Events** | ***Date*** |
| **Books & Reading** | Junior Book Club | Saturday 2nd November from 11am - 12noon |
|  | Teenagers’ Book Club | Saturday 2nd November from 12.15pm - 1.30pm |
|  | Book Club | Tuesday 5th November 6:45pm - 7:45pm  |
|  | Poetry circle | Thursday 14th November from 6.30pm - 8pm |
| **Children’s events** | Barnardo’s special needs service | Every Thursday 10:30am - 11:30am |
|  | Junior chess club | Every Thursday 5.30pm – 6.30pm |
| **Craft Fair** | Christmas Craft Fair: 35 exhibitors – 3 day fair | From Thursday 28th November to Saturday 30th November from 9.45am - 6pm |
| **Culture** | Over 55s Drama Group | Every Tuesday from 10.30am - 12noon |
|  | Film Club talk | Thursday 21st November from 7pm - 8pm |
|  | Film Club  | Thursday 28th November from 7pm - 9pm |
| **Early childhood** | Story time for Children | Every Tuesday at 3.30pm |
|  | Toddler Time  | Every Wednesday10.30am - 11.30am  |
| **Exhibition** | Perrystown Photographic Society exhibition | From Saturday 9th November to Saturday 23rd November during library opening hours |
|  | Art Exhibition: Joan Doherty | Monday 11th - Saturday 23rd November during library opening hours |
|  | Signs of Life Exhibition for National Accessibility Week | Saturday 30th November - Monday 9th December 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 | Every Wednesday 1pm - 3pm |

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|  | Beginners Computer Class | New class starting. Dates and times to be confirmed |
|  | Next Steps Computer Class | New class starting. Dates and times to be confirmed |
| **Literacy** | TTRS – Touch Type Read Spell | Tuesdays 6.30pm – 7.30pm; Wednesdays 5.30pm - 6.30pm; Saturdays 11.30am to 12.30pm |
| **Life long learning** | Tallaght Historical Society lecture: The Speaker Connolly by Michael Keyes | Tuesday 12th November from 7pm - 8.30pm |
|  | Creative writing class | Mondays from 6.30 - 8pm |
|  | Irish Class | Tuesdays from 1pm to 2pm  |
|  | Spanish class | Tuesday from 6.30pm - 8pm until 12th November |
|  | English language class (beginners) | Wednesdays from 5pm - 6pm  |
|  | English language class (intermediate) | Wednesday from 6pm - 7pm  |
|  | German language class | Every Thursday from 7pm - 8pm until 14th November |
|  | Craft class for adults | Will take place on a Friday. Date & time to be confirmed |
|  | Ìrish conversation group | Fridays from 1pm - 2pm |
| **Partnership with outside agencies** | Vietnamese language class | Saturdays 2nd, 16th and 30th November from 11am - 1pm |
|  | Kurdish language class | Saturday 2nd November from 11am - 1pm |
|  | SD Childcare Committee Meeting | Monday 4th November from 9am - 1pm |
|  | South Dublin County Volunteer Stand | Wednesday 6th November from 12.30pm - 1.30pm |
|  | BRI Support Group Meeting(Acquired Brain Injury Group )  | Monday 11th November6pm - 8pm  |
|  | Employability: training for people with disabilities | Tuesday 19th November from 11am - 12noon |
|  | Stroke support group | Tuesday 19th November from 11am - 1pm  |
|  | 10th Anniversary of Inter Cultural Drop-in Centre event | Wednesday 27th November from 11am - 12noon |
|  | Pavee Point Traveller and Roma Centre event | Thursday 28th November from 10am - 5pm |
|  | ABI - Acquired Brain Injury social group | Thursday 28th November from 7.30pm – 9pm  |
|  | Irish Deaf Society Computer training | Every Thursday from 6.15pm - 8pm |
|  | BRI Art Group | Fridays from 2pm - 4pm |
| **Social Inclusion Week** | Digital Art Workshop (Social Inclusion Unit) | Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th November from 10am - 12.30pm |
|  | IT Classes for Everyone: organised by Social Inclusion Unit | Monday 11th to Friday 15th November from 2pm - 4pm (except Wednesday 13th) |
|  | Art workshop for people with disabilities (Social Inclusion Unit) | Monday 11th - Thursday 14th November from 11am - 1pm |
|  | Tea Drinking Workshop (Social Inclusion Unit) | Tuesday 12th November from 2pm - 4pm |
| **Science Week** | Exhibition: Science is Amazing | Monday 11th - Saturday 16th November during library opening hours |
|  | Rediscovery Centre Talks – 2 sessions for school groups | Friday 15th November from 10am - 1pm |
| **Supporting employment & employers** | Back to work support group | Thursdays from 1pm - 2pm |
|  | Start Your Own Business course | Course that started Tuesday 8th October continuing on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6.30pm - 9.30pm until 14th November |
|  | Start Your Own Business Course | New course starting 19th November; every Tuesday and Thursday from 6.30pm - 9.30pm |
|  | IE Network Business Meetings - Innovation Enterprise Network | Every Thursday from 10am – 12.30pm |
| **Teen Festival** | Author Visit: Claire Hennessy | Monday 18th November at 10 am |
|  | Video Game Design | Thursday 21st November at 11 am |

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

**L/554/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (4): Libraries Item ID: 37361**

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

**L/555/13 Correspondence**

**CORRESPONDENCE (2): Libraries Item ID: 37362**

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

**L/556/13 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS**

**MOTION (3): Libraries Item ID: 37363**

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

**Community**

**L/557/13 QUESTIONS**

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

**L/558/13 Application for Grants**

**HEADED ITEM (5): Community Services Item ID: 37364**

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

**L/559/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (6): Community Services Item ID: 37365**

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

**L/560/13 Correspondence**

**CORRESPONDENCE (3): Community Services Item ID: 37366**

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

**L/561/13 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS**

**MOTION (4): Community Services Item ID: 37367**

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

**L/562/13 ACCOMMODATION FOR TRAINING PROGRAMMES**

**MOTION (5): Item ID: 37447**

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

"That this Committee notes reports that the provision of training programmes for unemployed persons, under various Government Labour Activation initiatives, is being inhibited by lack of suitable accommodation, which complies with access and health and safety regulations, in Lucan and Clondalkin, requests the Manager to assess the possibility of the Council making available for training programmes space in Community Centres, such as Ballyowen Castle, Clondalkin Civic Centre, and other Council managed premises."

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

“There are a number of training programmes currently underway in several community centres. These programmes provide a source of rent and usually target people from the local area.

They include the following:-

Quarryvale Childcare FETAC 5.

Neilstown Social Analysis FETAC 5.

Rowlagh Creative Training –Computers

Healthy Living 2012 – 2013

Community Development.

Computers FETEC 5.

The Community Centres as a rule are more than willing to help their local community in whatever way they can.

The VEC have completed a labour activation programme in Ballyowen, but the difficulty is that, in addition to the room, they also require storage etc. The management committee are very supportive of providing training space and will endeavour to meet all reasonable requests for space.

The Dept of Social Protection puts several training programmes out to tender annually. Contractors then tender for each programme. The onus is on the training company to source a suitable venue and rent the rooms for the duration of the programme. A DOSP inspector usually calls on site to ensure that the premises are fit for purpose. New regulations governing working conditions, i.e. natural day light, floor space, canteen facilities, toilets etc are a big factor. Most programmes require seating for 20 participants and 2 trainers. There are few rooms this size within the community portfolio. The training companies sometimes avail of hotel space to address their needs.

The matter will be brought to the attention of the Boards of all the Community Centres and they will be encouraged to make their facilities available for such training programmes whenever possible and practical.”

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

**Housing**

**L/563/13 QUESTIONS**

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

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

**L/564/13 APPLICATION AND NUMBER OF HOUSING GRANTS PROVIDED IN LAC**

**QUESTION (1): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 37457**

"To ask the Manager if he will provide the figures for the number of applications and the number of grants provided, in the Lucan Electoral Area under the 3 Housing Grants Schemes for older people, people with disability/health problems and Mobility Grants?"

**REPLY:**

Hereunder is the number of applications received and the number of grants paid out to date in the Lucan Electoral Area in 2013.

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|  |  **Number of applications received 2013.** |  **Number of grants paid** **2013.** |  **Value of Grants Paid 2013.** |
| **Housing Adaptation Grant for People with A Disabilty Scheme** |   **10** |   **10**  |   **€144,386.01** |
| **Mobility Aids Housing Grant Scheme** | **7**  |  **2\*** |  **€  10,970.00** |
| **Housing Aid For Older People Scheme** |  **2** |  **NIL \*\*** |  **NIL** |
|  **Total.**  |  **19** |  **12** |  **€155,356.01** |

**\*  5 (1 at initial inspection stage (October 2013),     3 Letter of Approval's sent – awaiting notice of completion from tenant, 1 not Priority 1 and currently suspended)**

**\*\*2 (not Priority 1 and currently suspended)**

**L/565/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (7): Housing Department Item ID: 37368**

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

**L/566/13 Correspondence**

**CORRESPONDENCE (4): Housing Department Item ID: 37369**

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

**L/567/13 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS**

**MOTION (6): Housing Department Item ID: 37370**

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

**Parks**

**L/568/13 QUESTIONS**

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

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Question numbers 2-7 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**L/569/13 TAKING IN CHARGE OF OPEN SPACE AT ASH PARK ESTATE**

**QUESTION (2): Councillor W. Lavelle Item ID: 37426**

"To ask the Manager for an update on efforts to secure the taking-in-charge of open space at Ash Park estate?"

**REPLY:**

Following previous meetings and discussions with the developer of Ash Park Estate in relation to the taking in charge of the open spaces, arrangements have been made to meet with the developer to agree how the matter can be progressed and brought to conclusion.

**L/570/13 FOOTBALL PITCH AT AIRLIE HEIGHTS**

**QUESTION (3): Councillor W. Lavelle Item ID: 37427**

"To ask the Manager for an update further to my motion at the September meeting regarding the request from Lucan United FC in relation to their pitch at Airlie Heights?"

**REPLY:**

A meeting to progress the request from Lucan United FC will be arranged for the 1st week in November.  Representatives of Lucan United FC and the relevant Environmental Services personnel will be in attendance, and it is hoped that following this meeting that the matter may be resolved to the satisfaction of both the Council and the club.

**L/571/13 HEDGEROW AT EIRCOM COMPOUND AT PALMS MANOR**

**QUESTION (4): Councillor G. O'Connell Item ID: 37445**

"To ask the Manager for a report on the Autumn plans for tree planting and pruning and to include in his answer when the Council will act on the repeated requests from residents of Palms Manor for action in relation to the hedgerow at the Eircom compound?"

**REPLY:**

Tree pruning for the Autumn will be undertaken in accordance with the 2013 Arboriculture Programme as presented to the Lucan ACM in December 2012.  Details of the programme can be found at the following [**link**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=38516).  The Programme is focussed on tree maintenance works, in order to make best use of the available resources.  New planting are only being considered in a very limited number of circumstances and it is hoped to undertake some replacement planting of missing trees on Kennelsfort Road Upper as part of the limited planting programme subject to the availability of resources.  This work however has been listed for spring 2014.

While the shrubs at the Eircom site in Palmerstown Manor were not included in the programme a review will be undertaken to see if can be included at this stage.  In the event that it is not feasible the works will be listed for consideration for the 2014 Arboriculture Programme, having regard to the volume of requests on hand and the resources available to implement the programme.

**L/572/13 ANTI-SOCIAL ACTIVITY AT GREEN SPACE AT PALMERSTOWN PARK TO KENNELSFORT GREEN**

**QUESTION (5): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 37440**

"To ask the Manager that Noting the Report on Motion 16 at the Area Committee Meeting of 24th September 2013, if the Council has had any meetings with residents and An Garda Siochana about possible measures to ameliorate problems arising from anti-social incidents at the steps leading from the green space at Palmerstown Park to Kennelsfort Green, Palmerstown, and if he will make a statement on the matter?"

**REPLY:**

The Council has been in contact with a number of residents that live in the vicinity of the steps at Palmerstown Park.  The Council has also contacted an Gardaí Síochána at Ronanastown Garda Station in relation to the matter.  The option of removing the steps is currently under consideration however in the meantime residents are advised to report all incidences of anti social behaviour to the Gardaí who have the powers to enforce the law under the Criminal Justice Acts.

**L/573/13 ADDITIONAL SMALL PLAYGROUNDS IN LUCAN AND PALMERSTON**

**QUESTION (6): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 37455**

"To ask the Manager if the Council is actively assessing the possibility of providing additional small playgrounds in Lucan and a playground in Palmerston, and if he will make a statement on the matter?"

**REPLY:**

The Council is currently reviewing the policy in relation to the provision of playgrounds throughout the county and the Elected Members will be updated on the outcome shortly.

**L/574/13 TAKING IN CHARGE OF GRASS VERGES GRIFFEEN AVENUE TO HAYDENS PARK, TULLYHALL AND ROSSBERRY ESTATE**

**QUESTION (7): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 37456**

"To ask the Manager for a progress report on the taking-in-charge of the grass verges at the entrance from Griffeen Avenue to Hayden's Park, Tullyhall and Rossberry Estates, Lucan?"

**REPLY:**

The receiver for the development is currently arranging for a contractor to cut the grass and remove the litter prior to the formal taking in charge by the Council.  The Elected Members will be updated on progress on the matter.

**L/575/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (8): Parks Department Item ID: 37371**

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

**L/576/13 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (5): Parks Department Item ID: 37372**

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

**L/577/13 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS-AREA BETWEEN THE COVERT AND KENNELSFORT ROAD**

**MOTION (7): Item ID: 37443**

It was proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell, seconded by Councillor W. Lavelle;-

"That the situation along the area between the Covert and Kennelsfort Rd be examined and whatever action is required (perhaps in conjunction with the Garda to install CCTV) to bring it into and maintain it in a manner that reflects the fact that this is a residential area and a passage way for pedestrians. It is used as a hangout for anti-social behavior including drinking parties and is perpetually strewn with empty beer cans, broken bottles, remnants of fires and general litter. Despite the best efforts of dedicated workers from this Council the area is a focal point for graffiti and is anything but a pleasant place to have to pass through or to live beside. Real fears are now being expressed concerning Halloween as the green at this location has been the focal point for huge bonfires in recent years and the residents complain that neither the Council or the Garda seem to do anything about it."

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

“The passageway between The Covert and Kennelsfort Road is maintained by the Public Realm Section as part of regular works undertaken in the area.  This work includes the removal of litter and graffiti where necessary.  A recent inspection of the passageway showed it to be free of litter with one small piece of graffiti.

There is a lane which runs off the passageway which serves the rear gardens and garages of houses on Kennelsfort Road Upper and Woodfarm Acres.  Vehicle access to the lane is blocked by 4 bollards.  The Public Realm Section has removed fly tipping from this area on 2 occasions in September and items removed included bags of rubbish, wood items, and carpets.  Despite these efforts the fly tipping continues to persist and items observed at the recent inspection included builders rubble, car seats, a mattress, cushions, bags of empty beer cans, garden pruning’s and miscellaneous wood items.

To resolve the problem, residents who witness fly tipping should be encouraged to report incidences to the Gardaí and the Council with any details available.  Should residents feel that the permanent closure of the passageway or lane will assist with the problems this should be pursued through the extinguishment of a right of way process as set out in Section 73 of the Roads Act, 1993. In the meantime arrangements will be made to remove the fly tipping and graffiti.

Bonfire material that is discovered or reported to the Council in the run up to Halloween is removed from public lands where possible.  The Council has removed bonfire material from the open spaces at the Kennelsfort Road/R148 junction in previous years and will continue to do so in 2013, subject to the safety of staff members.  The Council liaises with the Gardaí at Ronanstown Garda Station and Ballyfermot Garda Station in relation to Halloween bonfires in the Palmerston area.  This area will be specifically raised with an Garda Síochána in the context of Halloween 2013 and in relation to general anti social activities.”

Following contributions from Councillors G. O’Connell and W. Lavelle, Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Parks Superintendent, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**L/578/13 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR PALMERSTON PARK**

In the absence of Councillor C. Jones the following motion **FELL**

**MOTION (8): Councillor C. Jones Item ID: 37193**

"That the Manager will address the anti-social behaviour on the steps located opposite Kennelsfort Green at Palmerston Park by removing the steps while retaining the right of way via the sloped pathway."

**L/579/13 EXTENSION OF GRIFFEEN VALLEY PARK**

**MOTION (9): Item ID: 37432**

It was proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle, seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell;-

"That this Area Committee requests the Manager to present a detailed report, for discussion, on the future plans for the extension of Griffeen Valley Park to the area south of the railway line."

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

“The location referred to is Grange Park, Griffeen Valley and comprises an area of approximately 16 hectares (39 acres) of land between the Dublin Galway railway line and the Grand Canal and accessed from Hayden's Lane.  The lands also adjoin and are partly covered by the Balgaddy Clonburris Local Area Plan. A masterplan for this area of Griffeen Valley Park was prepared and published as a Part 8 Public Consultation process in 2006. The masterplan provided for the development of playing pitches, a pavilion, car parking, children's playground, lakes, woodlands, pathways and cycleways. The Part 8 Public Consultation process was completed in 2006 and noted by the Elected Members at the June 2006 Lucan Clondalkin Area Committee meeting.

In 2010 / 2011, as part of the Grand Canal walkiing and cycling route project, pedestrian and cycle paths, including lighting and CCTV camera system, were provided through the park linking the Grand Canal walkway to Hayden's Lane and on to Griffeen Valley Park to the north.

This section of Griffeen Valley Park is peripheral to, and somewhat remote from, existing residential communities in the area. In order to optimise and make best use of the limited resources available, it is considered somewhat premature to proceed with any further developments in the park. It is not therefore proposed to advance any other elements of the masterplan at this time.”

Following contributions from Councillors W. Lavelle and G. O’Connell, Mr. M. Hannon, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**Environment**

**L/580/13 QUESTIONS**

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

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Question numbers 8-11 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**L/581/13 CLEANSING OF IDENTIFIED LITTER AND DUMPING BLACKSPOTS IN LUCAN**

**QUESTION (8): Councillor W. Lavelle Item ID: 37435**

"To ask the Manager to provide an update, further to my motion at the September meeting, regarding measures being introduced to ensure the more regular cleansing of identified litter and dumping blackspots in the Lucan area?"

**REPLY:**

“Dumping black spots as identified at the Lucan ACM in September have been included on the schedule for inspecting on a weekly basis and cleanup where litter is found to be present.”

**L/582/13 CLEANSING OF GULLIES IN PALMERSTON AND LUCAN**

**QUESTION (9): Councillor G. O'Connell Item ID: 37442**

"To ask the Manager for an up to date report on the cleansing of gullies in the Palmerston and Lucan areas of this County and if he is satisfied that all fire hydrants in the area are accessible and easily located should there be an emergency?"

**REPLY:**

The gullies are cleaned by the Contractor once a year and the programme is ongoing in all areas. During the months of September / October the Contractor commenced work in the Lucan area south of the N4. The works in Palmerston were undertaken earlier in the year.

The Council is responsible for the maintenance of Fire Hydrants on the public supply and as they are buried, access is not normally an issue and the only real obstacle issue is vehicles parking over them.

**L/583/13 STREET CLEANING SERVICE IN LUCAN VILLAGE**

**QUESTION (10): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 37458**

"To ask the Manager for an updated report on the Council's response to complaints about the street cleaning service in Lucan Village?"

**REPLY:**

Lucan Village is serviced on a weekly basis by both a handcart and a green machine.  The handcart operator currently visits the village 2 days per week and the green machine currently visits the village 3 days per week.  This arrangement is being monitored and is subject to review to ensure that Lucan Village is kept litter free.

**L/584/13 BLOCKED GULLIES AT CHAPEL HILL LUCAN**

**QUESTION (11): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 37459**

"To ask the Manager for an updated report on work done to clear blocked gulleys at Chapel Hill, Lucan on the side of the road opposite Lucan Boys National School?"

**REPLY:**

The gullies were previously cleaned out and jetted by the Roads Maintenance section.

The Road Sweeping Contractor submits reports of damaged gullies to the Council and to date no reports have been received in relation to these units. The gullies are assigned to the Chapel Hill Road Route and were cleaned in a 3 day operation commencing March 29th 2013.

**L/585/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (9): Environmental Services Item ID: 37374**

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

**L/586/13 Correspondence**

**CORRESPONDENCE (6): Environmental Services Item ID: 37375**

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

**L/587/13 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS-COUNCIL POLICY ON WELFARE OF DOGS**

**MOTION (10): Item ID: 37450**

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

"That the Manager provides a copy of the Council's written policy on the welfare of dogs and how it relates to the practice of providing for stray and surrendered dogs together with a report on how it relates to legislation in this area and how it is applied in practice especially in how the Council responds to and deals with stray and surrendered dogs within the Lucan Area Committee, the role of private companies/servers/kennels, the role of voluntary animal welfare organisations, the total cost to the Council per annum over the past three years, what room if any for improvement of the service and that a discussion take place on the matter."

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

“South Dublin County Council implements government policy on the control of dogs through the enforcement of the Control of Dogs Act 1986, as amended, in respect of the seizure of stray and the acceptance of unwanted dogs by the Council's two full-time Dog Wardens.  Following a public procurement competition in 20l3,   the Council awarded a contract to Ashton Dog Pound for the provision of a dog pound facility. Ashton Dog Pound is required to adhere to best practice in standards and procedures relating to animal welfare and is subject to regular, unannounced inspections by the Council's Veterinary Inspectors.

Prior to the commencement of the contract, South Dublin County Council developed a Re-homing Policy in consultation with the Council's Veterinary Inspectors. This policy requires Ashton Dog Pound to maintain existing relationships with animal welfare groups to facilitate the rehoming of stray and unwanted dogs. In addition, the Council provides an annual contribution to a number of animal welfare bodies.

The annual cost of the Control of Dogs function for South Dublin County Council for the 3 years from 2010 to 2012 is as follows:

2010: €393,523

2011: €413,910

2012: €483,459

Savings are anticipated in 2013 as a result of the new contract for the provision of a dog pound facility.”

Following contributions from Councillors G. O’Connell and E. Tuffy, Ms Y. Dervan, Senior Executive Officer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**Water & Drainage**

**L/588/13 QUESTIONS**

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

**L/589/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (10): Water & Drainage Item ID: 37377**

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

**L/590/13 Correspondence**

**CORRESPONDENCE (7): Water & Drainage Item ID: 37378**

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

**L/591/13 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS**

**MOTION (11): Water & Drainage Item ID: 37379**

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

**Roads**

**L/592/13 QUESTIONS**

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

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Question numbers 12-16 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**L/593/13 FOOTPATH REPAIRS IN LUCAN**

**QUESTION (12): Councillor W. Lavelle Item ID: 37433**

"To ask the Manager to provide a report on footpath repairs (including locations) in Lucan in 2013; and to request that Lucan Heights and Esker Park be prioritised for the next footpath repair programme?"

**REPLY:**

Footpath repairs were carried out in 2013 in the following Lucan Estates:

Earlsfort Estate, Esker Cemetary area, Lucan Road, Canonbrook Estate and Arthur Griffith Park.

The Area Engineer will be requested to inspect Lucan Heights and Esker Park as requested and list them for inclusion in the 2014 programme subject to the availability of resources.

**L/594/13 HEAVY VEHICLE REGULATIONS IN PALMERSTON & LUCAN**

**QUESTION (13): Councillor G. O'Connell Item ID: 37444**

"To ask the Manger for a report on the operation of the new Heavy Vehicle regulations in the Palmerston and Lucan Area and to enquire what action, if any, the Garda have taken to have it enforced?"

**REPLY:**

When statutory approval is received the Garda will enforce the regulations.

**L/595/13 WORK BY UTILITY COMPANIES**

**QUESTION (14): Councillor G. O'Connell Item ID: 37446**

"To ask the Manager for a report on the process involved when utility companies such as the ESB plan to undertake work in an area. What obligation is on them to inform local residents who may find severe delays in getting to school, work etc when they unexpectedly find their passage severely blocked by vehicles, machinery and workers that obviously was not of an emergency nature. What role does the Council have and does such information go up on the Council Web Site?"

**REPLY:**

When utility companies such as the ESB wish to work on roads or footpaths in SDCC, they apply for a licence through Roadmap system.  Any works that may affect traffic is conditioned by the Traffic Section and times of work are also agreed.  Any information to residents is the responsibility of the utility company.  The utility works do not appear on the SDCC website as the timing of the works is the responsibility of the utility company.

**L/596/13 DOUBLE YELLOW LINES IN OAK COURT GROVE**

**QUESTION (15): Councillor G. O'Connell Item ID: 37449**

"To ask the Manager to have double yellow lines installed on the left hand bend in Oak Court Grove (on the left as one comes out) as vehicles parked here can cause the kind of blockage that would prevent an emergency vehicle from getting in or out should such a need arise?"

**REPLY:**

This location will be examined and a report will be presented to the Traffic Management Meeting on the 21st November 2013.

**L/597/13 UPDATE ON ROAD WORKS WILLSBROOK ROAD**

**QUESTION (16): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 37454**

"To ask the Manager for an updated report on the road works being undertaken at Willsbrook Road and the roundabouts between the Ballyowen Junction and Griffeen Road?"

**REPLY:**

Works are progressing with an expected weather dependent completion date by early November 2013. The work is now concentrating on the off road pedestrian crossings at both roundabouts with road resurfacing, pedestrian lights, ramps and landscaping to follow.

**L/598/13 WINTER MAINTENANCE PLAN**

**HEADED ITEM (11): Roads Department Item ID: 37149**

**Mr. T. O’Grady, Senior Engineer, presented the following report:-**

[**WINTER MAINTENANCE PLAN**](../../ITEMS/October%2013/HI%2011%2037149%20Winter%20Maintenance%20Plan%202013-2014.doc)

[**MAPS**](../../ITEMS/October%2013/HI%2011%2037149%20Maps.pdf)

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

**l/599/13 Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

**HEADED ITEM (12): Roads Department Item ID: 37380**

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

**L/600/13 Control of Parking Review**

**HEADED ITEM (13): Roads Department Item ID: 37381**

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

[**Control of Parking Review**](../../ITEMS/October%2013/HI%2013%20%2037381%20Parking%20accross%20South%20Dublin%20LUCAN%20New.doc)

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

**L/601/13 Correspondence**

**CORRESPONDENCE (8): Roads Department Item ID: 37382**

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

**L/602/13 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS-GATING OF LANEWAYS IN PALMERSTON**

**MOTION (12): Item ID: 37439**

It was proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell, seconded by Councillor W Lavelle;-

"Following extensive reflection on the plight of the Laneways in Palmerston that preparations be made for the gating of the laneways at Kennelsfort Rd/ The Coppice; Wheatfield Road adjacent to House Number 1, and the laneway linking Wheatfield Road and Glenmaroon Rd to the rear of Turret on a pilot basis and that firm dates for this work be agreed."

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

“The Council is not aware of any legislation that empowers it to install gateways on any laneway not in its ownership and cannot therefore install gates on private property. The laneways referred to are in the charge of the Council however the Council does not hold title to these laneways. It should be noted that the Council can traffic calm the laneways under the Road traffic acts or remove the right of way under separate legislation.  The only option available is to achieve agreement with the users (those who live off the laneways) and the title holder to the erection of gates in manner described in conjunction with the closure of the right of way. However the residents involved should, in the first instance, obtain legal advice on issues such as public liability insurance etc.

Reference was made in a previous meeting of the committee in relation to gates having been installed in laneways within the administrative area of Dublin City Council. Dublin City Council have been requested to clarify the position and their response is awaited.”

At the request of Councillor G. O’Connell it was **AGREED** to **RE-ENTER** this motion to the November meeting of the Committee.

**L/603/13 INSTALLATION OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT ESKER ROAD**

**MOTION (13): Item ID: 37431**

It was proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle, seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell;-

"That this Area Committee requests the Manager to proceed with installation of the pedestrian crossing at Esker Road, outside Finnstown Abbey, in line with the warrant reached earlier this year; and noting that the planned Newcastle Road HGV restriction may result in additional HGV traffic using Esker Road at school times."

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

“No source of funding has been identified for this work.  The matter will be examined in terms of the allocations for 2014.

In particular an application shall be made to the NTA.”

Following contributions from Councillors W. Lavelle and G. O’Connell, Mr. A. O’Mullane, Senior Executive Engineer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**.

**L/604/13 FOOTPATHS IN LUCAN VILLAGE**

**MOTION (14): Item ID: 37453**

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

"That this Committee requests the Manager to provide a Report on the response of the Roads Department to the inspection of footpaths in Lucan Village carried out by Roads Department staff, representatives of Lucan Disability Action Group, and Councillors, to assess access and mobility problems being experienced particularly by wheelchair users."

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

“Following the meeting on site, an additional disabled parking space was provided near the Allied Irish Bank corner.  This space was sufficiently long to allow use of the hydraulic ramp at the rear of the vehicle. Following further consultation with representatives of the disability group, it was decided to retain the original space outside the Bank of Ireland which allows wheelchair access to the side of a vehicle. Extensive footpath repairs have been carried out recently in the vicinity of the Muintir na Tíre building.”

Following contributions from Councillors E. Tuffy, W. Lavelle and G. O’Connell, Mr. T. O’Grady, Senior Engineer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**L/605/13 TRAFFIC FLOW ON NEWCASTLE ROAD**

**MOTION (15): Item ID: 37448**

It was proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell, seconded by Councillor W. Lavelle;

"That the Manager investigate and report on the traffic flow on the Newcastle Road and report on why there appears an inordinate hold up in traffic turning right to the City with consequent back-up to beyond the traffic lights at Hillcrest."

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

“The location in question is currently being examined and a detailed response will be forwarded when available.”

It was **AGREED** to take Motion 16 in the name of Councillor W. Lavelle in conjunction with the above.

**MOTION (16): Item ID: 37434**

It was proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle, seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell;-

"That this Area Committee requests that traffic lights systems in Lucan, in particular at Grange Castle Road and Newcastle Road, be reviewed and upgraded so as to seek to improve traffic flow."

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

“The locations are currently being examined. A detailed response will be forwarded when available.”

Following contributions from Councillor G. O’Connell and W. Lavelle, Mr. A. O’Mullane, Senior Executive Engineer, responded to queries raised and the reports were **NOTED.**

**Development**

**L/606/13 QUESTIONS**

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

**L/607/13 LANDS ON LUCAN ROAD TO REAR OF ESKER LAWNS**

**HEADED ITEM (14): Development Dept. Item ID: 37396**

**Mr. M. Fagan, Senior Executive Officer, presented the following report:-**

**LANDS ON LUCAN ROAD TO REAR OF ESKER LAWNS**

“As was reported to last month's meeting, the lands referred to in the Motion are unregistered and are probably still owned by the original owners of landholdings in this area, George Shackleton & Sons Ltd. The strip of land in question was not included in the area taken in charge by the Council as part of the adjoining Esker Lawns Estate.

The land in question is a suburban wood.  It is not understood what precisely is required to 'make good the land' as the Council has no right to carry out any works on the land.

Every assistance will be given to the Lucan Tidy Towns Committee to enhance the area as a local amenity as far as is practical.”

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

**L/608/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (15): Development Dept. Item ID: 37384**

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

**L/609/13 Correspondence**

**CORRESPONDENCE (9): Development Dept. Item ID: 37385**

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

**L/610/13 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS**

**MOTION (17): Development Dept. Item ID: 37386**

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

**Planning**

**L/611/13 QUESTIONS**

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

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Question numbers 17-19 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**L/612/13 PREMISED IN LUCAN/ADAMSTOWN FOR NEW INTREO OFFICE**

**QUESTION (17): Councillor W. Lavelle Item ID: 37428**

"To ask the Manager if there has been any further progress in identifying an appropriate premises in Lucan/Adamstown for provision of a new Intreo office?"

**REPLY:**

It is the understanding of this Council that the Department of Social protection is in the process of actively identifying an appropriate premises for a new Intreo office in the Lucan area. This Council will be of assistance to the Department in pursuance of this objective.

**L/613/13 ESKER PERMEABILITY PROJECT MOY GLAS/GASTLE RIADA**

**QUESTION (18): Councillor W. Lavelle Item ID: 37430**

 "To ask the Manager for a further update on discussions with the NTA on possible avenues to progress the Esker permeability project between Moy Glas and Castle Riada?"

**REPLY:**

A meeting was held with representatives of the National Transport Authority (NTA) and South Dublin County Council Lucan Area Committee members on the 9th of July 2013, with regard to the Esker permeability project. At this meeting it was agreed that South Dublin County Council would carry out an appraisal of the scheme in accordance with NTA Project Management Guidelines and submit this appraisal to the NTA. The appraisal will include a number of different scenarios; including 'Existing Condition', 'The Scheme as initially proposed prior to the Part 8 process' and ' The Scheme as proposed after the Part 8 process'. The Planning Department is currently finalising the Appraisal.

**L/614/13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT IN LIFFEY VALLEY TOWN CENTRE**

**QUESTION (19): Councillor G. O'Connell Item ID: 37452**

"To ask the Manager for a report on recent and pending planning applications for development in The Liffey Valley Town Centre and to include the implications for traffic in the immediate roads, e.g. The Cold Cut, Kennelsfort Road and the Fonthill Roads and to include in his report (possibly form CCTV in the area) the impact on these roads of Liffey Valley generated traffic at peak times, e.g. mornings, evenings, week-ends and Public Holidays including Christmas."

**REPLY:**

There have been a number of recent and pending applications in the Liffey Valley Town Centre Area. These include applications for a Tesco's shopping centre and a retail and restaurant development, both of these applications have been recently granted approval by An Bord Pleanala. There was also an application for a drive through restaurant, which was refused permission by SDCC and there is a pending application for a petrol station on the Tesco's site.

As part of the granted applications were detailed and extensive traffic assessments and as a result significant upgrades of the surrounding junctions have been conditioned in the grants. We are therefore confident that there will be no significant adverse impact on Coldcut Rd, Kennelsfort Rd and Fonthill Rd. Any pending applications will also be required to show that they will have no adverse impact on the road network.

**L/615/13 TAKING-IN CHARGE REPORT**

**HEADED ITEM (16): Planning Department Item ID: 37462**

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

 “**Lucan Area Committee**

 **Meeting of the Lucan Area Committee - 22/10/2013**

 **Item No. 37462 H-I (16) - 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:**

 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.

 Works commenced Jan 2013 and scheduled for

 completion by end-Sept as delays have

 occurred due to flooding in attenuation tanks

 and infiltration of foul and surface water

 systems.

 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 access

 to maintain certain services post-taking in

 charge. The receiver has consented to the

 wayleaves which are being mapped by the

 Councils Building Control Section. This

 estate is to be advertised for taking in charge in

 Oct 2013

**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 works and a taking

 in charge package being prepared. Bond in

 place.

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

 **Works Outstanding**

 252 The Paddocks Lucan Mapelwood

 Homes Ltd

 A receiver, Paul McCann of Grant Thornton

 has been appointed to control some assets of

 Maplewood Developments. Initial discussions

 identified Phase 1(Paddocks

 Grove,Walk,Drive,Square,Way,Place, Crescent

 and Road) as focus for taking in charge. There

 are also legal matters relating to wayleaves for

 some areas that will remain under Mgmt

 Comp control particularly at Paddocks Place

 and Square. A liquidator is also appointed

 however and the Council are since working

 with him and the receiver to identify all

 required works to services which the receiver

 will carry out. Taking in charge works are now

 intended for Phases 1 and 2.

 Both a liquidator and receiver are involved,

 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 and will be retaining the required

 security related to the remaining parts of the

 permitted development to be constructed.

 Both parties have commenced CCTV review

 and this will enable the process of scaling

 and costing the works to bring services to

 taking in charge standard. The actual CCTV

 survey will take 2/3 weeks and defects will be

 repaired thereafter. Once underground works are

 completed the Council will then agree the

 surface level requirements, this has started but

 cannot be finalised until underground defects are

 done.

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

 **Works Outstanding**

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

 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, currently

 with the Councils Law Dept. In the interim the

 receiver has consented to the Council

 completing other remaining taking in charge

 related works using the security claimed and

 the remaining works in the Hollioake end are

 ongoing.

 Enforcement action is ongoing in two cases in

 the part developed by Kingscroft, where two

 residences contain walls which are a traffic

 hazard. This enforcement will proceed even if

 the development is taken in charge.

 There are also some works remaining in the

 Kingscroft part of the development and the

 developer is currently carrying them out.

 Its intended that the development will be

 advertised for taking in charge in October.

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

 173 Adamstown Castle 4 Adamstown Castlethorn

 Construction

 Relates to Castlegate Vale, Downs, Copse,

 Terrace, Row, Grange. Majority of unit are

 occupied and developer is actively engaged in

 taking in charge process. Traffic calming and

 other surface snagging works are ongoing.

 50 Adamstown Castle 5 Adamstown Castlethorn

 Construction

 Relates to Castlegate Hall and Rise, 40 units

 constructed but not completed internally. 3 of

 the 4 commercial units are operational.

 Permisssion revised for remaining 10 units on

 outer area of this site. Construction site

 secured.

 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.

 27 units commenced to date. Valid bond

 received for development.

 10 Hawkridge Lucan Welcan Builders

 Ltd.,

 Houses partially completed, not occupied.

 Permission expired. Development under

 control of IBRC liquidator, site secured

 recently following anti-social behaviour at

 location.

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

 **Works Outstanding**

 6 Roselawn Mews Lucan Murfield Homes

 Development commenced for 6 units,

 construction ongoing and part security desposit

 lodged to cover current level of development.

 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 completed part 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 approximately 50 units

 following An Bord Pleanala decision. 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 to August 2016.

 Recently reported 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. Planning Dept issued

 claim on the bond which has now been settled.

 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. 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. Play

 facilities are also required and the Parks

 department are in discussions re same. The

 Parks Department are also in discussions re

 the replacement of trees.

**Lucan Area Committee**

**Meeting of the Lucan Area Committee - 22/10/13**

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

The main report contains the detail but in summary, the following is the position;

Taking in charge of the following developments has occurred in the Lucan area this year;

* Mount Bellew
* Larkfield
* Cnoc Aoibheann
* Copse
* Moyglas

Following successful bond claims by the Council and the completion of works to services, the following developments are to be advertised for taking in charge;

Hansted

Rossberry

Service completion works are ongoing by developers/receivers in relation to the following developments below;

* Esker Manor,
* The Paddocks
* Castlegate, Adamstown

Active sites with construction ongoing:

* Roselawn Mews
* Hansted Grove”

It was **AGREED** to take Motion 19 in the name of Councillor W. Lavelle in connection with the above.

**MOTION (19): Item ID: 37429**

It was proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle, seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell

"That this Area Committee requested the Manager to present a detailed report, for discussion, on the status of the taking-in-charge of The Paddocks estate, including the status of efforts to secure completion of snagging works, permanent replacement of temporary public lighting and boundary treatment works, in particular with respect to providing an attractive boundary treatment to Dodsboro Cottages/Tandys Lane."

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

“The taking in charge details pertaining to The Paddocks is included in Headed Item 17 at todays meeting.  The initial stage of the process is underway in relation to underground services, when complete the full survey of surface level issues will proceed. The current taking in charge plan for this development will in any event incorporate the issues raised in the motion as they are part of the standard requirements of the taking in charge process.

In August of 2013 Jetting and CCTV work of all drainage work associated with the Paddocks commenced. This work was completed towards the end of September. This constitutes the first operation in the TIC process. At present the consulting engineers appointed by the Receiver are assessing this CCTV in line with SDCC standards and they will be making remedial action recommendation to the Receiver presently. The Receivers are likely to approve these remedial measures and the same CCTV is likely to carry out the remedial measures.

In parallel to this the Receiver advertised for the completion of the 5 houses at the Dodsboro Road end of the Paddocks and the successful tender is being evaluated. It is anticipated that works will commence on these houses in October / November 2013 with a construction period of about 6 months.

During the next 3 months the Receiver would hope to complete all CCTV remedials, complete the public lighting to TIC standard, get rid of any ponding issues etc on the roads in phases 1 and 2 and complete the wearing course of areas proposed for TIC.

Attractive boundary treatments to Dodsboro Cottages and Tandy's lane are beyond the boundaries of the envisaged TIC areas and are in areas which are the subject of current live Planning Permissions. Accordingly we SDCC cannot force the Developer to carry out works here. We will however arrange for a request to be made at the next Adamstown interface meeting and advise the Committee of any reply.”

Following contributions from Councillors W. Lavelle and G. O’Connell, Mr. W. Purcell, Senior Engineer, responded to queries raised and the reports were **NOTED.**

**L/616/13 PLANNING FILES**

**HEADED ITEM (17): Planning Department Item ID: 37387**

A. Large Applications Under Consideration

**FILE DISCUSSED**: SDZ13A/0003

**LOCATION**: Gollierstown & Adamstown, Lucan, Co. Dublin.

**COMMENTS**: Councillor G. O’Connell objected to the application.

B. Files Requested by Members

**FILE DISCUSSED**: SDZ13A/0003

**LOCATION**: Gollierstown & Adamstown, Lucan, Co. Dublin.

**COMMENTS**: Councillor G. O’Connell objected to the application.

**L/617/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (18): Planning Department Item ID: 37388**

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

**L/618/13 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (10): Planning Department Item ID: 37389**

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

**L/619/13 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS**

**MOTION (18): Planning Department Item ID: 37390**

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

**L/620/13 ST. EDMUNDSBURY LANDS**

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

**MOTION (20): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 37451**

"That this Committee, noting that the lands in the Lucan Electoral Area know as the St. Edmundsbury lands, have recently been purchased at auction, requests the Manager to make contact with the new owners to explore the interest of the owners in entering into arrangements with the Council to provide access by the public to a limited part of the lands along the Liffey."

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

“At this time the identity of the land owner of the St. Edmundsbury lands is not known. The lands are in private ownership. If and when the lands owner(s) or their representatives contacts the Council, the objectives of the Development Plan with regard to the Liffey Valley and the 'I' zone will be conveyed to them**.”**

Following contributions from Councillors E. Tuffy and G. O’Connell, Mr. C. Ryan, Senior Planner, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**L/621/13 SHOP UNIT AT ROSSE COURT**

**MOTION (21): Item ID: 37437**

It was proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle, seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell

"That this Area Committee notes the very serious concerns expressed by residents regarding noise pollution and odours emanating from air-handling units to the rear of a shop unit at Rosse Court, and requests the Manager to present a detailed report (to include the findings of any Environmental Health Officer investigations) in relation to the planning enforcement response to these complaints."

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

“On receipt of complaints a Warning Letter pursuant to Section 152 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) issued to the owners/occupiers of the Supermarket Unit at Rosse Court on 10th July, 2013 for alleged non-compliance with Condition 4 of planning permission granted under Register Reference SD11A/0198.

An investigation was carried out and it was found that unauthorised development had been carried out consisting of non-compliance with Condition Nos.1 and 3(a) of planning permission granted under Register Reference SD11A/0198 in that a large panel had been removed from above the doorway of the timber enclosure and loud noise was emanating from the fans, which was having a negative impact on the residential amenity of the existing apartments or public spaces in the vicinity of the premises.  The findings of the Environmental Health Officer were taken into account in this investigation.

Accordingly, an Enforcement Notice pursuant to Section 154 of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 (as amended), issued to the Owners/Occupiers on 1st October 2013 requiring within the period commencing 3rd October 2013 and ending 10th October 2013 that the following works be carried out:

**(i)**               Reinstate the large panel above the doorway of the timber enclosure which houses the air handling units at Unit 2A/2B, Rosse Court Square, Balgaddy, Lucan, Co. Dublin

(ii)              Remove any items stored directly inside or outside the timber enclosure.

An inspection will be carried out in the coming days in order to determine compliance with the Enforcement Notice dated 1st October 2013. Failure to comply with the requirements of this notice may lead to the initiation of legal proceedings in the matter.”

Following contributions from Councillors W. Lavelle and G. O’Connell, Mr. C. Ryan, Senior Planner, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

The meeting concluded at 5.35pm.

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