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**SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of the Lucan Area Committee dealing with Parks, Environment, Water & Drainage, Roads, Development, Planning, Corporate Services, Libraries, Community and Housing, held on 17th December 2013.**

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| **PRESENT** |
| **COUNCILLORS** |
| **E. Higgins** |
| **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 | W. Sheils, Y. Dervan, M. Fagan |
| Senior Engineer | T. O’Grady, J. McLoughlin,  W. Purcell |
| County Architect | E. Conroy |
| Senior Planner | C. Ryan, P. Hogan |
| Senior Executive Parks Superintendent | M. Hannon, D. Fennell |
| Senior Executive Librarian | K. Swords |
| Senior Executive Engineer | M. McAdam, 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/695/13 CONFIRMATION AND RE-AFFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**HEADED-ITEM (1) Item ID: 37721**

The Minutes of the Lucan Area Committee dealing with Housing, Community, Environment, Parks, Roads, Water & Drainage, Planning, Development, Libraries and Corporate Services Business, held on 26th November 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 W. Lavelle and **RESOLVED:**

“That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Lucan Area Committee Meeting held on 26th November 2013 be **ADOPTED and APPROVED.”**

**Parks**

**L/696/13 QUESTIONS**

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

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Question numbers 1-5 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**L/697/13 LOCAL SOCCER CLUBS IN LUCAN**

**QUESTION (1): Councillor W. Lavelle Item ID: 38241**

"To ask the Manager for a report on the Council's engagement with local soccer clubs in Lucan, including Lucan United FC, Esker Celtic FC, Ballyowen Celtic FC and Arthur Griffith Park FC, on the specific issues discussed at the both the September and October meetings of this Committee?"

**REPLY:**

Staff met with Lucan United FC on 21st November and the meeting was positive and constructive. Lucan United outlined the difficulties they were experiencing at Airlie Heights which arise from conditions imposed by the senior league in which they are participating. In the course of discussion, a possible solution to these issues was identified which staff undertook to review and respond. However, in the interim, Lucan United have been in further contact with an expanded proposal which supersedes the proposal discussed on the 21st November. This revised proposal is now being examined and the Council will be in further contact with the Club as soon as it has been evaluated and a course of action determined.

A meeting was held with representatives of Esker Celtic to discuss their plans and proposals for the near future at Hermitage Park / Mount Andrew. The meeting was positive and it was agreed that a further meeting would be held with the club in the New Year to discuss specific proposals in more detail.

There have been no recent contacts with Ballyowen Celtic and Arthur Griffith Park FC. However, arrangements will be made to contact both clubs and invite them to attend a meeting with staff in January where they can set out their plans and proposals.

**L/698/13 HERMITAGE MANOR CUL-DE-SAC**

**QUESTION (2): Councillor W. Lavelle Item ID: 38244**

"To ask the Manager for a report on works to address concerns raised directly by residents in relation to the maintenance of the landscaped area at the end of Hermitage Manor cul-de-sac?

**REPLY:**

When Hermitage Estate was constructed the developer planted a line of conifers at the end of the cul de sac in Hermitage Manor.  Approximately 18 months ago the conifers were removed following requests from the residents.  The area was replanted shortly afterwards with 3 Betula sp (Silver Birch) trees and covered with a layer of bark mulch.  Agreement was reached with the residents at the time that they would maintain the area however at a recent site inspection it was noticed that there are weeds now growing at this location.  In an effort to reinstate the area arrangements will be made to have the weeds treated with herbicide to kill them.  Grass seed will be then sown in spring 2014.  Once the grass has established it would be expected that the residents would maintain the grass in a similar way to other roadside grass verges in the area.

**L/699/13 WATERSTOWN PARK**

**QUESTION (3): Councillor G. O'Connell Item ID: 38261**

"To ask the Manager for a report on Waterstown Park including incidents of anti-social behaviour and if the level of usage/footfall has increased since the outdoor gym was installed."

**REPLY:**

The majority of anti-social behaviour in Waterstown Park takes place during the hours of darkness after the park has closed and our staff have finished work for the day. It is not unusual to experience an increase in anti-social behaviour when the weather is mild however this tends to decline during the winter months as the seasons change.  Recent anti-social issues in Waterstown Park relate to the use of unauthorised quads in the park.  There were 2 incidents in late November.  In both incidences staff intervened and were successful in preventing one group from unloading a quad from their vehicle.  The Park Rangers and Gardaí were contacted in relation to the second incident.

While there are no records kept of usage of the fitness equipment local staff have indicated that they are used regularly and this is reflected in the increased footfall.

**L/700/13 CHRISTMAS TREE RE-CYCLING**

**QUESTION (4): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 38252**

"To ask the Manager if he can confirm that the Council will be providing a Christmas Tree Re-Cycling Service in the Lucan Electoral Area this year, and advise the Committee of the locations in Lucan and Palmerston for the re-cycling service?"

**REPLY:**

The Council will be providing a Christmas tree re-cycling service in the Lucan Electoral Area in 2014 at the following locations:

**Lucan:**

1. Beechpark open space
2. Sarsfield Park open space
3. Haydens Lane car park in Griffeen Valley Park
4. Foxborough Park open space

**Palmerston:**

1. Glenaulin Park
2. Woodfarm Acres

**L/701/13 NEW PARKS DEPOT IN LUCAN**

**QUESTION (5): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 38266**

"To ask the Manager if he will advise the Committee of the intentions of the Council, with a time schedule, to provide a new Parks Depot in Lucan following the Part 8 process of some years ago and the disposal of the Esker Lane Parks Depot and re-cycling facility site?"

**REPLY:**

The former depot in Esker Lane was vacated in March of this year, following disposal to the Department of education and Skills, and the staff temporarily re-located to Grange Depot on Lynch's Lane as part of the establishment of the Public Realm Division. Given the changes that have taken place in the last number of years and the reform agenda currently ongoing within the Local Government Sector, it has not been possible to advance the proposed depot over recent years. The Manager's report to the Members on the Budget 2014 advises of consideration of a rationalisation of depots to take place in 2014. Plans for the proposed depot will be considered in the context of the future operational requirements of the organisation.

**L/702/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (2): Parks Department Item ID: 38157**

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

**L/703/13 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (1): Parks Department Item ID: 38158**

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

**L/704/13 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS**

**MOTION (1): Parks Department Item ID: 38159**

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

**L/705/13 TAKING IN CHARGE OPEN SPACE AT ASH PARK ESTATE**

**MOTION (2): Item ID: 38238**

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

"That this Area Committee requests the Manager to present a report on efforts to secure a resolution of the taking-in-charge of open space at Ash Park estate."

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

“Following on from a meeting with the developer of Ash Park estate on the 23rd October 2013 the files relating to this estate have been examined.  The estate has been developed for over 12 years.  The open spaces have not yet been transferred to the Council for Taking in Charge.

The Council cannot take the open spaces into charge because an area of open space adjoining 36 Ash Park and clearly outlined as open space on the application for development in S99A/0019 is now fenced off and the land transferred to the adjoining owner in 36 Ash Park.  Therefore the developer has failed to secure the open space conditioned through S99A/0019 in particular.

The developer also previously made applications to construct a house on this area of land as well as on a similar area at 5 Ash Park.  The application for houses on both sites were refused by the Council.

A further meeting will be arranged with the developer.”

Following a contribution from Councillor W. Lavelle it was **AGREED** that a further report on the matter would be presented to the February 2014 meeting of the Committee.

**L/706/13 PLAY AREA IN HERMITAGE PARK**

**MOTION (3): Item ID: 38239**

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

"That this Area Committee requests that any play area to be installed in the Hermitage Park area is located adjoining St. Loman's to the front of the extended park next to Mount Andrew estate."

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

“In August 2013, the Department of Children and Youth Affairs issued a call for submissions for a 50:50 matched funding stream for playspace projects within the county. A submission was made for 50:50 funding for two play spaces in South Dublin in

·        Hermitage Park, Lucan

·        Ballycragh Park, Firhouse

The project submissions included detailed layout and equipment information and came to a total cost for both projects of €100,000 - €70,000 for Hermitage and €30,000 for Ballycragh. The submission proposed that the projects be funded 50:50 between the Department and the Council. The Council has been notified of an allocation of €30,000 in total for the two projects- €20,000 towards the Hermitage Park project and €10,000 towards Ballycragh. The Council has confirmed acceptance of the grant and the terms of the scheme and committed it's share of the matched funding arrangements of €20,000 will be provided by the Council.  Revised proposals are now being prepared for the site in light of the total €40,000 funding now available.

The proposed plan for Hermitage Park was based on a mix of formal and natural play elements and utilising existing features of the site.  The proposed site was chosen on the basis of a number of criteria:

·        Universally accessible site

·        Proximity to natural woodland and hedgerow areas that would be incorporated as natural play elements of the outline plan

·        Good informal supervision from the adjacent road

·        Proximity to the local car park

·        Sited to reduce any negative impacts on the local residential community

The site at Mount Andrew was also examined and whilst it is considered to be a good site it lacked the woodland features of the chosen site that would be important in the development of the natural play element of the proposal.  The Mount Andrew site was also considered to be too close to and open to the adjacent road and motor traffic.”

Following contributions from Councillors W. Lavelle, E. Tuffy, E. Higgins and G. O’Connell, Mr. M. Hannon, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, responded to queries raised. It was **AGREED** that a meeting would be held early in the new year to discuss the proposal with local interested parties.

**Environment**

**L/707/13 QUESTIONS**

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

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Question numbers 6-7 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**L/708/13 BOLLARD SYSTEM ESKER CEMETERY**

**QUESTION (6): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 38247**

"To ask the Manager if the bollard system to prevent vehicular access to Esker Cemetery during the night has been made operational?"

**REPLY:**

The bollard at the entrance to Esker Cemetery has proved to be problematic since it was initially installed. This is mainly due to water levels in the surrounding ground. This matter was rectified and as a result of works the surface of the surrounding ground was damaged. The area was recently reinstated following which the control loop for the system will be reinstalled. Once the loop is in place the bollard will be operational again.

**L/709/13 DOG FOULING**

**QUESTION (7): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 38265**

"To ask the Manager if he will advise of any recent initiatives /measures being implemented by the Council to reduce incidences of dog fouling on footpaths, green spaces in the Lucan Electoral Area, such as signs/stencilling on footpaths, provision of additional bins and or notices promoting use of bins for proper disposal of dog faeces, and if he will take note of a regular level of complaints about this problem and make a statement on the matter?"

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council has been very active in the campaign to combat dog fouling. The Green Dog Walkers scheme was launched in April 2013 and to date over 300 people have signed a pledge to become Green Dog Walkers and commit to being active in promoting responsible dog ownership. The Council plans to promote this scheme further in 2014. Members of the public will be supported if they wish to organise an event to encourage Green Dog walking in their area.

In November the Dublin Regional Authority and the four Mayors launched a regional campaign to combat dog fouling. There was also a launch of a hotline - **1800 251 500 -**to report dog fouling in the area and a social media campaign  - Scoop the Poop' Twitter account is here [**https://twitter.com/ScoopThePoop1**](https://twitter.com/scoopthepoop1)  This campaign has received a lot of coverage in the media and the Dublin region will continue to work in 2014 on this issue. The message in the campaign is that any bin can be used.

**l/710/13 Update on the Litter Management Plan**

**HEADED ITEM (3): Environmental Services Item ID: 38160**

**Ms Y. Dervan, Senior Executive Officer, 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. 300 people have signed up to the programme to date. Supports are also available for members of the public who would like to promote the programme in their local area – signs, banners and pledge forms.

The launch of Dublin region campaign to combat dog fouling took place on Monday 25th November. A new hotline for all Dubliners to report dog fouling 1800251500.

Illegal waste collection notice prepared and available for community groups or resident associations when information regarding illegal collections is received.

***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***

Litter Bye laws have been adopted by South Dublin County Council. An awareness campaign is being prepared for the public and the listed premises .



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

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

Analysis of the work programme is continuing and will inform an overhaul of the programme to facilitate improved litter management.

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



***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) continues.

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

Adopt a Patch pilot launched with Tidy Towns groups not in Village Initiatives.

Christmas decoration competition made from recycled materials closing date 11th December



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

**Social Credits Applications Community clean ups**

**Jan - Oct 2012**  529 455

**Jan - Oct 2013** 1672 1324

Green Dog Walkers 300 applicants

Bulbs not Bonfires 44 applicants

***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***

Cinema campaign took place in cinemas throughout the County between July - October 2013 highlighting Tackle Litter, Dog fouling and a man with a van.

Radio FM 104 highlighting the above campaigns took place between July and August 2013 in conjunction with Fungal County Council

***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 W. Lavelle, E. Tuffy and G. O’Connell, Ms Dervan responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**L/711/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (4): Environmental Services Item ID: 38161**

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

**L/712/13 Correspondence**

**CORRESPONDENCE (2): Environmental Services Item ID: 38162**

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

**L/713/13 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS**

**MOTION (4): Environmental Services Item ID: 38163**

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

**Water & Drainage**

**L/714/13 QUESTIONS**

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

**L/715/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (5): Water & Drainage Item ID: 38164**

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

**L/716/13 Correspondence**

**CORRESPONDENCE (3): Water & Drainage Item ID: 38165**

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

**l/717/13 Irish Water Metering Installation Programme 2014**

**HEADED ITEM (6): Water & Drainage Item ID: 38287**

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

**Irish Water Metering Programme report**

1. ***Metering Programme***

The Programme for Government set an objective to “*install water meters in every household in Ireland and to move to a charging system that is based on use above a free allowance*”. Irish Water was subsequently established and tasked with carrying out the Metering Programme.

Phase 1 of the Irish Water Metering Programme, which began in August 2013, involves the installation of up to 1.05 million meters on domestic properties nationwide, using contractors to carry out the actual installation.

1. ***Lucan Installations***

Irish Water has informed South Dublin County Council that they intend to commence the installation of meters in the Lucan Area from 20th January 2014 and plan to complete Phase 1 by the end of April 2014. They intend to progressively cover the rest of the county and anticipate that the works will continue in the county until early 2016.

Initially there will be four separate crews working for Irish Water’s contractor in the county, this number will increase depending on progress.

Irish Water will commence the installations in the following Electoral Divisions on 20th January 2014;

* Lucan Heights
* Lucan St. Helens
* Lucan – Esker

1. ***Process for the Meter Installation***

Step 1: At least two weeks before the installation residents will receive an information pack from Irish Water explaining their work, and what to expect when they install the water meter.

Step 2: At least two days before the installation Irish Water will notify residents of the date when the water meter will be fitted.

Step 3: Residents do not need to be at home while their water meter is being installed. The installation process will cause disruption to the public road or footpath. This is unavoidable, but Irish Water will ensure that safe pedestrian access to and from homes is maintained while all work is being carried out. The work will take up to two hours and residents’ water supply will be interrupted intermittently throughout this period.

Step 4: After the meter has been fitted, and the water supply has been restored, Irish Water will request residents to run the cold tap in the kitchen for a few minutes to ensure any residue is flushed out.

1. ***Irish Water Contact Details***

Upon successful meter installation the contractor posts a card to the property with the contractors contact details on it should the resident experience any post installation issues.

The Irish Water call centre will be handling all queries in relation to the Meter Installation.

They can be contacted at 1890 278 278.

Further information is available on the Irish Water website at [www.water.ie](http://www.water.ie)



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

**L/718/13 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS**

**MOTION (5): Water & Drainage Item ID: 38285**

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

**Roads**

**L/719/13 QUESTIONS**

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

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

**L/720/13 ROUNDABOUTS AT GRIFFEEN WAY**

**QUESTION (8): Councillor W. Lavelle Item ID: 38242**

"To ask the Manager for a report on the planned road safety audit of redesigned roundabouts at Griffeen Way; in particular with respect to safety concerns relating to the implication of buses, including longer tri-axel models, using these roundabouts

**REPLY:**

A Stage 3 Safety Audit will be carried out at Griffeen Way shortly by our Consulting Engineers to identify any short comings with respect to the matters raised. The members will be made aware of the outcome.

**L/721/13 REOPENING OF EXITS ONTO THE N4**

**QUESTION (9): Councillor W. Lavelle Item ID: 38245**

"To ask the Manager for an update on the request for a meeting between this Committee and the National Roads Authority to discuss the possible reopening, in a safe manner, of exits onto the N4?"

**REPLY:**

The NRA response to the petition from local residents with respect to this issue is contained in a headed item for this meeting. It clearly outlines the NRA response to this matter.  However the national and local transport needs of the area can be considered in the context of the N4/N7 corridor study currently underway by the National Roads Authority.

**L/722/13 MODIFICATION TO ROAD MARKINGS**

**QUESTION (10): Councillor G. O'Connell Item ID: 38257**

"To request the Manager to write to the NRA requesting that the single continuous white line at the M50 intersection for traffic merging from the M50 North be extended over the brow of the hill to a point west of where the two lanes coming from the R148 merge?"

**REPLY:**

The provision of a continuous white line at the M50 Interchange between the R148 and the M50 southbound traffic (from the M50 north of the junction) will remove any opportunity traffic coming from the R148 have to utilise spare capacity in the lane from the M50. Such a proposal will have some significant and perhaps unintended consequences.

This will unnecessarily reduce traffic on the N4 west of the M50 as only one of traffic from the R148 could approach the N4. The M50 southbound to N4 will have exclusive capacity as it will be protected from sharing its lane prior to the R148 forming one lane where the bus lane commences. All this will be at the expense of capacity on the R148 which will be constrained to the capacity of a single lane. Due to this reduced capacity additional congestion will be encountered for traffic from Dublin city centre heading to Lucan for both motorist and bus passenger. Such congestion will make alternative routes significantly more attractive, specifically Kennelsfort Road Upper, Coldcut Road and Fonthill Roads. The R148 is the most appropriate road for through traffic.

It is considered best to retain the road markings on the R148 at the M50 in their current configuration. It is recommended not propose any modification.

**L/723/13 HEDGE CUTTING ON TH R120**

**QUESTION (11): Councillor G. O'Connell Item ID: 38263**

"To ask the Manager for a report on the issues raised by the R120 Residents deputation regarding the hedge cutting on the R120?"

**REPLY:**

It was confirmed at the meeting that the hedge in question had been recently cut in autumn 2013. In accordance with Roads Department procedure, the vertical face of the hedge was sheared and cut back so as not to interfere with traffic using the carriageway. The residents, however, had requested that the hedge be lowered in height or removed in its entirety. It was clarified at the meeting that the hedge forms a boundary to private property- i.e. is in private ownership and as such, South Dublin County Council do not have authority to alter or remove it.

**L/724/13 PARKING AROUND PALMERSTON CEMETERY**

**QUESTION (12): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 37915**

"To ask the Manager if there has been any discussion between the Council and the owner of Palmerston Cemetery on actions/measures to ameliorate difficulties being experienced by residents living close to the Cemetery entrance, caused by the parking of cars restricting, and in some cases preventing, access to the driveways of their homes and if he will make a statement on the matter?"

**REPLY:**

The traffic division have had no discussions with the owner of Palmerston Cemetery, however, the matter will be examined and a report will be made to the TMM

**L/725/13 SAFETY WORKS FROM GIFFEEN ROAD TO WILLSBROOK ROAD**

**QUESTION (13): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 38251**

"To ask the Manager if he will advise when the safety improvement works at the roundabouts from Griffeen Road to Willsbrook Road will be completed?"

**REPLY:**

Phase 1 of the works are complete from Griffeen Way to Castle Road roundabout. The rest of the scheme, from Castle Road to Liffey Valley will be subject to the Part 8 Planning process which is expected to commence in early January 2014.

**l/726/13 DRAFT 2014 ROAD WORKS PROGRAMME**

**HEADED ITEM (7): Roads Department Item ID: 38148**

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

[DRAFT 2014 ROAD WORKS PROGRAMME](../../ITEMS/December%2013/HI7%2038148%20Draft%20Road%20Works%20Programme%202014.xls)

It was **AGREED** to take Motion 12 in the name of Councillor W. Lavelle in conjunction with the above.

**MOTION (12): Item ID: 38236**

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

"That this Area Committee, further to previous requests from residents, requests the Manager to prioritise Lucan Heights and Esker Lawns, including the common entrance road, for footpath repairs in 2014."

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

“No major footpath repairs will be carried out in the Lucan area until Irish Water have completed their water meter installation. This is expected to be April 2014.A large portion of the footpath repair budget has been earmarked for footpath repair in the County's villages. The remaining amount will be spent as indicated in the Draft Roadworks Programme. Lucan Heights is included in the 2014 programme.”

Following contributions from Councillors W. Lavelle and G. O’Connell Mr. O’Grady responded to queries raised. The reports were NOTED and it was **AGREED** to include Esker Park in the Footpath Repair Programme.

**L/727/13 KENNELSFORT ROAD UPPER - HGV WEIGHT RESTRICTION**

**HEADED ITEM (8): Roads Department Item ID: 38152**

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

**KENNELSFORT ROAD UPPER - HGV WEIGHT RESTRICTION**

“The Council policy on HGV restrictions was passed by the Council in June of this year and subsequently each area committee noted the proposed changes. The implementation of this policy is now a matter for the traffic department in consultation with the Gardaí.

Considerable effort was put in by the members and the Transport SPC to create a policy on the mobility of HGV's in South Dublin County Council in an objective way. Vehicle types and EU vehicle classification were examined. Logistic operators were interviewed and road types assessed. The Policy was adopted to bring a coherent and uniform strategy to bear in making decisions relating to weight restrictions. The policy balanced the needs for South Dublin County Council to be a place of high amenity value but also a place for strong economic activity.

The criteria used in adopting the 7.5 tonne restriction in this case is in conformity with that policy. The policy document is attached herewith and your attention is drawn to Table B of that document which identifies the type of weight restriction which should be applied to local primary roads such as Kennelsfort Road together with a picture of the vehicles that would be permitted on the road at different HGV weights. You will note that the small Council truck would not be permitted to use Kennelsfort Road as a through route should the requested reduced HGV limit apply. Such a reduction is not in conformity with the policy in any event. The 7.5 tonnes restriction on this road has been agreed with the Gardaí.

It is therefore recommended that the 7.5 tonne remain.”

[HGV POLICY](../../ITEMS/December%2013/HGV%20Policy.doc)

It was **AGREED** to take Motion 6 in the name of Councillor G. O’Connell in conjunction with the above.

**L/728/13 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS HGV RESTRICTION KENNELSFORT ROAD UPPER**

**MOTION (6): Item ID: 38254**

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

"As a follow up to the emergency motion passed at the November LAC and given the recently agreed policy on the Mobility and Management of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) on South Dublin County Road Network and the subsequent review of weight restrictions that now propose a weight restriction of 7.5 tonne on Kennelsfort Road, this committee now requests that Management revisit this proposal and provide for a restriction of 3.5 tonne on Kennelsfort Road Upper from the N148 to the entrance of Woodfarm Acres for the following evidence based reasons: 1. The Dublin City Council has installed a 3.5 tonne restriction on Ballyfermot Road and as both this road and Kennelsfort Road, which flow into each other at the County Boundary, feed into/serve the Coldcut Road and adjacent roads including the Liffey Valley Town Centre, it is imperative that both Ballyfermot Road and Kennelsfort Road have the same level of protection otherwise there will be a huge displacement factor with Kennelsfort Road having to carry excessive and undesirable Heavy Goods Vehicle traffic. 2. Kennelsfort Road is already carrying excessive levels of motorised traffic, mainly but not solely commuter traffic and increasingly Liffey Valley Town Centre Traffic especially at peak times leading to congestion and noise and air pollution and to an unacceptable level of safety hazards for pedestrians and cyclists; by restricting Heavy Goods Vehicles to 3.5 tonne this will remove a significant percentage of the motorised traffic and attendant hazards. 3. The houses on Kennelsfort Road with a proposed 7.5 tonne restriction, unlike the houses on Ballyfermot Road which has a 3.5 tonne restriction, are fronting onto Kennelsfort Road with consequential excessive noise and air pollution due to the lack of a 'buffer' space such as the Houses on Ballyfermot Road enjoy. 4. Kennelsfort Road has four controlled pedestrian crossings reflecting the fact that it serves two primary and one second level school for a huge number of young people as well as a cemetery, a Public House and a significant Shopping Centre which incorporates the Post Office, all of which leads to it being extensively used by Senior Citizens and other pedestrians who arrive by Bus. 5. Kennelsfort Road has two cycleways which promote this mode of transport however the road is quite narrow, has a significant hill and two serious bends and as such requires restricted vehicle flows allowing only for cars and vans as in category B instead of the proposed vans and small trucks (Category C1)."

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

“The Council policy on HGV restrictions was passed by the Council in June of this year and subsequently each area committee noted the proposed changes. The implementation of this policy is now a matter for the traffic department in consultation with the Gardaí.

Considerable effort was put in by the members and the Transport SPC to create a policy on the mobility of HGV's in South Dublin County Council in an objective way. Vehicle types and EU vehicle classification were examined. Logistic operators were interviewed and road types assessed. The Policy was adopted to bring a coherent and uniform strategy to bear in making decisions relating to weight restrictions.The policy balanced the needs for South Dublin County Council to be a place of high amenity value but also a place for strong economic activity.

The criteria used in adopting the 7.5 tonne restriction in this case is in conformity with that policy. The policy document is attached herewith and your attention is drawn to Table B of that document which identifies the type of weight restriction which should be applied to local primary roads such as Kennelsfort Road together with a picture of the vehicles that would be permitted on the road at different HGV weights. You will note that the small Council truck would not be permitted to use Kennelsfort Road as a through route should the requested reduced HGV limit apply. Such a reduction is not in conformity with the policy in any event. The 7.5 tonnes restriction on this road has been agreed with the Gardaí.

It is therefore recommended that the 7.5 tonne remain.”

[HGV POLICY](../../ITEMS/December%2013/HGV%20Policy.doc)

Following contributions from Councillors G. O’Connell and E. Tuffy, Mr. O’Mullane responded to queries raised. The motion was **AGREED.**

**L/729/13 Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

**HEADED ITEM (9): Roads Department Item ID: 38167**

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

**L/730/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (10): Roads Department Item ID: 38168**

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

**L/731/13 CORrespondence**

**CORRESPONDENCE (4): Roads Department Item ID: 38169**

The attached correspondence dated 13th November 2013, is the response from the NRA to the petition requesting the opening of Esker Lane left only exit onto the N4.

[C4-24Sep13 LUCAN ACM – Motion 22](../../ITEMS/September%2013/M22%2037096%20RDS%20Open%20Esker%20Lane.doc)

[C4-Response from NRA to petition 13Nov2013](../../ITEMS/December%2013/C4%2038169%20NRA%20response%20to%20petition.pdf)

Following a contribution from Councillor W. Lavelle it was **AGREED** to write to the NRA inviting them to meet the Committee to discuss this issue.

**L/732/13 PROVISION OF BUS SHELTER OPPOSITE ST. JOSEPHS COLLEGE LUCAN ROAD**

**MOTION (7): Item ID: 38233**

It was proposed by Councillor E. Higgins, seconded by Councillor W. Lavelle.

"That this Committee requests the Manager to further examine the feasibility of facilitating the installation of a shelter at the inbound bus-stop on Lucan Road opposite St. Joseph's College and examines the possibility of extending the parametres of the footpath given that the wall is not part of the original stone wall."

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

“The matter has been re-examined in consultation with Bus Atha Cliath and there is no room to provide a shelter at this location. The provision of such shelters is a matter for Bus Atha Cliath.”

Following contributions from Councillors E. Higgins and W. Lavelle Mr. A. O’Mullane, Senior Executive Engineer, responded to queries raised. The report was **NOTED** and it was **AGREED** to investigate a possible alternative location for a bus shelter.

**L/733/13 SAFETY IN VICINITY OF LUCAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**MOTION (8): Item ID: 38235**

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

"That this Area Committee requests the Manager to examine measure to improve safety in the vicinity of Lucan Community College; and to meet on-site with representatives of the Parents Association; and to further to provide an update on previous request to examine measures to prevent damage to grassed verges on Esker Drive."

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

“The Council has installed 9 Traffic Calming Ramps on Esker Drive, two of which are located either side of the entrance to Lucan Community College.  It is also noted that there are two Pedestrian Crossings on this road, one of which is in close proximity to the School entrance.  There are a number of other road signs/markings that enhance safety on this road with particular reference to the School.  The Council is prepared to meet with representatives of the Parents Association to discuss their concerns regarding safety in the vicinity of the School.”

It was **AGREED** to take Motion 9 in the name of Councillor E. Tuffy in conjunction with the above.

**L/734/13 ROAD SAFETY AT LUCAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**MOTION (9): Item ID: 38248**

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

"That the Manager would request the Roads Department to examine the traffic situation and pedestrian safety outside the main entrance to Lucan Community College at school start and finish times and consider putting a large yellow box at the entrance to make it safer for pedestrians and to improve access for authorised vehicles to enter and leave the school car park."

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

“The Council has installed 9 Traffic Calming Ramps on Esker Drive, two of which are located either side of the entrance to Lucan Community College.  It is also noted that there are two Pedestrian Crossings on this road, one of which is in close proximity to the School entrance.  There are a number of other road signs/markings that enhance safety on this road with particular reference to the School.  The Council is prepared to meet with representatives of the Parents Association to discuss their concerns regarding safety in the vicinity of the School.”

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

**L/735/13 SAFETY OF PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER R148 AT PALMERSTON**

**MOTION (10): Item ID: 38256**

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

"That the pedestrian Bridge across the R148 at Palmerston be examined (a) to verify that the surface is safe in all weathers (b) to verify that the structure is sound and serviceable (c) to investigate the possibility of putting a cage over the bridge as many infirm citizens have expressed fear at crossing it during windy weather and also to protect passing traffic."

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

“Roads Maintenance Engineers will examine the bridge to assess the issues raised above and will revert with a proposal in early 2014.”

Following a contribution from G. O’Connell, Mr. T. O’Grady, Senior Engineer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**L/736/13 MORNING PEAK HOUR CONGESTION AT GRIFFEEN AVENUE**

**MOTION (11): Item ID: 38234**

The following Motion in the name of Councillor E. Higgins was **MOVED and**

**RE-ENTERED:**

"That the Manager presents a report on peak hour morning traffic congestion at Griffeen Avenue and its approaching roads."

**L/737/13 RE-OPENING ENTRANCE TO N4 FROM ESKER LANE AND TANDY’S LANE**

**MOTION (13): Item ID: 38262**

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

"Noting the Reply to Question No.13 at the November 2013 Lucan Area Committee Meeting, to the effect that the NTA intends to widen the brief for the Lucan Traffic Study, this Committee requests the Manager to recommend to the NTA that the issues of the re-opening of the entrance to the N4 westbound at Esker Lane and to the N4 eastbound at Tandy's Lane, be included in the widened brief, as there is a high level of local demand for the re-opening of these access points."

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

“As the Councillor is aware these two exits were closed on safety grounds as part of the National Roads Authority N4 upgrade scheme as approved by An Bord Pleanala, with the Tandy's lane exit available for public transport access only. It is not intended that this access be reopened for general traffic and the National Roads Authority have expressed their opposition to the opening of this access previously and indeed the most recent request to reopen the Esker lane access has also been turned down as evidenced by their response as contained in the related headed item for this meeting.  However the national and local transport needs of the area can be considered in the context of the N4/N7 corridor study currently underway by the National Roads Authority. The decision on reopening or otherwise of these lanes is a matter for the National Roads Authority and not the NTA.”

Following contributions from Councillors E. Tuffy and G. O’Connell, Mr. J. O’Connor, Senior Executive Engineer, responded to queries raised. It was **AGREED** that the NTA will be requested to include this request in the consultants brief for the proposed Lucan traffic study.

**Development**

**L/738/13 QUESTIONS**

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

**L/739/13NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (11): Development Dept. Item ID: 38171**

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

**L/740/13 Correspondence**

**CORRESPONDENCE (5): Development Dept. Item ID: 38172**

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

**L/741/13 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS – FEASIBILITY OF ACQUIRING FORMER MILLS BUILDINGS.LANDS AT MILL LANE, PALMERSTON**

**MOTION (14): Item ID: 38260**

It was proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell, seconded by Councillor E. Higgins:-

"That this Council examine the feasibility of acquiring the former Mills and other buildings/lands at Mill Lane Palmerston."

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

“The following report was noted at the June Meeting of the Committee.

"The property at Mill Lane, Palmerston is for sale at present and the Council's Valuer has been instructed in this regard. Discussions are ongoing between the Valuer and the Agent for the owners of the Sun Chemical Properties and a proposed exchange of lands is one possibility which has been put forward and which is under consideration by the parties.

The acquisition of land by the Council requires the identification of and access to the required resources.

A letter has also issued to the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government"

The negotiations referred to above were promised on a possible exchange of lands but no agreement was reached and the negotiations terminated.  The Council has not got the financial resources to acquire this land as a straight acquisition.”

Following a contribution from Councillor G. O’Connell, Mr. J. Browne, Administrative Officer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**Planning**

**L/742/13 QUESTIONS**

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

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Question numbers 14-17 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**L/743/13 EXTENSION OF GRAND CANAL GREEN ROUTE**

**QUESTION (14): Councillor W. Lavelle Item ID: 38240**

"To ask the Manager to provide an update on plans to extend the Grand Canal Green Route (including CCTV) from Griffeen Avenue, through the remainder of Griffeen Valley Park, to the N4 pedestrian/cycle bridge?"

**REPLY:**

Whilst this proposal does not form part of the current National Transport Authority sustainable transport measures grant funding to SDCC, it is a potentially worthwhile proposal that, subject to consideration of an overall walking and cycling network for the Lucan area, could form part of future applications for funding to the NTA. Further to requests for input from SDCC in respect of the preparation of the Draft Cycle Network Plan for the Greater Dublin Area from the National Transport Authority, South Dublin County Council suggested the route through Griffeen Valley Park as a potential greenway. The 'Griffeen Greenway' route is included in the Draft Cycle Network Plan for the Greater Dublin Area.

**L/744/13 TAKING IN CHARGE OF THE PADDOCKS ESTATE**

**QUESTION (15): Councillor W. Lavelle Item ID: 38243**

"To ask the Manager, further to the reports issued to the October meeting, to provide an update on works to progress the completion and taking-in-charge of The Paddocks estate?"

**REPLY:**

The Senior Engineer has written to and awaits a reply detailing the programme of works in respect of all remedial actions in anticipation of the Taking In Charge of the Paddocks. In addition, the outstanding 5 houses are due to be constructed commencing January 2014.

**L/745/13 NEW OWNERS OF EDMUNDSBURY ESTATE**

**QUESTION (16): Councillor G. O'Connell Item ID: 38259**

"To ask the Manager if the new owners of Edmundsbury Estate have contacted the Council and if they have indicated their intentions for the land?"

**REPLY:**

The new owners of the lands at St Edmundsbury took possession of the property on 1st November 2013. Representatives of the new owners have made contact with one of the Council's Senior Planners and both the Council's Architectural Conservation Officer, and with the Council's Heritage Officer to establish their obligations in relation to conservation and biodiversity. A brief synopsis of the development plan policies for the area has been provided. The representatives of the new owners indicated that they are broadly supportive of the current plan policies and that they do not envisage making any significant change to the use of the land. It will continue to be farmed. Two unoccupied residential properties that are Protected Structures are to be refurbished and made available for re-occupation. The lands are to be further examined and assessed by the new owners to address any potential hazards. Both the Conservation and Heritage Officers will continue to liaise with the new owners as requested or required.

**L/746/13 LOCAL HERITAGE PLAN PALMERSTON**

**QUESTION (17): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 38253**

"Noting the Reply to Question No. 11 at the Council meeting of 9th December re the implementation of the County Heritage Plan, to ask the Manager if he can provide an up-to-date Report (i) on the survey work carried out at Palmerston Church and Graveyard as part of the survey of archeologically important structures, and (ii) the development of a Local Heritage Plan in collaboration with a local community group for the Mill Lane area of Palmerston?"

**REPLY:**

**Palmerston Church and Graveyard**(i)                 Palmerston Church and graveyard were subject to two surveys in the past year.  An archaeological condition assessment was undertaken by a qualified archaeologist in September 2012.  This project was 75% funded by a contribution from the Heritage Council under their programme of support for County Heritage Plan projects.  A number of actions recommended in the assessment report were fulfilled, including the engagement of an archaeologist to oversee and work with a local group of volunteers to remove rubbish and overgrown vegetation from the site, working to recommended archaeological guidelines for activities within protected sites.  These clean-ups occurred over a number of site visits early in 2013.

The report also recommended the engagement of an architectural conservation consultant to address issues pertaining to the structure of the church, gravestones, and the graveyard walls.  An architectural conservation assessment was therefore also commissioned and this was undertaken in March 2013 with a final report received in May 2013.  Maintenance recommendations arising from this report are to form part of a programme of works to be agreed with the Conservation Officer and Public Realm, budget and schedules permitting.

(ii)               A number of discussions and three formal meetings have been had between the Heritage Officer, local community representatives and Stewart's Hospital Library regarding the undertaking of a Local Heritage Plan.  Most recently, following a meeting on 8th November 2013 , the community have organised a team of volunteers to begin researching specific topics of local heritage interest. This will form the basis of an information gathering exercise to support the preparation of the Local Heritage Plan.  Progressing this Local Heritage Plan is listed as one of the target actions in the Heritage Officer's work programme for 2014.

**L/747/13 Planning Files**

**HEADED ITEM (12): Planning Department Item ID: 38174**

A. Large Applications Under Consideration

**FILE DISCUSSED**: SDZ13A/0005

**LOCATION**: Adamstown Square 3, Lucan, Co. Dublin

**COMMENTS**: The application was noted.

B. Files Requested by Members   
It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**Emergency Motion**

It was proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle, seconded by Councillors E. Higgins, E. Tuffy and G. O’Connell:-

“That this Area Committee notes the concerns of residents regarding the continued presence of a shed in the front garden of 11/12 Weirview, Lucan; and the ongoing works to front canopies of both houses; and requests the Manager to provide a update on planning enforcement proceedings in relation to both houses.”

Mr. C. Ryan, Senior Planner, informed the Committee that the matter is being pursued.

**L/748/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (13): Planning Department Item ID: 38175**

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

**L/749/13 Correspondence**

**CORRESPONDENCE (6): Planning Department Item ID: 38176**

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

**L/750/13 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS- RECENTLY ERECTED DWELLING ON CULMORE ROAD**

**MOTION (15): Item ID: 38264**

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

"To request that the Manager provide a report on the adherence to the planning conditions, for the recently erected dwelling on Culmore Road, and if the Manager is satisfied that the roadway, footpath and boundaries have been left/finished to/in a satisfactory standard."

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

“The dwelling as erected appears to be substantially in compliance with that granted Planning Permission. A more detailed inspection will be carried out in due course. The applicant recently applied for a Road Opening License and this process will ensure that the road and footpath in the immediate vicinity of the dwelling are provided to SDCC's Taking In Charge standard. The roads and footpaths beyond the immediate frontage of the new dwelling are Taken In Charge and by implication the responsibility of SDCC and subject to recourse constraints. An inspection will be carried out in 3 months time, to ascertain if all outstanding works are complete.”

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

**L/751/13 LIFFEY VALLEY TOWN CENTRE LAP LANDS**

**MOTION (16): Item ID: 38232**

It was proposed by Councillor E. Higgins seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell

"That the Manager presents a report, for discussion, on the current status of granted planning permissions applying to the Liffey Valley Town Centre LAP lands and that this report looks at what infrastructure and community facilities would be delivered as part of the granting of planning permission."

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

“A number of planning applications (approx 20) sought permission for relatively minor developments such as lighting/signage and alterations to existing units. However a summary of a number of applications is set out below which are considered to be of relevance to the motion:

* SD12A/0198: Events Area (2359sq.m.) to host a series of temporary uses (e.g. ice rink, funfairs etc); to the rear of shopping centre (3 year permission to expire in 2015).
* SD12A/0014: Development comprising 2 phases (1A and 1B): Phase 1A comprises the construction of (i) a retail anchor of circa 7,935 square metres gross floor area (circa 3,500 square metres convenience net sales area and circa 1,728 square metres comparison net sales area) including a licensed alcohol sales area, ancillary offices, staff facilities, bulkstore and cage marshalling area at first floor level; (ii) a café (235 square metres) and retail services unit (180 square metres) on the first floor; (iii) circulation space to include an atrium at ground and first floor levels; (iv) signage; (v) service yard at first floor level; (vi) 551 number car parking spaces to be provided at grade, part under first floor retail; (vii) CHP plant, ESB substation and all ancillary landscaping, site works and services; (viii) road upgrades to the following junctions:- (1) Saint Lomans Road-Fonthill- Bóthar An Life/Shancastle Avenue Roundabout Junction; (2) Fonthill Road/Coldcut Road Junction; (3) Bóther An Life/Ascail An Life Roundabout Junctions (west and south); (4) N4/Fonthill Road Off-Ramp Junction. Phase 1B comprises five number ground floor retail services units (circa 1,041 square metres total gross) and an additional 36 number car parking spaces at grade (to bring the total to 587 number spaces) to be provided on completion of the east-west boulevard, all at circa 2.39 hectare site, located to the southeast of the Liffey Valley Shopping Centre and north of the B&Q Unit off the Coldcut Road, Clondalkin, Dublin. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is submitted with this application.
* SD12A/0226: Six restaurants in a new three storey building of 3,444sq.m. where five restaurants and an office were approved previously (Ref. Ref. SD10A/0034). Internal amendments are proposed to the existing Vue cinema, to cease using three cinemas and the existing foyer totalling 1,502sq.m., create a new entrance foyer of 189sq.m. and to construct an extension externally of 827sq.m. for cinema use. The area vacated by the cinema together with a northern extension to complement the Western End development will be developed as a three storey retail unit of 6,640sq.m.gross, including staff facilities, storage etc;  there will be a new western entrance to the shopping centre including a relocated ATM, and a retail kiosk.  Permission is sought for the location and extent of signage for the proposed developments;  a new communal landscaped Civic Space of 3,300sq.m. will be developed in front of the new development and will include external seating for the restaurants;  there will be revised and improved circulation access in this area.  Permission is sought for a temporary 'Events and Activities Area' in the western car park area proposed for a future Transport Hub.  Permission is sought for a new temporary surface car park for 204 cars, located to the rear of the existing centre, to replace parking spaces removed to provide the development. Permission is also sought for a new service yard, loading facilities and all site works and landscaping associated with the development. The total area of new build will be 10,900sq.m.

The two main developments were considered by An Bord Pleannala and were considered in the light of the Local Area plan and the Development plan zoning.

In broad terms, with respect to wider works proposed on foot of these permissions this includes:

·         Junction improvements, including improved pedestrian and cycling facilities.

·         Taxi rank and the provision of a fully wheelchair accessible shuttle bus service serving the local catchment area.

·         Improved pedestrian links including the Southern Boulevard.

·         3,300sq.m Public civic space to front revised Vue cinema entrance.

·         Separate specific financial contribution of €50,000 towards to upgrading of Quarryvale Park.

Neither of the two larger applications has to date been commenced.”

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

**L/752/13 FUTURE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT PLANNING FOR ADAMSTOWN SDZ AREA**

**MOTION (17): Item ID: 38246**

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

"That this Area Committee: NOTING the report from the Roads Dept. to the November meeting of this Committee which stated, in relation to traffic on Newcastle Road, that: 'since September the level of congestion has increased when compared to previous years. This is primarily due to capacity provided in recent years being finally used up and any additional growth in traffic causing congested conditions' FURTHER NOTING the serious challenges which this reality poses with respect to the future planning and development of Adamstown SDZ. REQUESTS the Manager to provide an updated traffic impact assessment for the revised level of development being proposed for Adamstown SDZ; and FURTHER REQUESTS that a meeting be set-up, as a matter of urgency, between this Committee and the National Transport Authority (to be attended also by officials of the Adamstown planning team and this Council's Roads Dept) so as to allow for a detailed discussion on the future traffic and transport planning for Adamstown SDZ, ahead of the elected members being asked to consider the Manager's draft amendments."

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

“Peak time congestion apparent on the R120 Newcastle Road between Lucan Shopping Centre and Hillcrest is a local traffic management issue primarily arising as a result of a busy shopping centre with supermarket, two schools and church being located at the point of access to the N4 from the immediately adjoining area.  The development of Adamstown is not contingent on the creation of significant additional traffic capacity at this location.

Measures to improve junction and link efficiency between the Shopping Centre entrance and Hillcrest, better manage the need to travel by car on this link and in the general area at certain times and to encourage a shift to more sustainable modes, throughout Lucan, are all required, irrespective of the future development of Adamstown.  Further to this and in the context of a revised scope for a Lucan Movement Framework, the Planning and Roads Departments jointly met the NTA in recent days.  It was agreed that there are five areas for consideration as follows:-

1)                   N4 access, to be examined with the NRA in the context of an ongoing NRA N4/N7corridor study

2)                   Review of existing (Network Direct) bus routes and capacity

3)                   Access to bus stops on the R136 (Outer Ring Road)

4)                   Lucan network movement (i.e. movement between attractors such as the Village, shopping centres and schools)

5)                   R120-N4 design review from Shopping Centre to the N4 to determine options to improve efficiency

The NTA has confirmed availability for a meeting with the Lucan Area Committee in respect of the above at the earliest opportunity.

In relation to Adamstown, the proposed amendments to the existing Planning Scheme are framed in the existing strategic planning context as follows:-

* The current Adamstown Planning Scheme enables a further 8,700 residential units to be built on a phased basis;
* There is no statutory requirement to amend the approved Planning Scheme;
* In the light of changed economic circumstances, a series of amendments were recently proposed to enable a greater number of own door housing units with gardens to be built to accommodate housing demand arising in the Greater Dublin and Lucan areas;
* The amendments to the Planning Scheme propose a *reduction* in the overall amount of development permissible, from a maximum of 10,000 homes down to 6,600- 8,000 (i.e. a further 5,300-6,700 as opposed to 8,700);
* The Transport implications of the amendments have been assessed by the NTA, who have indicated that they are satisfied with the proposals.

The overall reduction in the amount of development has been carefully balanced with overall the commitment to Adamstown from both the public and private sectors:-

* In terms of transport alone, the 1,300 homes built in Adamstown to date have been accompanied by construction of a new railway station, a new 2km link road with QBC between Adamstown and the Outer Ring Road, significant upgrades to the Lucan-Newcastle Road adjoining Adamstown including the removal of a narrow bridge, doubling of the railway line and the improvement of services into Heuston;
* In addition to the above, the Outer Ring Road, N4 and M50 upgrades and Luas Red Line have all been completed since the Adamstown Plan was approved in 2003;
* Further infrastructural investment in schools, drainage and power networks has also been made at significant cost;
* The future development of Adamstown will be accompanied by additional improvements to the roads and transportation networks and will not be solely dependent on any one road link;
* The amount of infrastructure required to serve Adamstown has not been diminished in the proposed amendments to the Planning Scheme, despite the overall reduction in the maximum amount of development permissible.

The strategic planning commitment to the development of Adamstown has resulted in the expenditure of tens of millions of euro on and adjacent to the site to create a new community, supported by hundreds of millions of euro worth of strategic infrastructure, to make it one of the most sustainable locations for the development of housing on the Greater Dublin area, for which there is growing demand.  The purpose of the proposed amendments is to ensure that sustainable development can continue on a planned and phased basis in the context of the planning framework set out in the 2003 Planning Scheme.

Public submissions on the proposed amendments are currently being considered and will form the basis of a Manager's Report to the elected members of the Council, prior to the Council's determination of the proposed amendments, which may be appealed to An Bord Pleanala.”

Following contributions from Councillors W. Lavelle and G. O’Connell, Mr. P. Hogan, Senior Planner, responded to queries raised. It was **AGREED** to arrange a meeting for early January 2014 to discuss the proposed amendments.

**L/753/13 LANDS AT ST. EDMUNDSBURY**

**MOTION (18): Item ID: 38269**

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

"That this Area Committee request the Manager to present a report on engagement with the new owners of lands at St. Edmundsbury; request the Manager to continue to engage with the owners on the possible opening-up of access along the river Liffey, including through provision of 'permissive routes'; and further requests that the owners be invited to meet with this Committee."

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

“The new owners of the lands at St Edmundsbury took possession of the property on 1st November 2013. Representatives of the new owners have made contact with one of the Council's Senior Planners and both the Council's Architectural Conservation Officer, and with the Council's Heritage Officer to establish their obligations in relation to conservation and biodiversity. A brief synopsis of the development plan policies for the area has been provided. The representatives of the new owners indicated that they are broadly supportive of the current plan policies and that they do not envisage making any significant change to the use of the land. It will continue to be farmed. Two unoccupied residential properties that are Protected Structures are to be refurbished and made available for re-occupation. The lands are to be further examined and assessed by the new owners to address any hazards. Both the Conservation and Heritage Officers will continue to liaise with the new owners as requested or required. An invitation to meet with the committee can be extended as these initial contacts progress.

Regarding 'permissive' path routes, it must be recognised that all land in Ireland is in private or state ownership. Participants in recreational activities need to be aware that there is no legal right of access to the Irish countryside. Those who enter onto land owned by others, for the purpose of recreation, do so due to the goodwill and tolerance of landowners. Where an opportunity arises, recreational users are usually encouraged to engage with landowners, and to ask if access is permitted on their intended route. In many cases access will be allowed, particularly if the access is availed of in a responsible and sustainable way. This type of engagement makes a positive contribution to the relationship between recreational users and the landowning community. The Occupiers' Liability Act, 1995 provides a legal framework here.

Ireland's national way-marked trails are mostly 'permissive path' routes that have been developed with the landowners' agreement; they are not public rights of way. Some national, local government and semi-state organisations encourage or facilitate access to their lands for public enjoyment (e.g. Coillte), but even in these areas access is permissive and the public does not have a right of access.

In situations where more formal access is required, e.g. for commercially guided groups, promoted routes or regular access for recreational activities that can involve large numbers of individuals, some form of formal permission or agreement should be obtained. In these circumstances however, the formal permissive path agreement may also have to address the issue of responsibility for the creation, development or up-grade of the route to a satisfactory standard, its on-going maintenance and the public liability insurance cover. Significant cost can be incurred here. The source of such funding should be identified at an early stage in devising a permissive path agreement.  As these routes are not a right of way, landowners may alter or terminate an agreement and withdraw permission after giving reasonable notice, thus putting costs incurred at risk.

Participants in countryside recreational activities are also expected to respect the interests of other people who own or care for their land or the natural environment. These responsibilities underpin the National Countryside Recreation Strategy, and are elaborated through the Leave No Trace programme (promoted in South Dublin by the Dublin Mountain Partnership).”

Following a contribution from Councillor W. Lavelle, Mr. C. Ryan, Senior Planner, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**Corporate**

**L/754/13 QUESTIONS**

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

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Question number 18 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**L/755/13 DETAILS OF LIVE REGISTER FOR LUCAN & PALMERSTON RESIDENTS**

**QUESTION (18): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 38268**

"To ask the Manager if he will write to the appropriate Social Welfare Offices (Clondalkin and Ballyfermot) seeking information on the numbers of persons, with addresses in Lucan and Palmerston, on the Live Register at the ends of the following months: November 2013, 2012 and 2011, as these details are not accessible on the monthly published Live Register figures for the Clondalkin and Ballyfermot SW Offices?"

**REPLY:**

It the question is approved a letter will issue to the appropriate Social Welfare offices as requested and the Councillor will be advised when a reply is received.

**L/756/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (14): Corporate Services Dept. Item ID: 38178**

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

**L/757/13 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (7): Corporate Services Dept Item ID: 38179**

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

**L/758/13 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS**

**MOTION (19): Corporate Services Department Item ID: 38180**

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

**L/759/13 OPENING OF KISHOGUE STATION**

**MOTION (20): Item ID: 38249**

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

"That this Committee, noting evidence of an increase in economic activity and in the numbers of people at work, and the increased car traffic in the Lucan area, requests the Manager to write separately to the Chief Executive of Irish Rail, and Minister Leo Varadker, TD, Minister for Transport, calling for the opening of the completely built Kishogue Station, Lucan in 2014."

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

“If the motion is approved a letter will issue to the Minister for Transport and the Chief Executive of Irish Rail as requested and the Committee will be advised when a reply is received.”

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

**Libraries**

**L/760/13 QUESTIONS**

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

**l/761/13 Library News & Events**

**HEADED ITEM (15): Libraries Item ID: 38181**

**Mr. K. Swords, Senior Executive Librarian, presented the following report:-**

**“January 2014**

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| ***Lucan*** | ***Events*** | ***Date*** |
| **Early Childhood** | Children’s Storytime  For 3-5 year olds | Wednesdays at 3pm |
|  | Musical Tots  Fun, interactive workshop for 6 months to 4 years and their parent/guardian.  Booking essential | Tuesday 21st January at 10.30am |
| **Children’s** | Arts and Crafts Class  For 8 – 11 year olds  Booking essential | Restarts Wednesday 22nd January from 3.45pm – 4.45pm |
| **Books & Reading** | Children’s Book Club  For 10/11 year olds | Tuesday 14th & 28th January at 3.45pm |
|  | Lucan Library Book Club  New members welcome | Wednesday 29th January at 7pm |
|  | Home Delivery Service  New borrowers welcome | Friday 31st January |
| **Exhibition** | 1913 Lockout Centenary Project by local school | 17th December to 4th January |
| **Other Events** | You and Your Health (TBC)  Start the year on a good note with a talk from the HSE on healthy lifestyles for older people. (Age-Friendly County)  Booking required. | Tuesday 14th January at 10.30am |
| **Life Long Learning** | Lucan Knitting Club  All welcome | Mondays 10.30am – 12noon |
|  | Basic French for Beginners Class  Booking essential | Starts Monday 20th January from 6.45pm - 8pm |
|  | English Language Class  Booking essential | Starts Tuesday 21st January from 6pm -7pm |
|  | Basic Spanish for Beginners Class. Booking essential | Starts Wednesday 22nd January from 11.30am - 12.30pm |
|  | Basic Irish for Beginners’ Class / Rang Gaeilge. Booking essential | Starts Thursday 23rd January from 7pm – 8pm |
|  | Japanese Family Group  Parent and children group with arts and crafts activities for local Japanese families. | Thursday 9th & 23rd January from 3.30pm - 5.30pm |
|  | Adult Creative Writing Group  New members welcome | Wednesday 8 and 15 January, 6.30pm to 8pm |
| **Class Visits** | Class Visit  Stewart’s Hospital | Every Thursday and Friday morning |
| **Literacy** | Touch Type Read Spell Group | Tuesdays & Thursdays at 6.30pm.  Saturdays at 12noon |

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| ***Tallaght*** | ***Events*** | ***Date*** |
| **Books and Reading** | Book Club | Tuesday 7th January from 6:45pm - 7:45pm |
|  | Poetry circle | Thursday 9th January from 6.30pm - 8pm |
|  | Junior Book Club | Meeting on a Saturday in January from 11am - 12noon |
|  | Teenagers’ Book Club | Meeting on a Saturday in January from 12.15pm - 1.30pm |
| **Children’s events** | Ready2Read Programme | Takes place with schools and pre-schools in the Tallaght area |
|  | Class visits and guided tours | Take place regularly |
|  | Barnardo’s special needs service | Thursdays from 10:30am - 11:30am |
|  | Junior chess club | Thursday from 5.30pm – 6.30pm |
| **Culture** | Film Club: Title to be decided | Thursday 30th January from 7pm - 9pm |
| **Early childhood** | Story time for Children | Tuesdays at 3.30pm |
|  | Toddler Time | Wednesdays from  10.30am - 11.30am |
| **Exhibition** | Tallaght Photographic Society International Salon | Monday 6th January to Saturday 18th January |
|  | Jacobs Exhibition – based on Maurice O’Keeffe’s oral history project | Monday 20th January to Saturday 22nd February |
|  | Launch of Jacobs Exhibition | Thursday 23rd January from 7pm - 9pm |

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| **I.T.** | Computer Training for St John of Gods Group | Monday from 2.30pm – 3.30pm and every Friday from 10am - 12noon |
|  | National Learning Network computer training | Wednesdays from 1pm - 3pm |
|  | Basic Computer Class | New class starting January. Dates to be decided. 4 week course on Mondays from 4 pm to 6 pm |
|  | Next Steps Computer Class | New class starting January. Dates to be decided. 5 week course on Thursdays from 4 pm to 6 pm. |
| **Literacy** | TTRS – Touch Type Read Spell | Tuesdays 6.30 – 7.30pm; Wednesdays 5.30pm - 6.30pm; Saturdays 11.30am - 12.30pm |
| **Life long learning** | German Language Class | Thursdays 7pm - 8pm from 16th January |
|  | Spanish Language Class | Tuesdays 6.30pm – 7.30pm from 14th January |
|  | Creative Campus workshops | Every Wednesday from 8th January until 29th January from 10am - 1pm |
|  | Tallaght Historical Society lecture: Oisin, Evie and Elizabeth – 3 artists buried in St. Maelruan’s by Tomás Maher | Tuesday 14th January from 7pm - 8.30pm |
|  | Craft class for adults | Friday 24th January from 10.30am - 12.30pm |
|  | Ìrish conversation group | Friday from 1pm - 2pm |
|  | Irish Language Class | Every Tuesday from January 14th from 1pm - 2pm |
|  | English language class (beginners) | Every Wednesday from January 15th from 5pm - 6pm |
|  | English language class (intermediate) | Every Wednesday from January 15th from 6pm - 7pm |
|  | Creative Writing | Dates and times to be decided |
| **Partnership With Outside Agencies** | Endometriosis Association Support Group | Saturday 11th January from 10am - 1pm |
|  | Stroke support group | Tuesday 21st January from 11am - 1pm |
|  | BRI Art Group | Fridays 2pm - 4pm |
|  | Information Stand on Social Welfare Rights | Wednesday 8th January from 1pm - 2pm |
|  | ABI Acquired Brain Injury Social Group | Thursday 30th January from 7.30pm - 9pm |
| **Schools Involvement** | Collapsing Horse Theatre Company Puppet Programme for Secondary School Students – 2 sets of workshops | 3 workshops on Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd inclusive from 10am - 12.30pm |
| **Schools Involvement** | Collapsing Horse Theatre Company Puppet Programme for Secondary School Students – 2 sets of workshops | 2nd set of 3 workshops from Monday 27th to Wednesday 29th inclusive from 10am - 12.30pm |
| **Supporting employment and employers** | Start Your Own Business Course (starting 21st January) | Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6.30pm - 9.30pm for 4 weeks |
|  | Back to work support group | Thursdays from 1pm - 2pm |
|  | Start Your Own Business Course | Starting Saturday 18th January for 4 weeks from 9.30am - 4.30pm |
|  | IE Network Business Meetings - Innovation Enterprise Network | Thursdays from 10am – 12.30pm |

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

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| ***Stewarts*** | ***Events*** | ***Date*** |
|  | **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 |
|  | **Adult Group Visit** | Thursdays at 10.30am, 11am & 3pm |
|  | **Adult Group Visit** | Fridays at 11am |

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

**L/762/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (16): Libraries Item ID: 38182**

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

**L/763/13 Correspondence**

**CORRESPONDENCE (8): Libraries Item ID: 38183**

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

**L/764/13 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS – LIBRARY/DIGITAL HUB FOR PALMERSTON**

**MOTION (21): Councillor G. O'Connell Item ID: 38255**

The following motion in the name of Councillor G.O’Connell was **MOVED and RE-ENTERED:**

"That the Manager bring forward an update report on the provision of a Library/Digital Hub at Palmerston."

**Community**

**L/765/13 QUESTIONS**

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

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

**L/766/13 RE-OPENING OF LUCAN SPORTS & LEISURE CENTRE**

**QUESTION (19): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 38250**

"To ask the Manager if he will advise of the date for the re-opening of the Lucan Sports and Leisure Centre?"

**REPLY:**

Works have now been completed on the Lucan Leisure Centre and the facility was opened on Monday 2nd December. User groups have expressed delight with the quality of the work. The comfort levels of the Leisure Centre have been upgraded, and there has been extra space created to allow further activities to take place. In addition the building has been painted internally which has considerable improved the facility.

**L/767/13 Application for Grants**

**HEADED ITEM (17): Community Services Item ID: 38185**

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

**L/768/13 New Works**

**HEADED ITEM (18): Community Services Item ID: 38186**

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

**L/769/13 Correspondence**

**CORRESPONDENCE (9): Community Services Item ID: 38187**

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

**L/770/13 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS**

**MOTION (22): Community Services Item ID: 38188**

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

**Housing**

**L/771/13 QUESTIONS**

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

**L/772/13 Housing Procurement & Allocations Report**

**HEADED ITEM (19): Housing Department Item ID: 38189**

**Ms Mary Maguire presented the following report: -**

**Housing Procurement & Allocations Report**

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| **LUCAN** | **2012** | **CURRENT 01/01/2013 to 30/11/2013** | **CURRENT NOS.  ON  LIST** |
| **HOUSING LIST ALLOCATIONS** | **22** | **24** | **4,229** |
| *CBL* | *4* | *6* |  |
| *ASH* | *3* | *4* |  |
| *OAP* | *4* | *1* |  |
| *Homeless* | *2* | *2* |  |
| *Medical* | *1* | *8* |  |
| *Priority Committee* |  |  |  |
| *Standard* | *8* | *3* |  |
| RAS |  | *28* |  |
| **TRANSFERS** | **8** | **7** | **405** |
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| **TOTAL** | **30** | **59** |  |

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| **COUNTYWIDE** | **2012** | **CURRENT 01/01/2013 TO 30/11/2013** | **CURRENT NOS ON LIST** |
| **HOUSING LIST ALLOCATIONS** | **295** | **184** | **7444** |
| *CBL* | 147 | 91 |  |
| *ASH* | 8 | 12 |  |
| *OAP* | 15 | 5 |  |
| *Homeless* | 19 | 19 |  |
| *Medical* | 31 | 23 |  |
| *Priority Committee* | 5 | 6 |  |
| *Standard* | 70 | 28 |  |
| RAS |  | 85 |  |
| **TRANSFERS** | **86** | **64** | **850** |
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| **TOTAL** | **381** | **333** |  |

The following table outlines Leasing/RAS and PRTB inspections progress in the Lucan electoral area as at 30/11/13

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|  | @31/12/12 | 1/1/13 to 30/11/13 | cumlative at 30/11/13 | processing at 30/11/13 |
| Properties procured under lease arrangements | 40 | 10 | 50 | 21 |
| Properties procured under RAS arrangements | 352 | 52 | 404 | 7 |
| PRTB inspections(countywide) | 5200 | 1736 | 6936 | 40 |
| (note 880 PRTB inspections in 2012) |  |  |  |  |

Following a contribution from Councillor G. O’Connell the report was **NOTED.**

**L/773/13 Quarterly Anti-Social Statistics to end 3rd Quarter 2013**

**HEADED ITEM (20): Housing Department Item ID: 38190**

**Ms Mary Maguire presented the following report: -**

**QUARTERLY ANTI-SOCIAL STATISTICS TO END 3RD QUARTER 2013 IN THE LUCAN AREA**

**REPORT:**

The table below provides statistical analysis of anti social activity in the Lucan area on a quarterly basis.  In the 3rd quarter of 2013, a total of 106 incidents of anti social behaviour were recorded and 368 actions were taken. In the 3rd quarter of 2013 there were 1022 working files countywide.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Incidents** | **1st Qtr 2013** | **2nd Qtr 2013** | **3rd Qtr 2013** |
| **Priority 1** |  |  |  |
| Drugs Activity reported to SDCC | 3 | 6 | 3 |
| Criminal Activity reported to SDCC | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| Joyriding reported to SDCC | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Violence/intimidation/ harassment reported to SDCC | 18 | 20 | 28 |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Priority 2** |  |  |  |
| Squatters/illegal occupiers reported to SDCC | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| Vandalism reported to SDCC | 18 | 9 | 21 |
| Physical condition of property reported to SDCC | 28 | 9 | 3 |
| Physical condition of Garden reported to SDCC | 2 | 21 | 12 |
| Racism reported to SDCC | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Vacant House reported to SDCC | 8 | 4 | 5 |
| Neighbour Dispute reported to SDCC | 2 | 1 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Priority 3** |  |  |  |
| Noise/disturbance reported to SDCC | 9 | 12 | 21 |
| Pets/animal nuisance reported to SDCC | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| Children Nuisance reported to SDCC | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| **Total Incidents reported to SDCC** | **106** | **99** | **106** |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Total Complaints reported to SDCC** | **103** | **107** | **115** |
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| **Total Actions taken by Allocations Support Unit Staff**  **Main actions listed below** | **489** | **408** | **368** |
| Housecalls / Inspections | 202 | 152 | 98 |
| Notice to Quit served | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Abandonment notice served | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Warnings issued | 5 | 6 | 2 |
| Interviews held (formal office and by telephone) | 134 | 136 | 160 |
| Additional actions undertake include tenancy checks, garda consultation, multi-agency consultations, health service consultations etc | 147 | 113 | 107 |

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 Monday (with effect from 13th May, 2013) | 2pm - 3pm |
| 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 G. O’Connell the report was **NOTED.**

**L/774/13 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (21): Housing Department Item ID: 38191**

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

**L/775/13 Correspondence**

**CORRESPONDENCE (10): Housing Department Item ID: 38192**

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

**L/776/13 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS**

**MOTION (23): Housing Department Item ID: 38193**

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

The meeting concluded at 5.30pm.

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