**COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS**

**SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**LUCAN AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Minutes of Lucan Area Committee Meeting, dealing with Roads, Water & Drainage, Planning, Development, Libraries, Corporate Services, Housing, Community, Environment and Parks, held on 28th January 2014.**

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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, H. Hogan, L. Leonard. |
| Senior Engineer | T. O’Grady. |
| Senior Planner | C. Ryan. |
| Senior Executive Parks Superintendent | M. Hannon, D. Fennell. |
| Senior Executive Librarian | K. Swords. |
| Senior Executive Engineer | A. O’Mullane, D. Lakes. |
| Executive Parks Superintendent | L. Colleran. |
| Administrative Officer | T. Curtin, B. Fogarty. |
| A/Senior Staff Officer | C. Malone. |
| Clerical Officer | A. Shaw. |

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

**L/1/14 CONFIRMATION AND RE-AFFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**HEADED ITEM (1): Item ID: 38491**

Minutes of Lucan Area Committee Meeting, dealing with Parks, Environment, Water & Drainage, Roads, Development, Planning, Corporate Services, Libraries, Community and Housing, held on 17th December 2013, which had been circulated, were submitted and **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 17th December 2013 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**Roads**

**L/2/14 QUESTIONS**

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

“That pursuant to Standing Order No.13, Questions 1 - 8 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**L/3/14 RESURFACING AND LINING AT DODSBORO SPAR/POST OFFICE**

**QUESTION (1): Councillor W. Lavelle Item ID: 38624**

"To ask the Manager, further to my question at the November meeting, to provide an update on the requests to carry-out works to resurface and formally mark parking spaces at the parking area at Dodsboro Spar/Post Office and to meet on-site with local businesses?"

**REPLY:**

The Area Engineer has inspected the location. Resurfacing and lining of the roadway and parking areas will be considered for inclusion in the Roadworks programme for 2014.

**L/4/14 TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT NEWCASTLE ROAD AND THE N4/NEWCASTLE ROAD INTERCHANGE**

**QUESTION (2): Councillor W. Lavelle Item ID: 38819**

"To ask the Manager to present a report on recent changes to traffic lights at Newcastle Road and the N4/Newcastle Road interchange?"

**REPLY:**

The Newcastle Interchange consists of 2 linked signal controlled cross roads (north side and south side) which are in turn linked to a signal controlled T-junction at Hillcrest.

The interchange itself runs five distinct stages. Ignoring left slips and pedestrians movements the stages are;-

**Stage 1** is straight ahead on the bridge on both the north and southern side

**Stage 2** is straight ahead both directions on the south and ahead (into Lucan) and right (to the city) on the northern side.

**Stage 3** is the west bound off ramp on the south and ahead (into Lucan) and right (to the city) on the northern side.

**Stage 4** is the west bound off ramp on the south and ahead (into Lucan)

**Stage 5** is the east bound off ramp on the north and ahead (into Newcastle) and right (to Leixlip) on the south.

Late in 2013 some alterations were made to these signals.

The changes were;-

**Stage 2** was increased

**Stage 3** was decreased

**Stage 4** was increased to adjust for stage 3.

The exit from Lucan onto the bridge runs in Stage 1 only and is demand dependent.

However traffic on the bridge awaiting the right-turn may be delayed by pedestrians crossing the city bound ramp. This occurs during stage 4.

ANPR cameras were installed on the Newcastle Road. These measure the journey times from the Pedestrian crossing at Adamstown to the entry onto the bridge. The journey times observed during the morning peak are less than those previously reported.

**L/5/14 RAILINGS BETWEEN MOY GLAS ROAD/LAWN AND GRANGECASTLE ROAD**

**QUESTION (3): Councillor W. Lavelle Item ID: 38629**

"To ask the Manager to replace railings between Moy Glas Road/Lawn and Grangecastle Road with a solid barrier to prevent noise pollution, noting that mapping for Greater Dublin Noise Plan shows excessive noise pollution at houses at this location?"

**REPLY:**

The matter of the provision of a noise barrier at this location is being examined in the context of the Noise plan and the resources available for same.

**L/6/14 3.5 WEIGHT RESTRICTION ON KENNELSFORT ROAD**

**QUESTION (4): Councillor G. O'Connell Item ID: 38609**

"To ask the Manager for an update report on the implementation of the 3.5 tonne restriction on Kennelsfort Road as per my motion at the December meeting and to include the time scale when it will become fully effective.?"

**REPLY:**

The motion passed at the December Area Committee Meeting requires a change in the adopted Council Policy in relation to HGV weight restrictions. This policy was approved by the full Council in June 2013 following wide consultation across the County. The changes were approved by each area committee in September and have been implemented by the Council on the approval of the Garda Authorities. The Current weight restriction is 7.5 tonnes and any alterations to this arrangement will require an amendment to the adopted Council policy and will need to be brought to the full Council for approval. Alterations cannot be implemented until then. In the meantime the 7.5 tonne restriction applies.

**L/7/14 SHORES ON PALMERSTOWN DRIVE AND CULMORE ROAD**

**QUESTION (5): Councillor G. O'Connell Item ID: 38614**

"To ask the Manager if the shores on Palmerstown Drive and Culmore Road have been cleaned recently and to address the ponding which occurs at the junction of Palmerstown Drive and the laneway leading to Culmore Road whenever there is a rainfall?"

**REPLY:**

The appointed contractor, Oxigen, last cleaned the gullies on Palmerstown Drive on March 8th 2013. Road Maintenance staff will monitor the location during the next period of rainfall to determine if a blockage has occurred. Remedial works will be carried out if required.

**L/8/14 FOOTPATH AND VERGES ON THE OLD CELBRIDGE ROAD**

**QUESTION (6): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 38636**

"To ask the Manager, noting the Reply to Question No.18 at the Area Committee Meeting of 24th September 2013, for an updated report on the Maintenance of the footpath and verges on the Old Celbridge Road, between the entrance to Lucan Golf Club and the old Lucan Road?"

**REPLY:**

The hedges and overgrown foliage were trimmed last September. The path will now be cleared of excess soil and cleaned in Jan 2014.

**L/9/14 SHORES/ GULLEYS OFF MAIN STREET, LUCAN**

**QUESTION (7): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 38644**

"To ask the Manager if he will arrange for an inspection of the shores/ gulleys and the level of the road surface which is reported to be causing problems at a location off Main Street, Lucan (address supplied)?"

**REPLY:**

Road Maintenance staff will inspect the area during the next period of rainfall. Remedial works will be carried out if required.

**L/10/14 SHORES/GULLEY AT CHAPEL HILL**

**QUESTION (8): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 38645**

"To ask the Manager if he will arrange for an inspection of the shores/gulley/level of the road surface at a location in Chapel Hill, Lucan outside the house (Name and address supplied) Lucan?"

**REPLY:**

Road Maintenance staff will inspect the area during the next period of rainfall. Remedial works will be carried out if required.

**L/11/14 PROPOSED DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS**

**HEADED ITEM (2): Roads Department Item ID: 38365**

Mr. T. Curtin, Administrative Officer, presented the following report:

1. [Rossberry Estate, Lucan](http://intranet/cmas/documents/Lucan%20Area%20Committee/2014/January/LucanAreaCommitteeMeeting28thJanuary2014/38365_Rossberry%20ACM%20Report.doc)
2. [Hansted Estate, Lucan](http://intranet/cmas/documents/Lucan%20Area%20Committee/2014/January/LucanAreaCommitteeMeeting28thJanuary2014/38365_Hansted%20Estate%20ACM%20Report.doc)

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

“That this Committee recommends that South Dublin County Council declare the roads in Rossberry Estate, Lucan and Hanstead Estate, Lucan as set out in the above reports to be public roads.”

**L/12/14 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (3): Roads Department Item ID: 38366**

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

**L/13/14 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (1): Roads Department Item ID: 38367**

1. [Opening of Esker Lane left only onto N4](http://intranet/cmas/documents/Lucan%20Area%20Committee/2014/January/LucanAreaCommitteeMeeting28thJanuary2014/38367_8Jan14%20C4%2038169%20Letter%20to%20NRA%20re%20Invite%20to%20meeting.pdf)

ai) [Reply from NRA](http://intranet/cmas/documents/Lucan%20Area%20Committee/2014/January/LucanAreaCommitteeMeeting28thJanuary2014/38367_17Jan14%20C4%2038169%20Response%20from%20NRA%20re%20Esker%20lane%20req%20for%20meeting.pdf)

1. [Opening of Kishogue Railway Station, Lucan](http://intranet/cmas/documents/Lucan%20Area%20Committee/2014/January/LucanAreaCommitteeMeeting28thJanuary2014/38367_8Jan13%20M20%2039249%20Letter%20to%20Mr.%20Franks%20CEO%20Irish%20Rail%20Kishogue.doc)

bi) [Reply from Minister L. Varadkar re Kishogue Railway Station](http://intranet/cmas/documents/Lucan%20Area%20Committee/2014/January/LucanAreaCommitteeMeeting28thJanuary2014/38367_21Jan14%20M20%2038249%20Reply%20from%20Mr.%20L.%20Varadkar%20re%20Kishogue%20Station.pdf)

bii) [Reply from Irish Rail](http://intranet/cmas/documents/Lucan%20Area%20Committee/2014/January/LucanAreaCommitteeMeeting28thJanuary2014/38367_20Jan14%20M20%2038268%20Response%20from%20David%20Franks%20Irish%20Rail%20re%20Kishogue%20Station.pdf)

c) [New Post Office to serve the Lucan Area](http://intranet/cmas/documents/Lucan%20Area%20Committee/2014/January/LucanAreaCommitteeMeeting28thJanuary2014/38367_09%20Dec%202013%20M19%2036165%20request%20for%20update.pdf)

ci) [Reply from An Post](http://intranet/cmas/documents/Lucan%20Area%20Committee/2014/January/LucanAreaCommitteeMeeting28thJanuary2014/38367_19Dec13%2036165%20Reply%20from%20An%20Post.pdf)

d) [Letter to Minister J. Burton re live register Lucan/Palmerston](http://intranet/cmas/documents/Lucan%20Area%20Committee/2014/January/LucanAreaCommitteeMeeting28thJanuary2014/38367_8Jan14%20Q18%2038268%20Letter%20to%20Joan%20Burton%20re%20Live%20Register.pdf)

di) [Reply re live register](http://intranet/cmas/documents/Lucan%20Area%20Committee/2014/January/LucanAreaCommitteeMeeting28thJanuary2014/38367_16Jan14%20Q18%2038268%20Response%20re%20Live%20Register.pdf)

The above correspondence was **NOTED.**

**L/14/14 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS - TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE R148/PALMERSTON VILLAGE JUNCTION**

**MOTION (1): Item ID: 38615**

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

"That the Manager report on the sequencing/operation of the newly installed traffic lights at the R148/Palmerston Village junction as there seems to be a much shorter time now for traffic exiting the Village?"

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

“In the latter part of 2013 extensive works were carried out at the junction of the R148/ (formerly N4) and Palmerston Village at the Kennelsfort Rd in order to avoid a major signals failure. This involved the replacement of ducting and cables and the installation of new street furniture.

The method of control of the signals has not been altered and the signal timings and all matters relating to signal timings remain the same.”

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

**L/15/14 TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT GRIFFEEN AVENUE**

**MOTION (2): Item ID: 38430**

The following motion in the name of Councillor E. Higgins was **NOT MOVED**:-

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

**L/16/14 REMOVAL OF THE GRASSED AREA AT THE ENTRANCE TO BALLYDOWD GROVE**

**MOTION (3): Item ID: 38623**

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

"That this Area Committee requests the Manager to provide a further detailed update on issues relating to the removal of the grassed area at the entrance to Ballydowd Grove"

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

“The Roads Maintenance Section forwarded a file containing a copy of all the correspondence and other documentation to the Law Department for their opinion. Following the examination of the documentation the Law Department requested some clarifications and further details. The relevant clarifications and further details have now been returned to the Law Department and a meeting has been arrange for later this week . Following this meeting we will decide on the most appropriate course of action based on the advice received from the Law Department.”

Following a contribution from Councillor W. Lavelle, Mr. T. Curtin, Administrative Officer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**L/17/14 TAXI-RANK SPACES IN LUCAN VILLAGE**

**MOTION (4): Item ID: 38633**

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

"That this Committee, noting that it is now more than 2 years since councillors raised the issue of the provision of taxi-rank spaces in Lucan Village, that this resulted in the realization that there were no taxi bye-laws for the County or any part of it, recognises the work done by officials in preparing draft taxi bye-laws and identifying potential additional taxi-rank and taxi-queuing spaces, nevertheless is concerned that apart from the provision of 1 additional taxi rank space, the whole issue of taxi-ranks, regulation of taxis using other locations to wait for a place in the rank etc.., is unresolved and requests the Manager to make a Report on the work done by the Council, and in particular, advising the Committee on when the introduction of taxi bye-laws in Lucan, which are needed by An Garda Siochana to prevent taxis waiting in residential areas and causing disturbance and inconvenience to residents, are likely to come into force."

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

“Lucan village was to be the pilot for developing a Taxi ByeLaw template for the County

This matter of taxi ranks and waiting areas has been on the Area Committee agenda for some time and despite numerous options being considered it has not been possible to agree a specific location for a taxi rank and waiting area at committee level. The existing 4 taxi spaces are available on an interim basis as there is no byelaw.

The options put forward for a taxi waiting area included, Lucan Road , LeixlipRoad and Main street in front of the shops, all of which were unacceptable to varying degrees. The process was to be considered further as part of the overall Lucan traffic study funded by way of an NTA grant which has not yet been finalised. The whole process needs to be reviewed and discussed again with the members to identify locations acceptable to the majority of stakeholders.”

Following contributions from Councillors E. Tuffy, W. Lavelle and G. O’Connell, Mr. A. O’Mullane, Senior Executive Engineer, responded to queries raised. The report was **NOTED** and it was **AGREED** to arrange a meeting with the elected members to progress Bye-Laws for the regulation of taxis in Lucan.

**L/18/14 PROVISION OF REMOVABLE BOLLARD IN LANEWAY BEHIND WHEATFIELD ROAD/OAK COURT ESTATE**

**MOTION (5): Item ID: 38616**

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

"That a single removable Bollard be installed at the western entrance to the laneway running behind Wheatfield Road/Oak Court Estate as requested by the residents."

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

“This matter was discussed at the traffic management meeting on 23rd Jan 2014. The Council will give favourable consideration to the installation of a removable bollard at the western entrance of the laneway subject to the receipt of a petition signed by the residents backing onto the laneway in question consenting to this proposal.”

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

**Water & Drainage**

**L/19/14 QUESTIONS**

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

and **RESOLVED:**

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Question 9 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**L/20/14 FOUL DRAINAGE SYSTEM IN GRIFFEEN GLEN ESTATE**

**QUESTION (9): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 38634**

"To ask the Manager if he will advise if the Council is satisfied that the public part of the foul drainage system in Griffeen Glen Estate, which has been taken in charge by the Council, has been completed satisfactorily by the developer, and if any residents have identified problems in the public system that is causing back up problems into their houses?"

**REPLY:**

That part of the drainage system in Griffeen Glen Estate that is in charge of the Council would have been inspected to ensure that it was completed satisfactorily prior to it been taken in charge. If specific details of any issues pertaining to this drainage system are submitted, arrangements will be made to have them examined.

**L/21/14 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (4): Water & Drainage Item ID: 38369**

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

**L/22/14 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (2): Water & Drainage Item ID: 38370**

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

**L/23/14 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS**

**MOTION (6): Water & Drainage Item ID: 38371**

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

**Planning**

**L/24/14 QUESTIONS**

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

**L/25/14 PLANNING FILES**

**HEADED ITEM (5): Planning Department Item ID: 38372**

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

1. [Large Applications Under Consideration](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=42258)

The application was noted.

1. Files Requested by Members -

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

**L/26/14 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (6): Planning Department Item ID: 38373**

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

**L/27/14 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (3): Planning Department Item ID: 38374**

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

**L/28/14 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS**

**MOTION (7): Planning Department Item ID: 38375**

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

**L/29/14 AIR HANDLING UNITS AT BUILDING GROUP 5, ROSSE COURT**

**MOTION (8): Item ID: 38617**

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

"That this Area Committee requests the Manager to present a detailed report, for discussion, on the investigation requested at the October meeting of this Committee into residents' complaints of non-compliance with condition No. 3 of planning permission SD11A/0198 arising from the unsatisfactory operation of air handling units at Building Group 5, Rosse Court which in turn has impacted negatively on the residential amenity of apartments and duplexes in the block."

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

“An Enforcement Notice under Section 154(5)(a)(ii) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) was served on the owners/occupiers of the above lands on the 22nd January 2014. The Enforcement Notice requires that:

within the specified period commencing 24th January 2014 and ending 14th February 2014, the following steps to be taken;

Comply with Conditions No.1 & No. 3 of planning permission granted under Register Reference SD11A/0198 by carrying out the following:

**1. Operate the air handling units granted retention under Register Reference SD11A/0198 in such a manner so as not to impact negatively on the residential amenity of the existing apartments or public spaces in the vicinity of the premises by reason of emission of malodours or other deleterious materials or by noise or vibration.**

**2. Submit, for the written agreement of the Planning Authority, an acoustic assessment to demonstrate expected reductions in noise level following the implementation of noise control measures as outlined in the AWN acoustic report submitted under Register Reference SD11A/0198.**

You will be updated as the matter progresses.”

Following a contribution from Councillor W. Lavelle the report was **NOTED.**

**L/30/14 ST EDMUNDSBURY LANDS, LUCAN**

**MOTION (9): Item ID: 38631**

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

"That this Committee welcomes the fact that positive discussions have taken place between the new owners of the St Edmundsbury lands, Lucan and requests the Manager to present to the meeting an outline report on the discussions and interaction between the Council and the new owners, around the intentions of the owners to actively farm parts of the lands, and related matters such as the conservation of buildings and measures to promote bio-diversity."

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

“The new owners of the St Edmundsbury property took possession on 1st November. They had not engaged any land management consultants before acquiring the property.

Regarding Protected Structures on the property, the Councils Architectural Conservation Officer was contacted by the new owners of St. Edmundsbury Lands, Lucan during the middle of November 2013 requesting advice with regard to the current condition of the buildings on site. A site meeting was arranged between the Councils Architectural Conservation Officer and the new owners which took place on the 22nd November 2013.

All structures on site were inspected and advice was provided on matters discussed. The Architectural Conservation Officer agreed that based on the discussions held at the site meeting that she would email the owner with a list of immediate works that could be carried out to ensure the structures are made safe (i.e. removal of corrugated sheeting where these have come loose and are in a dangerous state). It was considered these works will not materially affect the character of the Protected Structures or its curtilage. The new owners were advised that a Conservation Architect should be engaged so that proper surveys and condition assessments can be carried out of all structures. It is the owner's intention to carry out essential repairs and conservation works to the existing gate lodge and farmhouse so that these buildings can be re-used and occupied. This is very much welcomed. Once a Conservation Architect has been engaged they will meet with the Councils Architectural Conservation Officer to discuss things further and to clarify if planning permission or a Section 5 or Section 57 declaration is required for the proposed works.

At the time of the site meeting the Councils Architectural Conservation Officer was informed by the owners that certain works to the lands were required under agricultural maintenance and to provide safe vision splays for safe transportation of heavy farm machinery from the fields to the sheds etc. The Councils Architectural Conservation Officer advised the owners that the removal of trees and hedgerows does not come under the remit of the Councils Architectural Conservation Officer as the works being undertaken would not directly impact on the setting of the Protected Structures. The owners were advised to contact the Council's Heritage Officer for advice regarding the removal of trees and biodiversity issues and to confirm if there were any requirements under National Parks and Wildlife.

The Councils Architectural Conservation Officer was subsequently informed by the owners on the 6th of December that a conservation architect has been engaged and is currently surveying the buildings and completing a conservation report for proposed works. Once all the required information and survey drawings have been complete the owners will contact the Architectural Conservation Officer to arrange another meeting to progress matters.

Regarding agricultural maintenance works on the property, the new owners made contact with the Council's Heritage Officer in mid-November and arranged an on-site meeting. The intent of the new owners to farm the land was set out. In progressing these intentions, a number of health and safety issues were identified. Subsequently when informed in early December of the removal of some trees and hedgerow trimming at the St. Edmundsbury lands the Council's Heritage Officer rang the owner's Land Manager to check the details and was informed that diseased and unstable trees were being removed for health and safety reasons and for traffic visibility reasons.

A section of a drain along a hedgerow was also being cleared of rubbish and overgrown vegetation to prevent the reoccurrence of flooding on the road.

A subsequent phone call from the Land Manager in mid-December informed the Council's Heritage Officer that, following an assessment of a further number of trees, they were planning to remove more diseased and unviable specimens. The Heritage Officer was also informed that other hedgerows which had become overgrown onto the arable fields were to be cut back. One particular hedgerow was deemed to be so far encroached with briars that they would be removing it completely. The Heritage Officer was assured that it would be replanted this winter with bare rooted hedgerow whips and with some up-standing specimens such as oak dispersed along the hedge line. An appropriate replanting list was discussed both for the hedgerow and also for other semi mature tree specimens which are to replace the diseased and dangerous trees which were to be removed. Officials from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food are aware of the works undertaken.

It would appear that any works being undertaken relate to agricultural maintenance for health and safety reasons of land last used for agricultural purposes. In the new landowners attempt to bring the recently unmanaged vegetation under some form of agricultural management, the need to retain and rejuvenate hedgerows and viable tree populations in the river valley landscape was discussed in the context of reinforcing the protected status of the area.

The Heritage Officer has kept the position under review.”

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/31/14 - 11 & 12 WEIRVIEW, LUCAN**

**MOTION (10): Item ID: 38618**

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

"That this Area Committee requests the Manager to present a report, for discussion, on the outcome of District & Circuit Court proceedings (c. 2002-2003) in the case S3222 in relation to porches constructed to the front of No's 11& 12 Weirview, Lucan; including a report on: • The orders made by the Courts? • The status of compliance with any such orders, • The potential for the Council to still seek compliance with any court orders?"

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

“The proceedings referred to in this motion were in respect of a Section 9 Notice under the Planning & Development Act 1963. Section 9 provided the methodology and the power to serve a notice to establish details of ownership of the lands at 11 & 12 Weirview. The failure to comply with the Section 9 Notice resulted in the matter going before the courts.

This file has been recently examined. Arising from this examination it has been established that proceedings in relation to a Section 9 Notice of the Planning & Development Act 1963 (as amended) were heard in the District Court in September 2002. A judgement was made which was subsequently appealed to the Circuit Court. There is no record on file of this appeal being heard. Despite extensive research it has not been possible to establish any further action in this matter. For the Member's information the Council's Enforcement File S3222 was closed in 2008.

As there is no record of a court order there is no potential for the Council to seek compliance. Ownership of the lands has been confirmed since for the purposes of subsequent separate enforcement proceedings which are ongoing.”

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

**L/32/14 TV SCREENS IN THE WINDOWS OF SHOPS AND LICENSED PREMISES**

**MOTION (11): Item ID: 38639**

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

“That this Committee, noting the Report on Motion No. 17 at the Area Committee Meeting of 26th March, and particularly that there is no legislation regulating the use of TVB screens in the windows of retail; shops and Licensed Premises, requests the Manager, having regard to the Council's Villages Initiative which includes amongst its aims the support of sustainable businesses in the County's villages, requests the manager to produce a set of Guidelines which regulates, but allows in principle, the use of TV screens in the ground floor windows of businesses in Lucan Village.”

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

“As stated in response to the previous motion there is no specific policy in relation to the positioning of TV screens in the windows of commercial premises. Such internal installations would generally be considered to be exempted development, although the size and scale of the screens would have to be considered in relation to the size of shop window and the provisions of the Lucan ACA.

Such displays have to be considered on a case by case basis and consideration has to be given to the specific shop use, i.e is the display for advertising or as a consequence of the shop use. Given the limited scale of this issue and its specific nature and the detailed guidance already in existence regarding advertising, the Lucan ACA and the broader development of Lucan village, further guidance is not considered to be appropriate. However, consideration could be given in the new County Development Plan to this issue.”

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

**Development**

**L/33/14 QUESTIONS**

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

**L/34/14 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (7): Development Dept. Item ID: 38376**

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

**L/35/14 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (4): Development Dept. Item ID: 38377**

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

**L/36/14 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS**

**MOTION (12): Development Dept. Item ID: 38378**

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

**Libraries**

**L/37/14 QUESTIONS**

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

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

**L/38/14 DIGITAL HUB IN PALMERSTON**

**QUESTION (10): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 38643**

"To ask the Manager for an updated report on progress towards the provision of a Digital Hub in Palmerston?"

**REPLY:**

One of the main objectives of the Library Development Plan 2012-2016 is to address the library infrastructural deficit in the county and to deliver new library buildings into communities where they will have the most significant impact as catalysts for change. All this is however conditional on the availability of resources. The Library service in this context will investigate any possibilities which may present themselves in the Palmerston area.

In order to increase the Libraries Department presence in the area, library staff attended the Palmerston Community Centre Open Weekend in June to market the services of Stewart's Library and our online resources and services to schools. Staff from Stewart's Library and from Lucan Library have been working with the team in the Community and Youth Centre to raise the profile of both libraries to the local community.

Library books are now being borrowed and returned from the Community Centre. The Community Centre Manager is building up the collection and more books will be sent to the centre in the next few weeks. Young Adult books were recently delivered to the centre.

There are currently nine people interested in joining a book club in the Community Centre. They had a meet and greet on 9th December and set a date for their first meeting which will be 23rd January 2014. Library staff will attend the first meeting to help the book club become established.

Next year the Libraries are committed to holding a Midsummer Madness Children's Reading Festival event in the centre.

**L/39/14 LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS**

**HEADED ITEM (8): Libraries Item ID: 38379**

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

[Library News & Events](http://intranet/cmas/documents/Lucan%20Area%20Committee/2014/January/LucanAreaCommitteeMeeting28thJanuary2014/38379_Library%20News%20and%20Events%20January%202014%20Lucan.doc)

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

**L/40/14 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (9): Libraries Item ID: 38380**

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

**L/41/14 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (5): Libraries Item ID: 38381**

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

**L/42/14 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS – PROVISION OF A LIBRARY/DIGITAL HUB IN PALMERSTON**

**MOTION (13): Item ID: 38506**

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

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

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

“One of the main objectives of the Library Development Plan 2012-2016 is to address the library infrastructural deficit in the county and to deliver new library buildings into communities where they will have the most significant impact as catalysts for change. All this is however conditional on the availability of resources. The Library service in this context will investigate any possibilities which may present themselves in the Palmerston area.

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Next year the Libraries are committed to holding a Midsummer Madness Children's Reading Festival event in the centre.”

Following a contribution from Councillor G. O’Connell, Mr. K. Swords, Senior Executive Librarian, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**Corporate**

**L/43/14 QUESTIONS**

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

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

**L/44/14 SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICE IN LUCAN**

**QUESTION (11): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 38642**

"To ask the Manager, if noting the Report on Motion No.2 at the Area Committee meeting of 26th March, there has been any updated reply from either the Office of Public Works or the office of the Minister for Social Protection, on the provision of an adequate Social Welfare Office in Lucan and, if not, if he will write again to both offices conveying the view of the Committee that Lucan residents urgently need such an office?"

**REPLY:**

At the Lucan ACM held on 28th May 2014 the Committee noted correspondence dated [**25/04/2013**](http://intranet/cmas/documents/lucan%20area%20committee/2013/may/lucanareacommitteemeeting28thmay2013/36109_c3%2036109%20re%2029apr13%20m2%20response%20from%20soc%20protection.pdf) from the Department of Social Welfare stating that the Department is currently working closely with the OPW in actively exploring all options in the area including engaging with other bodies in order to provide a satisfactory solution for a Social Welfare Office in Lucan.

Further correspondence was received from the OPW on 27/6/2013, which was emailed to the members on [**27/6/2013**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=42293) advising that the Dept of Social Welfare is actively engaged in Pathways to Work Programme. A key element is the development of INTREO offices which will replace the existing social welfare offices and will provide a single point of contact. In March 2013 the Commissioners advertised for appropriate space in the national papers, but no replies were received.

In response to Question 4 at the Lucan ACM of the 24/9/2013 the following reply was issued under Planning business
"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/45/14 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (10): Corporate Services Dept Item ID: 38383**

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

**L/46/14 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (6): Corporate Services Dept Item ID: 38384**

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

**L/47/14 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS**

**MOTION (14): Corporate Services Dept Item ID: 38385**

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

**Housing**

**L/48/14 QUESTIONS**

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

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

**L/49/14 HOUSING GRANTS SCHEMES**

**QUESTION (12): Councillor E. Tuffy Item ID: 38632**

"To ask the Manager (i) how many grants in total, under the different Housing Grants scheme including Grants for Older People, Grants for Persons with Disability, and Mobility grants to applicants living in the Lucan EA, (ii) how much money in total was allocated to successful applicants from the Lucan EA and (iii) how much money in total was allocated in total to successful applicants in all of South Dublin County?"

**REPLY:**

Details of the number of Housing Grants approved and the number of Housing Grants paid in the Lucan Electoral Area during 2013 are as follows:

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Schemes** | **No. of Grants Approved** | **Value of Grants Approved** | **No. of Grants Paid** | **Value of Grants Paid** |
| Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability | 13 | €166,310 | 12 | €184,155 |
| Mobility Aids Housing Grant Scheme | 5 | €23,254 | 3 | €15,460 |
| Housing Aid for Older People | 1 | €4,880 | 1 | €4,880 |
| **Total** | **19** | **€194,444** | **16** | **€204,495** |

The total expenditure on housing grants in the administrative area of South Dublin County Council during 2013 was €1,541,159.

**L/50/14 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (11): Housing Department Item ID: 38386**

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

**L/51/14 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (7): Housing Department Item ID: 38387**

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

**L/52/14 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS**

**MOTION (15): Housing Department Item ID: 38388**

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

**L/53/14 REINSTATEMENT OF THE FENCED-OFF AREA OF TREE-PLANTING BETWEEN DROIM NA COILLE AND LARKFIELD ESTATE**

**MOTION (16): Item ID: 38622**

The following motion in the name of Councillor W. Lavelle was **MOVED** and **RE-ENTERED**:-

"That this Area Committee requests the reinstatement of the fenced-off area of tree-planting between Droim na Coille and Larkfield estate?" Housing Jan'14 - This motion related to unauthorised works carried out to rear garden of council houses at Droim na Coille

**Community**

**L/54/14 QUESTIONS**

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

**L/55/14 LUCAN INITIATIVE PRESENTATION**

**HEADED ITEM (12): Community Services Item ID: 38652**

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

[Lucan Initiative Presentation](http://intranet/cmas/documents/Lucan%20Area%20Committee/2014/January/LucanAreaCommitteeMeeting28thJanuary2014/38652_HI12%2038652%20Lucan%20Initiative%20Presentation%20%28F%29.ppt)

It was **AGREED** to take Motion 18 in the name of Councillor W. Lavelle in conjunction with the above.

**MOTION (18): MULTI-FUNCTIONAL COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR LUCAN/ADAMSTOWN AREA Item ID: 38621**

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

"That this Area Committee supports the development a new multi-functional community centre for the Lucan/Adamstown area."

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

“If this motion is passed, it will be considered in the context of the Lucan Initiative Report on the perceived deficit of recreational community space in the Lucan / Adamstown area.”

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

**L/56/14 APPLICATION FOR GRANTS**

**HEADED ITEM (13): Community Services Item ID: 38389**

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Ref:** | **Name of Group** | **Type of Application** | **Date Received**  | **Amount** |
| GF 2198 | Lucan St. Patrick's Day Parade, | Countywide Community Activity Event with a Countywide Interest. | 25/11/13 | €3,000 |

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

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

**L/57/14 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (14): Community Services Item ID: 38390**

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

**L/58/14 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (8): Community Services Item ID: 38391**

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

**L/59/14 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS**

**MOTION (17): Community Services Item ID: 38392**

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

**Environment**

**L/60/14 QUESTIONS**

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

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

**L/61/14 LITTER MANAGEMENT IN THE VICINITY OF GAELSCOIL EISCIR RIADA AND ASH PARK ESTATE**

**QUESTION (13): Councillor W. Lavelle Item ID: 38625**

To ask the Manager to enhance litter management in the vicinity of Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada and Ash Park estate; including provision of a litter bin and more regular cleansing of the ditch and areas behind the wall at Griffeen Valley Park, opposite Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada?"

**REPLY:**

The areas in the vicinity of Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada and Ash Park estate have being kept under review since early December 2013 in relation to littering problems. It is proposed to provide a litter bin in the vicinity of the bus stop to help alleviate the littering issues. The bin is currently on order.

The ditch behind the wall has been recently litter picked and bags of dumped material which had been partially covered were exposed at the time. It was not possible to remove these items by hand and it is proposed to undertake a further cleanup of the ditch shortly with the assistance of appropriate machinery.

**L/62/14 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (15): Environmental Services Item ID: 38393**

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

**L/63/14 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (9): Environmental Services Item ID: 38394**

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

**L/64/14 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS - FOOTPATH AND PASSAGEWAY ALONG THE R148**

**MOTION (19): Item ID: 38608**

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

"That the footpath and passageway along the R148 from the City Boundary to Kennelsfort Road junction be cleared of grass, debris, leaves and overhanging shrubbery and maintained to a level that complies with health and safety standards and is ascetically and environmentally acceptable."

**L/65/14 BRING BANKS IN ADAMSTOWN**

**MOTION (20): Item ID: 38635**

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

"That this Committee notes concerns expressed by school managements and some residents in Adamstown about the effectiveness of the operation of the Bring Banks in Adamstown, including health and safety issues associated with the presence of so many children in the area, and requests the Manager to make a report on their operation, and advise if the Council has examined any alternative sites, at a greater remove from the schools."

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

“The Bring Banks in Adamstown consist of three glass containers, 1 aluminium drinks can container and 2 textile containers. These containers have been placed at this site on behalf of Greenstar and are not under the control of the Council, and for this reason the Council has not considered possible alternative locations. The containers at this site are located on the grass margin to the rear of the footpath. Vehicular traffic can access the units by parking in the existing car spaces along the roadside. The containers are serviced by a service vehicle which stops on the roadway in front of the site. The issue of proximity of the site to the nearby schools has been raised with the service provider and they have been asked to consider arranging the servicing of the site at a time when there will be no conflict with school drop off or pick up times. The service provider is agreeable to this and it is expected that service times can be agreed in the coming days which will remove the health and safety concerns mentioned.”

Following contributions from Councillors E. Tuffy and W. Lavelle, Ms D. Lakes, Senior Executive Engineer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**Parks**

**L/66/14 QUESTIONS**

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

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

**L/67/14 NEW PLAYING PITCHES ON LANDS AT GRANGE**

**QUESTION (14): Councillor W. Lavelle Item ID: 38626**

"To ask the Manager to outline the steps required to provide new playing pitches on lands at Grange, between the railway and Grand Canal; and to seek to commence works during 2014?"

**REPLY:**

In July 2006 South Dublin County Council approved proposals for the development of the lands at Grange for an extension of Griffeen Valley Regional Park. This followed a consultation process under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001. The proposals included provision for the development of four sports pitches, two soccer and two gaelic. At the time an arrangement was in place with a local developer to undertake these works. However, due to the changed economic circumstances, the planned works did not proceed.

In the meantime a number of projects have occurred in the park which will influence its future development. The provision of cycle and pedestrian paths linking Hayden's Lane to the Grand Canal has opened up the park to greater public use. The construction of the Grand Canal footbridges has facilitated access to both sides of the Grand Canal. The most significant development however is the approval of the Part 8 proposal for the planned new park depot. The works will require the excavation and relocation of topsoil and subsoil within the park to accommodate the depot. It is likely that some of the excavated material will be relocated to the site of the proposed pitches.

The original Part 8 proposal also made provision for the construction of a car park (110 spaces). It would not be desirable to develop playing pitches without the provision of car parking facilities as the road infrastructure in the area is not capable of catering for on-road car parking, the consequence of which would be significant disruption to residents and businesses in the area.

The current proposal therefore is to concentrate on the provision of the park depot in the first instance but subject to a review of depot facilities county wide as outlined to the Elected Members during the 2014 Budget discussions. The provision of additional facilities e.g. pitches, car park, paths etc will follow once it is clear as to the depot location following the review and subject to the identification of the necessary resources at that time.

**L/68/14 GREEN ROUTES GRIFFEEN VALLEY PARK**

**QUESTION (15): Councillor W. Lavelle Item ID: 38628**

"To ask the Manager to advise whether the project listed in the Rolling Capital Programme 2014-2016 as 'Green Routes Griffeen Valley Park' under 'Projects committed subject to funding' can be progressed in 2014, noting that the Rolling Capital Programme indicates that this project was to be ideally funded by levies in 2014, at a total cost of €30,000?"

**REPLY:**

It is intended to commence the work on the development of the Green Route in Griffeen Valley to extend it in the direction of Lucan Village in 2014. The Elected Members will be briefed at a later stage on the extent of work to be undertaken.

**L/69/14 TREE OUTSIDE NO 5 PALMERSTOWN COURT**

**QUESTION (16): Councillor G. O'Connell Item ID: 38611**

"To ask the Manager to have the tree outside No 5 Palmerstown Court removed as it is a hazard to nearby homes and is now far too big for its current location?"

**REPLY:**

The tree at 5 Palmerstown Court will be inspected to determine its condition and whether pruning works are required or whether the tree warrants removal. Any works considered necessary will be listed for inclusion in the 2014 Arboriculture Programme. An update on any proposed works will be forwarded to the Members once the inspection has been completed.

**L/70/14 WASTE GROUND AT PALMERSTOWN LAWNS**

**QUESTION (17): Councillor G. O'Connell Item ID: 38612**

"To ask the Manager when will the wall be erected along the waste ground at Palmerstown Lawns as it is a focal point for anti-social behaviour?"

**REPLY:**

It is presumed that the question relates to an area of open space located between 14 and 16 Palmerstown Lawn.

Arrangements are currently being made to have a wall with an access gate constructed at this location. There are a number of services in the open space (surface water sewer, foul rising main and UPC) which will impact on the line of the existing wall and the method of construction. Nevertheless the intention is to construct a new boundary wall across the front of the open space and finish at the boundary walls of numbers 14 & 16. The new boundary wall will be of a similar height to the adjacent walls. Quotes are currently being sought for the materials and it is expected to commence construction in the near future.

**L/71/14 PLAYGROUND PROGRAMME**

**HEADED ITEM (16): Parks Department Item ID: 38646**

Mr. M Hannon, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent and Mr. L. Colleran, Executive Parks Superintendent, presented the following report:

[Play Space Programme](http://intranet/cmas/documents/Lucan%20Area%20Committee/2014/January/LucanAreaCommitteeMeeting28thJanuary2014/38646_2014%2001%2027%20presentation%20for%20Lucan%20ACM.pdf)

Following contributions from Councillors W. Lavelle, E. Tuffy and G. O’Connell, Mr. Hannon and Mr. Colleran responded to queries raised. The Committee **AGREED** with the selection of the open space in Griffeen Avenue and Woodfarm Acres for the Play Space Programme in 2014.

**L/72/14 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (17): Parks Department Item ID: 38396**

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

**L/73/14 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (10): Parks Department Item ID: 38397**

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

**L/74/14 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS - TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME**

**MOTION (21): Item ID: 38610**

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

"That the Manager report on the progress on the tree/pruning/removal/planting across the LA and to include if any additional trees have been added to the list, given the severity of the recent storms that hit other parts of the country, and if he is satisified that there are no trees in public areas that can be a hazard to the public."

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

“The 2013 tree maintenance programme for the Lucan ACM area is largely completed. There are 57 trees to be completed from 2013 programme. The Lucan Electoral Area was not as badly affected by the winter storms experienced last December. The brunt of the damage occurred in the Tallaght area. Fallen and damaged trees were attended to by local staff as additional unplanned works. The Councils annual tree maintenance programme is prioritised to deal with dead and / or diseased trees and trees interfering with footpaths and street lighting. Trees in these categories get priority over requests for maintenance for all other trees.”

**L/75/14 CHRISTMAS TREE RE-CYCLING SERVICE**

**MOTION (22): Item ID: 38630**

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

"That the Manager would make a report on how the Christmas Tree Re-cycling Service worked at locations in the Lucan Electoral Area, and that his report would include details of the number and type of anti-social incidents at the Beech Park location, and advise what measures he proposes to put in place next year to allay concerns of residents."

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

“The Council provided a Christmas tree recycling service from Monday 6th January to Friday 17th January 2014. The public were invited to bring their Christmas trees to any of the 6 locations in the Lucan and Palmerston areas and have them recycled. The 6 locations were as follows:

**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

There were 202 trees collected in the Palmerston Area and 1,111 collected in the Lucan Area. There were incidences of trees being burnt at Glenaulin Park (2 No) and Beech Park (50 No). The first fire incident at Beech Park was identified on Monday 6th January. A total of 72 trees had been left on the open space, the majority of which were left prior to the recycling service commencing. 25 of these trees had been burnt. The second incident was identified on Monday 13th January. A total of 40 trees had been left on the open space, 25 of which had been burnt.

The Beech Park site is visited on a daily basis (Monday to Saturday) to prevent the build up of Christmas trees and reduce the risk of fires. It is envisaged that should this arrangement continue in future years the collection on Saturday will be scheduled to occur towards the latter half of the working day to ensure the maximum amount of trees are removed.

The Beech Park site is a well used site in the Lucan area. In total 307 Christmas trees were left at the site for recycling. The site accounts for 28% of the Christmas Trees recycled in the Lucan area.”

**L/76/14 RELOCATE CONTAINERS AT GRIFFEEN VALLEY PARK**

**MOTION (23): Item ID: 38619**

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

"That this Area Committee requests the Manager to relocate containers at Griffeen Valley Park, used by Ballyowen Celtic FC, as proposed by the club to address security concerns?"

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

“Representatives of Ballyowen Celtic Football Club met with Council staff on 15th January 2014 to discuss a number of issues. The club raised the fire damage to one of their dressing room units late last year and the general issue of anti-social behaviour around the dressing room units. The Council undertook to review possible alternative locations with the Club for the dressing room units in the park with a view to improving on the current situation. The Club has suggested a location in the vicinity of the existing dressing rooms which the Council is examining. The Council will be in contact with the Club as soon as the initial review of alternative locations has been completed.”

Following a contribution from Councillor W. Lavelle, Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**L/77/14 OPERATION OF GREEN MACHINE IN THE PALMERSTON AREA**

**MOTION (24): Item ID: 38613**

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

"To ask the Manager for a report on the operation of the green machine in the Palmerston Area and to explain why the Village has been left without a service on numerous days since well before Christmas and to indicate how the service will be maintained into the future."

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

“The Green Machine operative for the Palmerston Area was absent from work for a number of weeks in December due to illness. The operative has since retired from the Council. The deployment of staff within the Public Realm Section is currently being examined with a view to fulfilling the duties undertaken by the Green Machine operative. It is hoped to have the matter resolved shortly and be in a position to provide an appropriate level of service to ensure that the footpaths in Palmerston Village are kept clean.”

The meeting concluded at 5.00pm.

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