**COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS**

**SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**LUCAN AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Minutes of Lucan Area Committee Meeting, dealing with Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management, Public Realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning and Transportation held on 26th May 2015.**

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| **PRESENT** |
| **COUNCILLORS** |
| **P. Gogarty** |
| **W. Lavelle** |
| **R. Nolan** |
| **D. O’Brien** |
| **E. O’Brien** |
| **G. O’Connell** |
| **L. O’Toole** |

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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| Senior Executive Officer | L. Leonard, P. Murphy, E. O’Gorman,  M. Maguire |
| Senior Executive Engineer | J. Kennelly |
| Senior Executive Librarian | I. Stobbart |
| Senior Executive Planner | A. Hyland, S. Duff |
| Senior Executive Officer | H. Hogan |
| Senior Parks Superintendent | B. Sheehan |
| Senior Executive Parks Superintendent | M. Hannon, D. Fennell |
| Staff Officer | B. Reilly |
| Clerical Officer | A. Shaw |

**An Cathaoirleach Councillor P. Gogarty presided.**

**L/329/15 CONFIRMATION AND RE-AFFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**HEADED ITEM (1): Item ID**: 44709

Minutes of Lucan Area Committee Meeting dealing with Transportation, Planning, Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Performance & Change Management, Corporate Support, Environment, Water & Drainage, Public Realm, Community and Housing held on 28th April 2015, which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed. It was proposed by Councillor L. O’Toole, seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell and **RESOLVED:**

“That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the 28th April 2015 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**Economic Development**

**L/330/15 QUESTIONS**

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

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

**L/331/15 “WELCOME” SIGNAGE AT KEY GATWAYS TO LUCAN VILLAGE**

**Question (1): Councillor W. Lavelle Item ID: 44672**

"To ask the Chief Executive, further to the reply to a similar question at the October 2014 meeting, to provide a detailed update on the timeframe for the installation of new 'welcome' signage at key gateways to Lucan Village, to outline the locations where this new signage is to be installed; and to provide a graphic sample of the planned new signage?"

**REPLY:**

The provision of welcome signage is under review in the light of an overall signage approach in the County. Issues of design consistency and location are under review and a more detailed report will be available in the coming weeks.

**L/332/15 NEW WORKS**

**H-I (2): Economic Development Item ID: 44710**

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

**L/333/15 CORRESPONDENCE**

**Correspondence (1): Economic Development Item ID: 44711**

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

**L/334/15 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS- LIFFEY VALLEY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Motion (1): Item ID: 44743**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell

"That the Chief Executive report on all correspondence with Fingal and all efforts made to organise the second meeting of the Liffey Valley Management Advisory Committee and makes due haste to arrange the next meeting before the summer break; especially as, contrary to a reply received by this Councillor's question two months ago, an agreement was made among those present at the first meeting for the second meeting to be held in early February."

The following report by Chief Executive was **READ:**

“A meeting was held to consider whether the Liffey Valley Management Committee should be revived. In the interim South Dublin County Council has put in place a County Tourism Strategy. Fingal are in the process of doing likewise. In the light of these a further meeting could be arranged. However, the key issue to delivering public access is that most of the lands adjoining the river are privately owned and would require significant investment and agreement from land owners.”

Following contributions from Councillor P. Gogarty, W. Lavelle and G. O’Connell Ms. E. O’Gorman, A/Senior Executive Officer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**.

**L/335/15 FAIR TRADE IN LUCAN**

**Motion (2): Councillor E. O'Brien Item ID: 44647**

In the absence of Councillor E. O’Brien the Motion **FELL**

"That this Area Committee recognising the importance of the promotion of Fair Trade supports the efforts of the traders of Lucan to become the second Fair Trade town in South Dublin County Council."

**Libraries & Arts**

**L/336/15 QUESTIONS**

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

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

**L/337/15 BEAULTANA FESTIVAL**

**Question (2): Councillor G. O'Connell Item ID: 44755**

"To compliment the Library and Community staff for the excellent range of activities so successfully organised as part of the Beaultana Festival and to say that they have been very much appreciated by residents across the Area?"

**REPLY:**

Thank you for your compliments Councillor O’Connell.

Bealtaine is the national arts festival celebrating creativity as we age and is celebrated in May. We always aim to cover a cross section of interests when planning events for this festival.

During Bealtaine at Lucan Library this year the Laptops and Lifestyle event was quite well attended, and there was a great turn-out at the health talks – The 5 best things to do for your health.

The Writers’ group was treated to a special workshop - Creativity and the Seven Colours of the Rainbow. - a holistic approach to mind, body and spirit which proved to be relaxing and inspiring.

South Dublin Libraries are part of the National Age Friendly Initiative and aim to support our older citizens in our Age Friendly libraries during every month of the year.

**L/338/15 LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS**

**H-I (3): Libraries & Arts Item ID: 44712**

Mr. I. Stobbart, Senior Executive Librarian presentation this report.

[Library News & Events](../../ITEMS/May%2015/HI3%2044712%20LIB%20News%20Events.doc)

Following contributions from Councillor G. O’Connell, Mr. I. Stobbart, Senior Executive Librarian responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**L/339/15** **Application for Arts Grants**

**H-I (4): Libraries & Arts Item ID: 44713**

#### Application for Arts Grants

Application for an Arts Grant under Section 6 of the Arts Act 2003, has been received from the organisation listed below. Payment of this grant, in accordance with the conditions of the Scheme and in the amount set out hereunder, is recommended for approval:-

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| Ref: | Name of Group | Type of Application - Grant | Date Received | Amount € |
| AGF843 | Palmerstown one act drama festival | Contribution | 18/5/2015 | 650 |

The Headed Item was **AGREED** without debate.

**L/340/15 NEW WORKS**

**H-I (5): Libraries & Arts Item ID: 44714**

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

**L/341/15 Correspondence**

**Correspondence (2): Libraries & Arts Item ID: 44715**

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

**Corporate Support**

**L/342/15 QUESTIONS**

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

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

**L/343/15 FIXYOURSTREET-LUCAN/PALMERSTOWN AREA**

**Question (3): Councillor G. O'Connell Item ID: 44756**

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the operation of the FixYourStreet and the handling of complaints/requests for service by members of the public within this Local Area Committee as many people complain that such representations seem to go unattended to and question the viability and relevance of the system?"

**REPLY:**

Since the launch of the Fix Your Street online service in August 2011, 2850 reports relating to the Lucan/Palmerston Area have been logged on [**www.fixyourstreet.ie**](http://www.fixyourstreet.ie/) up to the 20th May 2015. Please see breakdown by category below:

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| **Lucan/Palmerston EDs** | |
| **Category** | **Count** |
| Graffiti | 145 |
| Leaks and Drainage | 138 |
| Litter and Illegal Dumping | 937 |
| Road and Path Defects | 611 |
| Street Lighting | 649 |
| Tree and Grass Maintenance | 370 |
| **TOTAL** | **2850** |

A more comprehensive breakdown by electoral area for the Lucan/Palmerston area is provided as an attachment to this report.

There is a 48 hour response commitment in the Programme for Government for an acknowledgement to be issued by the Council to the customer. Due to the scheduling of works programmes, the work required may however be carried out at a later date. In these cases a commitment date is recorded on the system and a further update will issue on or before that date advising the customer of the scheduling of the work programme. For example, a member of the public can log an issue and they will receive an acknowledgement within the 2 day framework; however the works department may add this request to a future works programme schedule for completion at a later date, which in the instance of tree pruning for example can in general only take place at certain times of the year. These requests received through 'Fix Your Street’ are then captured with a commitment and tracked within the Council's Customer Care System.

A new email facility was added to the site in May 2014, whereby notifications are now issued to those customers who submit an email address. These notifications issue each time there is an update to the reports. Not all customers give their email address and those who don’t supply an email address can’t be contacted directly with updates. However the website will continue to be updated once the Council works department responds. If a customer checks back on the ‘fixyourstreet’ site over the 24 hours post logging their report, they should see their report listed. Once moderated those reports will be available for viewing on [**www.fixyourstreet.ie**](http://www.fixyourstreet.ie/)

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| **Electoral Division Name** | **#Incidents By ED** | **Graffiti** | **Road and Path Defects** | **Leaks and Drainage** | **Street Lighting** | **Tree and Grass Maintenance** | **Litter and Illegal Dumping** |
| Lucan Heights | 630 | 24 | 147 | 33 | 145 | 94 | 187 |
| Lucan-Esker | 1300 | 85 | 240 | 56 | 314 | 183 | 422 |
| Lucan-St. Helen's | 392 | 10 | 88 | 23 | 93 | 45 | 133 |
| Palmerston Village | 230 | 8 | 52 | 12 | 43 | 25 | 90 |
| Palmerston West | 298 | 18 | 84 | 14 | 54 | 23 | 105 |
| **TOTAL** | **2850** | **145** | **611** | **138** | **649** | **370** | **937** |

**L/344/15 NEW WORKS**

**H-I (6): Corporate Support Item ID: 44716**

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

**L/345/15 Correspondence**

**Correspondence (3): Corporate Support Item ID: 44717**

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

**L/346/15 INVITATION TO NTA TO DISCUSS FUTURE PUBLIC TRANSPORT PROVISION IN LUCAN**

**Motion (3): Item ID: 44741**

It was proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle seconded by Councillor V. Casserly.

"That this Area Committee extends an invitation to Ms. Anne Graham, CEO of the National Transport Authority, to meet with this Committee to discuss current and future public transport provision in the Lucan area?"

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

“If the Motion is approved an invitation will be extended to Ms. Anne Graham, CEO of the National Transport Authority to meet with this Committee.”

The report was **NOTED** without debate.

**L/347/15 INSPECTION OF THE ST. EDMUNDSBURY LAND**

**Motion (4): Item ID: 44748**

It was proposed by Councillor D. O'Brien seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole.

"That this Committee requests that SDDC write to the National parks and wildlife service and request an inspection of the St. Edmundsbury land as there has been hedgerows and natural habitats destroyed in the last few weeks."

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

If the Motion is approved a letter will issue to the National Parks & Wildlife service requesting an inspection of the lands at St. Edmundsbury.

Following contributions by Councillors D. O’Brien and P. Gogarty the report was **NOTED.**

**Performance & Change Management**

**L/348/15 QUESTIONS**

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

**L/349/15 NEW WORKS**

**H-I (7): Performance & Change Mgmt Item ID: 44718**

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

**L/350/15 Correspondence**

**Correspondence (4): Performance & Change Mgmt. Item ID: 44719**

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

**Public Realm**

**L/351/15 QUESTIONS**

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

“That pursuant to Standing Order No.13, Question numbers 4-7 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**L/352/15 REPLACEMENT FOR KISSING GATES**

**Question (4): Councillor P. Gogarty Item ID: 44745**

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on what efforts have been made to find replacements for kissing gates that act as a disincentive to cyclists, while at the same time ensuring that motorcycles and mopeds cannot enter parks easily; and if a statement can be made on the matter?"

**REPLY:**

The primary function of a kissing gate is to prevent unauthorised vehicles and horses from entering parks and open spaces while facilitating universal access for all other users including prams, buggies and wheelchair users.

An alternative barrier which has been used in the past is a K-barrier. This does not have any moving parts but restricts access by narrowing the opening at waist height. While this type of barrier does work in certain situations it is possible to get smaller motor bikes through the barrier. The barrier is therefore limited in use and not suitable for all locations.

Other types of restrictive barriers have been used on the Canal Green Route with varying degrees of success. While they have been found to allow cyclists pass through with less delay than a kissing gate, they do not deter all motorbikes and horses from gaining access.

Cyclists using kissing gates have been observed and their use adds on average no more than 10 seconds to journey times.  Kissing gates are considered to be as cycle friendly as possible given the primary function for which they are designed.

**L/353/15 REFURBISHMENT OF THE PLAYGROUND AT GRIFFEEN VALLEY PARK**

**Question (5): Councillor P. Gogarty Item ID: 44746**

"To ask the Chief Executive to detail the tender process for the refurbishment of the playground at Griffeen Valley Park, including who was awarded the contract, if already done; to outline the main requirements sought in this and similar tender processes, ie value for money, draft design etc and to clarify what autonomy if any the Council has for tendering projects in this €180,000 price in terms of previous jobs done by the contractors in other areas etc.?"

**REPLY:**

The design for the construction/upgrading of the play space at Griffeen Valley Park is nearing completion. It is expected that it will be ready to go out to tender in June 2015.

In relation to the tender process for the play spaces: all tenders have to follow the current Procurement Process as defined by consideration of Council, Government and EU rules. There are strict guidelines in preparing and issuing the tender and guidelines on assessing the tender submissions received and in making the recommendation to proceed to award of contract which includes an appeals process.

Assessment of tenders is based on the consideration of a combination of criteria, including, but not exclusively, the position of the firm making the tender submission in terms of capacity, previous work undertaken, financial capacity, organisational and skills capacity, compliance with tax law as well as consideration of the tender sum submitted. All tenders are issued through the etenders system ([**www.etenders.gov.ie**](http://www.etenders.gov.ie/)) and above certain thresholds they must be issued through the European Union system using the Official Journal of the European Union.

**L/354/15 TAKING IN CHARGE OF OPEN SPACE AT ASH PARK**

**Question (6): Councillor W. Lavelle Item ID: 44671**

"To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed update on efforts to secure the taking-in-charge of open space at Ash Park estate and at Brookvale?

**REPLY:**

A meeting has been arranged in June 2015 with the developer of Ash Park estate to explore the options on the taking in charge of the open spaces.

No progress has been made with the developer on the taking in charge of the Brookvale Estate open space.

**L/355/15 MILL LANE CEMETERY**

**Question (7): Councillor E. O'Brien Item ID: 44231**

"To ask the Council to agree to meet with a delegation of residents from Palmerstown at the site of the Mill Lane Cemetery to discuss proposals of residents relating to the upkeep of the cemetery and buildings thereon and the findings of a Conservation report commissioned by the County Council. The meeting should be attended by the following persons;

a) Representatives of the Parks Department

b) County Architect or a representative of the architects department

c) Heritage officer?"

**REPLY:**

On foot of the Conservation Report completed for St. Catherine’s Church and Graveyard, Palmerstown the Councils Architectural Conservation Officer has engaged a Conservation Engineer to survey the boundary wall of the site and the Church Structure so that specifications for remedial repair and stabilisation works can be carried out. In order for the Conservation Engineer to carry out a full survey of the structures some vegetation clearance had to be carried out. This was completed during March/April 2015.

The conservation engineers report and specification is due back within the next two weeks once this has been received a programme of works will be put in place and conservation contractors engaged by the Councils Architectural Conservation Officer. On the finalising of a work programme for the site the Councils Architectural Conservation Officer would be happy to meet on site along with a representative of the Public Realm Section, Environmental Services who has been involved in these works to date.

**L/356/15 NEW WORKS**

**H-I (8): Public Realm Item ID: 44720**

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

**L/357/15Correspondence**

**Correspondence (5): Public Realm Item ID: 44721**

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

**L/358/15 ESKER CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB**

**Motion (5): Item ID: 44565**

It was proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

"That this Area Committee:

- Expresses it support for proposals by Esker Celtic FC to extend their clubhouse at Hermitage Park and calls on the Chief Executive to facilitate and assist with this proposal;

- Calls on the Chief Executive to ensure enhanced pitch maintenance at Hermitage Park as raised by Esker Celtic FC with Council management.

* Requests that both Park Ranger staff and An Garda Síochána be formally asked to ensure increased monitoring and more regular patrols of the recently-opened playspace at Hermitage Park with a view to eliminating recent regrettable incidence of anti-social activity which have resulted in parents and young children staying away from the playspace.

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

“The Council will consider any submission from Esker Celtic FC for the extension of their clubhouse The Council will arrange a meeting with the club.

The Public Realm Section has slit pitches in Hermitage Park during the winter period as part of pitch maintenance works during the year. Further pitch improvement work options are currently being explored in relation to overall pitch maintenance for the 160 pitches in the County. Options under consideration include over-seeding, goal mouth repairs and soil compaction alleviation works. The decision to implement any of these works is subject to individual pitch condition and the availability of resources to do the works.”

Following contributions from Councillors W. Lavelle, L. O’Toole, D. O’Brien, P. Gogarty and V. Casserly, Mr. B. Sheehan, Senior Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**.

**L/359/15 ANGLING STANDS IN WATERSTOWN PARK ADJACENT TO THE RIVE LIFFEY**

**Motion (6): Item ID: 44686**

It was proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole seconded by Councillor P. Gogarty

"That this Area Committee considers the feasibility of installing angling stands including wheelchair accessible angling stands along the river Liffey in Waterstown Park, Palmerstown. Considering there is an excellent car park facility and good safe pathways down to the waterfront this could be an ideal location for a recreational angling facility."

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

“An assessment of the banks of the River Liffey in Waterstown Park will be undertaken for the suitability for the installation of angling stands. It should be noted that the river at this location is fast flowing and providing access to a structure which may encourage swimming is something that should be avoided.

Should it prove feasible and desirable the provision of angling stands will be considered in the context of the 2016 Public Realm Improvement Works Programme subject to the identification of the necessary resources.”

Following contributions from Councillor L. O’Toole the report was **NOTED.**

**L/360/15 PARK BENCHES IN GLENAULIN PARK**

**Motion (7): Item ID: 44696**

It was proposed by Councillor D. O'Brien seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell

"That this Committee requests that SDDC reinstate the park benches and repair the foothpaths in Glenaulin Park in Palmerstown. There is only one bench left in the park at present."

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

“The provision of seating in public parks is desirable and would usually be considered an enhancement. However, this is not always the case and in many public parks, the provision of seating has resulted in unintended consequences. In many cases, this has proven to be so difficult to resolve that, regrettably, the only effective solution has been to remove the seating.

While seating serves a worthwhile function in a park, the antisocial element associated with park furniture is often completely counter productive. While there are generally few problems with park seating during normal park opening hours, after hours the seats become focal points for gatherings. These gatherings engage in a range of anti-social behaviour including drinking, littering, graffiti, lighting of fires, burning of wheelies bins and often result in vandalism and damage to the seat itself. The fires result in footpath surfaces being damaged as is evident in Glenaulin Park where the only indications as to where benches were previously provided are the scorched and damaged sections of footpath.

The provision of seating in Glenaulin Park has been attempted on a number of occasions in the past. Early seat installations were removed due to vandalism and anti-social activities. The last of these were removed in 2011 on the east boundary of the park near Rossaveal Court to deter loitering at night. Around that time, more vandal resistant stone benches were installed in an attempt to retain some seating for bona fide park users that would withstand the rigours of abuse and vandalism. Regrettably, these benches have also been systematically vandalised beyond repair and have, in the interests of public safety, been removed. The future of the remaining bench is under review and it may be necessary to remove it also.

Given the negative experience over the last decade, it is unlikely that new seating will fare any better. However, the park will be re-examined to see if any locations can be identified where new seating might have a chance of success.

The repair of the damaged footpath sections will be undertaken in the current year.”

Following contributions from Cllr. D. O’Brien, L. O’Toole, G. O’Connell, P. Gogarty, Mr. B. Sheehan, Senior Parks Superintendent and Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**.

**L/361/15 MUGA IN GRIFFEEN PARK**

**Motion (8): Item ID: 44689**

It was proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell.

"Given the residential population around Griffeen Park that this council provides an update on the initial suitability review of a MUGA in Griffeen Park and confirms next steps to progress this."

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

“The provision of a MUGA has been considered in Esker Park, Griffeen Valley and possibly adjacent to the existing all weather hockey pitch and which it would complement. There is no provision in the 2015 Capital Programme for this work but in reviewing the programme for 2016 consideration will be given to including it.”

Following contributions from Councillor L. O’Toole, W. Lavelle, P. Gogarty, E. O’Brien, G. O’Connell, Mr. B. Sheehan, Senior Parks Superintendent and Mr. M. Hannon, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**Environment**

**L/362/15 QUESTIONS**

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

“That pursuant to Standing Order No.13, Question numbers 8-10 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**L/363/15 LITTER-CLEANING IN THE CIVINITY OF THE BALLYOWEN CASTLE COMMERCIAL AREA**

**Question (8): Councillor W. Lavelle Item ID: 44669**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on any proposal to improve the frequency of litter-cleansing in the vicinity of the Ballyowen Castle commercial area; including at the bring-banks?

**REPLY:**

The bring banks at Ballyowen Castle Shopping Centre are scheduled for cleaning at the beginning of the week on Mondays and again at the end of the week on Fridays. The site is also inspected on Wednesdays and if warranted a further cleanup is organised to take place mid week.

**L/364/15 FLY TIPPING/ILLEGAL DUMPING ON TANDYS LANE**

**Question (9): Councillor E. O'Brien Item ID: 44235**

"To ask for increased monitoring by the litter warden of the section of Tandy's Lane from Meadowview Grove/Dodsboro Road to The Paddocks Adamstown, in an effort to prevent further fly tipping/illegal dumping on the site?"

**REPLY:**

This area is patrolled regularly and at a minimum, once a week, by the Council's Litter Warden Team. The location was inspected on two (2) occasions in the past week and was found to be relatively litter free.

The Council received thirteen (13) complaints of dumping/littering at this location in 2014, which resulted in the issuing of four fines, pursuant to the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended (the Act).  To date in 2015, one (1) complaint has been received and two (2) fines have been issued under the Act.

**L/365/15 SCHOOL GREEN FLAGS**

**Question (10): Councillor L. O'Toole Item ID: 44199**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on the criteria for School Green Flags, and as Lucan has a number of new schools in the area can details be provided on how many new schools have applied and been accepted?"

**REPLY:**

The Green School programme is run by An Taisce. Schools register their interest on the An Taisce Green Schools Website, [**http://www.greenschoolsireland.org**](http://www.greenschoolsireland.org/) . Any school can register and apply for their first flag, the Litter & Waste flag. An Taisce circulate the registered schools to the appropriate local Authority and then the LA contacts with the school to provide supports such as talks, advice and workshops. Each theme takes two years to complete the seven step programme. At the end of the second year an application form must completed and the LA call out to do an assessment and meet their green schools committee.

The Green School programme is also promoted by the Environmental Awareness Section through the Green Times Newsletter and at various events and correspondence.

**L/366/15 NEW WORKS**

**H-I (9): Environment Item ID: 44722**

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

**L/367/15 CORRESPONDENCE**

**Correspondence (6): Environment Item ID: 44723**

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

**L/368/15 RAT INFESTATION IN THE LUCAN WARD**

**Motion (9): Item ID: 44690**

It was proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole seconded by Councillor P. Gogarty.

"Subsequent to the reports of rat infestation in the Lucan Ward (details can be provided) that the Chief Executive give an update on this matter and inform the council what practices are currently in place and how they can be improved."

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

“All complaints received are initially dealt with by our Public Realm unit who inspect the area(s) which are the subject of the complaint.

Where evidence of vermin is found the matter is referred to the pest control unit within the Health Service Executive (HSE) who advise the Council in such matters and who lay bait when / if it can be established where exactly the vermin are coming from

Signage is erected by the HSE outlining that bait has been laid.

Parkland settings by their nature attract wildlife.  The type of wildlife is determined by the park features and rats are one of numerous species that can be found.

Rats are opportunistic animals and they have survived because they have worked out how to live in close association with humans.

the presence of illegal dumping /deposits of household waste, harvesting crops and construction works are contributing factors to the periodic increased visibility / presence of rats.  For example recent works on the development of a local Road Cycle Scheme and vegetation thinning is certainly likely to have displaced the existing rat population and given rise to more sightings in areas where they were previously undetected.

The Council is very conscious of the current increased presence of rats and the issue is being addressed with the assistance of the HSE.  To date the HSE has laid rat bait and the Council has undertaken cleanups.  Further treatments have recently been applied in the central woodland area.

Residents can assist by refraining from throwing litter or leaving food in areas. Where residents have witnessed dumping they can report the matter to the Litter Warden Service via the Customer Care Contact System, Fix Your Street or by phoning 01-4149220.”

Following contributions from Councillor L. O’Toole, W. Lavelle, E. O’Brien, P. Gogarty, Ms. M. Maguire, Senior Executive Officer and Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**.

**L/369/15 CCTV FOR DUMPING AND FLY TIPPING IN LUCAN/PALMERSTOWN AREA**

**Motion (10): Item ID: 44753**

It was proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell seconded by Councillor D. O’Brien.

"Dumping and fly tipping continue to be a huge problem right across the Lucan Palmerstown Area and this committee requests that CCTV be installed on a Pilot bases at those locations most prone to such illogical activity."

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

“The Council is fully committed to enforcing the provisions of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended, the Waste Management Act 1996, as amended, and associated waste regulations to tackle individuals and/or businesses who are engaged in illegal dumping.

All reports of litter and illegal dumping are recorded on the Environmental Complaints System, where they are tracked from original complaint, through investigation to enforcement and all incidents of illegal dumping are interrogated for evidence and appropriate enforcement action taken, where possible. Unfortunately, it is proving more difficult to obtain evidence in relation to the identity of polluters as identifying information is generally removed or shredded. We continue to encourage residents and the public at large to support the Council in efforts to identify alleged polluters and to provide the necessary information to allow appropriate enforcement action to be taken.

All options to address the problem of fly-tipping and illegal dumping in South Dublin County are being examined at this time, in tandem with the development of a new Litter Management Plan. The new Plan will have regard to the objectives of the Corporate Plan, which includes improvement in the aesthetic appearance of our County. Objectives for the Litter Management Plan will focus on how South Dublin County Council will approach the issue of litter over the next three years, including the potential for use of innovative environmental monitoring solutions such as CCTV.

A number of factors must be taken into consideration when assessing a location for suitability for CCTV, including the extent of the problem, access to an electricity source, local topography and the availability of financial resources.”

Following contributions from Councillors G. O’Connell, D. O’Brien, W. Lavelle, D. O’Brien and L. O’Toole, Ms. M. Maguire, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**Water & Drainage**

**L/370/15 QUESTIONS**

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

“That pursuant to Standing Order No.13, Question numbers 11-12 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**L/371/15 ONGOING FLOODING AND DRAINAGE ISSUES LUCAN HEIGHTS & THE R/835 LUCAN/DUBLIN ROAD**

**Question (11): Councillor E. O'Brien Item ID: 44293**

"To ask the Chief Executive to commence work, in cooperation with Irish Water, to attend to ongoing flooding and drainage issues and general disrepair of the piece of road between Lucan Heights and the R835 Lucan/Dublin Road?"

**REPLY:**

The Drainage section in conjunction with the Roads Department is investigating the surface water drainage on the piece of road between Lucan Heights and the R835.

The Drainage section has recently carried out a CCTV survey to assist in the assessment of the surface water drainage in the area. The Roads Area Engineer will carry out an inspection of the Road condition.

As the issue relates to surface water drainage it is not a matter for Irish Water.

**L/372/15 FLOOD PRONE AREAS IN LUCAN**

**Question (12): Councillor L. O'Toole Item ID: 44200**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on areas in Lucan which have been identified as flood prone areas and to confirm when will works be carried out in these areas, as there is a concern given that Lucan experienced high volumes of flooded areas last November that this will continue?"

**REPLY:**

We have not identified any areas in Lucan as flood prone. We will investigate a specific area if Councillor O'Toole would like to provide more information to the Drainage section.

During the heavy rain episodes in November, the drainage section did not receive any reports of flooding from the Lucan Area.

**L/373/15 NEW WORKS**

**H-I (10): Water & Drainage Item ID: 44724**

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

**L/374/15 CORRESPONDENCE**

**Correspondence (7): Water & Drainage Item ID: 44725**

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

**Housing**

**L/375/15 QUESTIONS**

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

**L/376/15**

**H-I (11): Housing, Social & Community Development Item ID: 44738**

Anti-Social Quarterly Statistics for 2015

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

**Anti-Social Quarterly Statistics for 2015**

The table below provides statistical analysis of anti social activity in the Lucan area on a quarterly basis.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Incidents** | **End Year** **2014** | **1st Qtr 2015** | **2nd Qtr 2015** | **3rd Qtr 2015** | **4th Qtr 2015** |
| **Priority 1** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Drugs Activity reported to SDCC | 1 | 3 |  |  |  |
| Criminal Activity reported to   SDCC | 3 | 0 |  |  |  |
| Joyriding reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |
| Violence/intimidation/   harassment reported to SDCC | 37 | 1 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Priority 2** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Squatters/illegal occupiers  reported to SDCC | 4 | 2 |  |  |  |
| Vandalism reported to SDCC | 17 | 1 |  |  |  |
| Physical condition of property reported to SDCC | 1 | 0 |  |  |  |
| Physical condition of Garden   reported to SDCC | 13 | 2 |  |  |  |
| Racism reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |
| Vacant House reported to SDCC | 9 | 2 |  |  |  |
| Neighbour Dispute reported to   SDCC | 2 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Priority 3** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Noise/disturbance reported to   SDCC | 13 | 4 |  |  |  |
| Pets/animal nuisance reported to   SDCC | 8 | 0 |  |  |  |
| Children Nuisance reported to   SDCC | 8 | 0 |  |  |  |
| Selling alcohol | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |
| **Total Incidents reported to SDCC** | **116** | **15** |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total Complaints reported   to SDCC** | **121** | **16** |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total Actions taken by   Allocations Support Unit Staff** **Main actions listed below** | **561** | **121** |  |  |  |
| Housecall / Inspection | 159 | 34 |  |  |  |
| Notice to Quit | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |
| Abandonment notice served | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |
| Warnings issued | 9 | 1 |  |  |  |
| Interviews held (formal office   and by phone) | 131 | 6 |  |  |  |

The report was **NOTED** without debate.

**L/377/15 NEW WORK**

**H-I (12): Housing Item ID: 44726**

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

**L/378/15 CORRESPONDENCE**

**Correspondence (8): Housing Item ID: 44727**

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

**L/379/15 MONIES DUE TO IRISH WATER**

**Motion (11): Item ID: 44749**

It was proposed by Councillor R. Nolan seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell.

"That this elected committee compels South Dublin County Council not to engage or cooperate in the means of handing over information of tenants personnel details in Lucan or Palmerstown to Irish Water. Or to act as a collection agent of any monies owed by these tenants to Irish Water."

Following contributions from Councillors R. Nolan, W. Lavelle, G. O’Connell, D. O’Brien, P. Gogarty, Mr. H. Hogan replied to queries raised and the motion was amended to read:-

“That this Elected Committee regrets that South Dublin County Council is forced to hand over information of tenants personal details in Palmerstown and Lucan to Irish Water.”

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

“[**Section 26(1)(a) and Section 26(5)(a) of the Water Services Act 2013**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2013/en/act/pub/0006/sec0026.html) (the No.1 Act) empowered Irish Water to request local authorities to provide such information as Irish Water may reasonably require to enable it to perform its functions under the Act.

South Dublin County Council responded to the Irish Water request for transfer of data in accordance with the relevant legislation and advice received. In this regard the Council forwarded only the information we were legally obliged to provide Tenant name and address. No other data was forwarded to Irish water.

In order to comply with this legislation, Irish Water was obliged under the [**Data Protection Act 1988 & 2003 Section 2(1)(a) and 2D**](https://www.dataprotection.ie/documents/legal/CompendiumAct.pdf) to write to tenants after receiving their details from the Council as landlords, advising the tenants that they have received their details from the Council and that Irish Water understands that the tenants are in residence at the property.

The Council has no statutory powers to collect monies owed by Irish Water.”

The motion was proposed by Councillor R. Nolan and seconded by Councillor D. O’Brien. Councillors R. Nolan, G. O’Connell, P. Gogarty and D. O’Brien **AGREED**. Councillor E. O’Brien **ABSTAINED**. Councillor W. Lavelle **DISAGREED**. The Motion was **PASSED**.

**Community**

**L/380/15 QUESTIONS**

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

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

**L/381/15 SWIMMING POOL IN LUCAN**

**Question (13): Councillor D. O'Brien Item ID: 44697**

"To ask the Chief Executive if any progress in identifying funding for a swimming pool in Lucan has been made?"

**REPLY:**

The following comprehensive report was presented to and discussed at the January 2015 meeting of this Committee:

"The Capital Programme 2015-2017 was agreed at the December Meeting of the Council and makes no provision for a swimming pool in Lucan. The Capital Programme is reviewed annually in conjunction with the preparation of the annual Revenue Budget. The delivery of the programme is predicated on the realisation of the revenue streams set out.

The Government’s Local Authority Swimming Pool Grant Scheme administered by The Department of Transport Tourism and Sports has been closed to new applications for a considerable period and the Council has no indication that the Government intends to re-open same. Grant assistance has been an integral part of the financing of the completed elements of the Water Leisure Strategy. Revenue from Development Contribution receipts has also declined in recent years. If the Government re-opened the Grant Scheme, the Council would still have a major difficulty in funding the balance. There would have to be certainty regarding the total funding of the project to support the submission of a grant application. In terms of levies and asset disposals proposals for expenditure of these funds are considered on a countywide basis having regard to priorities identified by the Council for funding and taking cognizance of the various stages of development of community infrastructure projects on a countywide basis at a particular time.

Borrowing to fund or part-fund the provision of a commercially operated Public Swimming Pool Facility in Lucan would also have financial implications for the Councils Revenue Budgets into the future*.* The financial prudence of proceeding without grant assistance which was €3.8m under the last programme would require serious consideration. The financial and operational challenges faced by the Council/South County Dublin Leisure Services in managing/maintaining the exiting water leisure facilities was reported to the Corporate Policy Group at its meeting on 11th November 2013 [**http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=41494**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=41494)”

In the event of a sub-committee being established an official from Community Services Department will be nominated to assist and liaise with officials from other Departments as required.

The Lucan Area Initiative Report was developed following a consultation process during late 2013 and presented to the members of the Lucan Area Committee on 28th January 2014.The exercise was conducted to gather baseline data from the Residents of Lucan about the perceived need for additional community facilities, particularly indoor space and involved a 3 phase consultation process:

* Engaging Local Primary Schools
* Survey – Schools and Organisations / Clubs – developed a database of all organisations / Clubs in the Lucan area.
* Public Meetings with residents – followed by Discussion Groups with Transition Year Students in Adamstown and Colaiste Phadraig

The main finding was the need for a Multi Purpose Community Facility to be constructed on a phased basis in a suitable location to accommodate a wide range of sporting and leisure activities in addition to an understanding that finance was limited and most groups supported the concept of shared facilities.

If the motion is passed the terms of the motion will be forwarded to the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform and the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport and when received copies of their replies will be circulated to the Members."

The position remains as outlined save that the Sub Committee has begun its work.

**L/382/15 COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS FROM LUCAN/PALMERSTOWN WARD**

**Question (14): Councillor L. O'Toole Item ID: 44687**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of community organisations from Palmerstown and Lucan that have applied for community grants and the value of each within the last 12 months?"

**REPLY:**

**List of Grants Paid in 2014**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| GF2217 | Palmerstown Active Retirement Association- Running Costs Grant for Community Groups | €400 | Paid |
| GF2205 | Lucan United Football Club- Major Equipment Grant | €3,000 | Paid |
| GF2214 | Rossberry Residents Association- Running Costs Grant for Community Groups | €400 | Paid |
| GF2218 | Dodsboro Residents Association- Environmental Improvements Grant | €500 | Paid |
| GF2198 | Lucan St. Patrick’s Day Parade- Countywide Community Activity Event with a Countywide Interest. | €3,000 | Paid |
| GF2262 | Palmerstown Community & Youth Centre- Employment Grant for New or Existing Community Centre | €10,000 | Paid |
|  | Balgaddy Child & Family Centre- Summer Projects | €1,000 | Paid |
|  | Lucan Youth Fun- Summer Projects | €1,000 | Paid |
|  | Balgaddy Summer Project- Summer Projects | €1,000 | Paid |
|  | Griffeen Summer Project- Summer Projects | €2,000 | Paid |
|  | Adamstown Summer Project- Summer Projects | €1,000 | Paid |

**List of Grants Paid in 2015.**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| GF2268 | Lucan St. Patrick’s Day Parade- Countywide Community Activity Event with a Countywide Interest. | €3,000 | Paid |

**Grants Recommended / Approved but not paid awaiting relevant documentation in 2015:-**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| GF2245 | Beechpark Football Club- Major Equipment Grant | €5,000 |
|  | Lucan Youth Fun- Summer Projects | €1,000 |
|  | Balgaddy Summer Project | €1,000 |
|  | Adamstown Summer Project | €1,000 |
|  | Lucan Youth Service Summer Project | €2,000 |

**L/383/15**

**H-I (13): Community Item ID: 44729**

**Mr. P. Murphy, Senior Executive Officer, presented the following report:-**

“Application for Community Grants

**Report on Summer Projects 2015**

Summer Projects are aimed at providing a supervised programme of recreational and educational activities for young people over a consecutive number of weeks in the summer period. Emphasis is placed on community involvement and the development of resources and groups within localities. A wide range of activities are encouraged such as arts & crafts, sports, educational trips, drama, films, games etc. The use of available community facilities (schools, community centres, halls, open spaces) is also encouraged.

South Dublin County Council assists Summer Projects in the County area by way of grant-aid, assistance in kind, organised activities and staff support. In 2015 it is estimated that approximately 6,000 young people in the Council’s administrative area will participate in projects.

Crosscare provides insurance cover for Summer Projects.

***It should be noted that in some cases the necessary insurance cost will be deducted from the grant provided by South Dublin County Council and will be paid directly to Crosscare.***

**Name of Project:                    Duration of Project                 Grant Amount**

Lucan Youth Fun                         2 Weeks                                    €1,000

Balgaddy Summer Project            2 Weeks                                    €1,000

Adamstown Summer Project        2 Weeks                                    €1,000

Lucan Youth Service Summer

Project                                      4 Weeks                                    €2,000

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

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

**L/384/15**

**H-I (14): Community Item ID: 44730**

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

**L/385/15 CORRESPONDENCE**

**Correspondence (9): Community Item ID: 44731**

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

**Planning**

**L/386/15 QUESTIONS**

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

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

**L/387/15 TAKING IN CHARGE OF THE PADDOCKS ESTATE**

**Question (15): Councillor W. Lavelle Item ID: 44739**

"To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed update on the planned taking-in-charge of The Paddocks estate?

**REPLY:**

Taking in charge works are being carried out for the receiver for Maplewood Holmes Ltd.  In addition Kingscroft have purchased 39 unfinished units and are completing these and carrying out associated works to Council standards.

**L/388/15 Planning Files**

**H-I (15): Planning Item ID: 44733**

A. Large Applications Under Consideration

**File Discussed**: SD15A/0012

**Location**: St. Edmunds, St. Lomans Road, Palmerstown, Dublin 20.

**Comments**: Councillors E. O’Brien, V Casserly, W. Lavelle, G. O’Connell, L. O’Toole, P.N. Gogarty, R. Nolan and D. O’Brien all noted the application.

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

**L/389/15 NEW WORKS**

**H-I (16): Planning Item ID: 44732**

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

**L/390/15 CORRESPONDENCE**

**Correspondence (10): Planning Item ID: 44734**

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

**L/391/15 Cathaoirleach's Business-sports & community hall in adamstown**

**Motion (12): Item ID: 44744**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole.

"That the Chief Executive report on ongoing discussions with the developer in relation to the planned sports and community hall in Adamstown and to reaffirm that such discussions will be concluded and a clearer picture given before the summer break, as indicated at the April ACM."

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

“In relation to the School Sports hall, primary responsibility rests with developer further to prior agreements with ETB (school patron) and we cannot unilaterally interfere with that responsibility.  We are however very concerned with the delay in delivery and are in discussion with both parties to assist in the provision of same.

This includes consideration of a proposal from the developer that seeks to adress provision of the school sports hall in the context of a number of other Adamstown SDZ requirements, including a community centre.  In the meantime, provision of the school sports hall remains a developer/ETB led responsibility and not an SDCC-led Project.

SDCC may have a role should all parties agree to a delivery mechanism within the overall context of the SDZ, but this assumes the developer can properly satisfy a number of requirements including the provision of a Sports Hall and that the ETB in turn is in a position to agree and to step out of its prior arrangement with the developer.”

Following contributions from Councillor P. Gogarty, L. O’Toole, W. Lavelle, D. O’Brien, Ms. A. Hyland, Senior Executive Planner responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

It was **AGREED** to take the following Motion 13 in conjunction with the above.

**Motion (13): Item ID: 44412**

It was proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle seconded by Councillor E. O’Brien.

"That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to present a detailed update on the discussions ongoing with developers of Adamstown in relation to the delivery of a much-needed new multi-functional Sports & Community Hall, including a sports hall for Adamstown Community College; and to provide details on the emerging funding and management options being considered by the Council; and the Council’s response to the proposals submitted by the developers as referred to at the March meeting of this Committee."

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

“In relation to the School Sports hall, primary responsibility rests with developer further to prior agreements with ETB (school patron) and we cannot unilaterally interfere with that responsibility.  We are however very concerned with the delay in delivery and are in discussion with both parties to assist in the provision of same.

This includes consideration of a proposal from the developer that seeks to adress provision of the school sports hall in the context of a number of other Adamstown SDZ requirements, including a community centre.  In the meantime, provision of the school sports hall remains a developer/ETB led responsibility and not an SDCC-led Project.

SDCC may have a role should all parties agree to a delivery mechanism within the overall context of the SDZ, but this assumes the developer can properly satisfy a number of requirements including the provision of a Sports Hall and that the ETB in turn is in a position to agree and to step out of its prior arrangement with the developer.”

The report was **NOTED** without debate.

**L/392/15 GRAFFITI ON AN INDUSTRIAL UNIT**

**Motion (14): Item ID: 44754**

It was proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell seconded by Councillor D. O’Brien.

"To ask the Manger if it is acceptable that a building within an industrial area but due to its location contributes to the quality of the residential area, can have extensive graffiti and apparently this can be approved by the Planning Department without any input form the Public."

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

Development that would render the external appearance of a building inconsistent with the character of adjoining buildings and/or an area is generally not exempt development and would normally require planning permission.  If there is a particular location where this has arisen or is about to arise as an issue it would be appropriate to bring it to the attention of the planning department.

Following contributions from Councillor G. O’Connell and D. O’Brien the report was **NOTED**.

**Transportation**

**L/393/15 QUESTIONS**

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

“That pursuant to Standing Order No.13, Question numbers 16-18 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**L/394/15 LANE AT THE END OF THE LUCAN NEWLANDS ROAD**

**Question (16): Councillor D. O'Brien Item ID: 44699**

"To ask the Chief Executive to write to Pangrove Ltd about the lane at the end of the Lucan Newlands road out side of Glenvale Estate lucan with a view to SDCC taken it in charge?"

**REPLY:**

The developer should write to the Planning Dept. offering the laneway to be taken in charge.

**L/395/15 ADDITIONAL SIGNS ON AMAMSTOWN ROAD**

**Question (17): Councillor L. O'Toole Item ID: 44092**

" To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update regarding the additional signs that are to be put in place on Adamstown Road and amend the incorrect signs coming off the N4 (Newcastle road state Monday-Friday and slip road states Monday- Saturday ) and consider replacing them with a more effective signs i.e. with flashing lights, similar to the speed indicator signs installed in Lucan, to highlight the restricted area to HGV drivers and help eliminate/reduce the number of HGVs that are breaking the restriction?"

**REPLY:**

The signs relating to the weight restriction on Newcastle road will be reviewed and outstanding corrections required will be made as soon as possible. CCTV is in place to monitor traffic along Newcastle Road and can be assessed to determine correct observance of the HGV restriction.

**L/396/15 DAMAGED PATHS IN LUCAN & PALMERSTOWN**

**Question (18): Councillor L. O'Toole Item ID: 44688**

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the damaged paths in Lucan and Palmerstown that have been reported to the council, including how many have been completed, how many are to be completed, and if an incident has been reported due to damaged/raised paths are they priorities?"

**REPLY:**

Footpath repairs for the Lucan Area were listed on the 2015 Roadworks programme and presented to the Members in Feb 2015.

To date, repairs have been carried out in the following estates: Beech Park, Lucan Newlands Road (outside the cemetary), Esker Park, Foxborough Drive, Hillcrest Drive, Woodview Heights. Works will continue throughout the summer on the remaining locations listed in the programme.

If an additional location is reported as damaged/raised, it will be inspected by the Area Engineer and listed for emergency repair or added to the list for consideration under a future Roadworks programme.

**L/397/15 Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public.**

**H-I (17): Transportation Item ID: 44735**

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

**L/398/15 NEW WORKS**

**H-I (18): Transportation Item ID: 44736**

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

**L/399/15 CORRESPONDENCE**

**Correspondence (11): Transportation Item ID: 44737**

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

**L/400/15 Cathaoirleach's Businesss-noise action plan in relation to Moy glass lucan**

**Motion (15): Item ID: 44646**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell.

"That the Chief Executive report on the progress being made by the consulting engineer contracted to examine and report on South Dublin County Council’s obligations under the Dublin Agglomeration Noise Action Plan 2013 -2018, including the levels of engagement with local residents associations such as in Moy Glas Lucan and specifically to outline whether the report will be back as originally expected in April; to outline the timescale when elected members will be given copies of the report and to give a commitment that following on from this a meeting can be set up with elected representatives and residents groups that have expressed concern regarding noise levels as part of feeding into this process, including Moy Glas, so that tangible action points can be agreed."

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

“The report being prepared by the Council's consulting engineers is not yet completed. This report will form the basis of any capital works required throughout the County. As soon as the report is finalised the members will be informed and necessary meetings arranged. It is hoped to have the report finalised before the summer recess.”

Following contributions from Councillor P. Gogarty, Mr. J. Kennelly, Senior Executive Engineer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**L/401/15 CLOSURE OF ESKER LANE**

**Motion (16): Item ID: 44566**

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

"That this Area Committee:

RECOGNISING the persistent traffic congestion in the Willsbrook Road/Esker cell since the closure of the Esker Lane – N4 exit in 2008;

RECALLING the residents’ petition seeking reopening of the Esker Lane – N4 exit presented to the September 2013 meeting of this Committee;

NOTING specific local objective 19 of the current Development Plan: “To pursue and facilitate the reopening of Tandy’s Lane and Esker Lane exits onto the N4 in an acceptable, safe and efficient layout subject to funding and approval from the National Roads Authority”;

FURTHER NOTING the comments by the National Roads Authority representative at the special meeting of Land Use & Transportation SPC on 23rd April to the effect that the reopening of the exit was a planning matter for this Council;

CALLS on the Chief Executive to prepare plans for the safe reopening of the Esker Lane – N4 exit onto a bollard-separated service lane with a view to initiating a Part 8 planning process."

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

“The Council have no plans to reopen Esker lane to N4 to traffic from the Lucan Area. The National Roads Authority have indicated that will not countenance any access onto the N4 at this location for safety reasons and the consequent additional weaving movements. They have also indicated that they will not fund same. Such an access was discussed at the An Bord Pleanala hearing for the upgrade scheme and discounted by the bord in its adjudication on the scheme.

In addition any dedicated access from this location would require additional land acquisition and possible retaining wall and new boundary treatment along the entire length from Esker lane to the Newcastle Road Interchange to provide the necessary safety separation from the National traffic. This will add further to the peak time traffic congestion on the Adamstown road junction and not withstanding the planning issues involved in relation to part 8 which would require approval from the NRA in the first place the Council does not currently have resources to construct such a scheme.”

Following contributions from Councillors W. Lavelle, G. O’Connell and P. Gogarty, the motion was **PUT FORWARD** and **AGREED** that the Chief Executive prepare plans for the safe re-opening of the Esker Lane – N4 exit onto a bollard separated service lane for discussion purposes with the Members.

**L/402/15 MAINTENANCE OF PALMERSTOWN AREA**

**Motion (17): Item ID: 44750**

It was proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole.

"That this Committee expresses dissatisfaction at the level of maintenance of the area within the M50 as despite representations from members of this committee and members of the public, grass cutting on the R148 and other public areas, refurbishment of the Pedestrian Bridge, replacement of PalmersTON signage etc remain unattended to. The retail site at the entrance to the Village is very untidy looking and the general appearance of what is a gateway to the County leaves a lot to be desired and undermines the good work of the voluntary local Tidy Towns workers."

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

“The Public Realm section have commenced cutting the grass on the R148 with Roads Dept. carrying out the Traffic Management.

This cutting is repeated every 2/3/weeks.

The documents for the refurbishment of the footbridge are prepared and will be out to tender within days. The works cannot be carried out until the schools close for the holidays.

The signs in the village have been sourced and are currently being erected.

The Village Initiative has commenced in Palmerstown village and Manor Road and is near completion. The work has received very favourable response.”

Following contributions from Councillors G. O’Connell, L. O’Toole, P. Gogarty, Mr. M. Glynn, Senior Executive Engineer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**.

**L/403/15 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING BESIDE GIFFFEEN GLEN**

**Motion (18): Item ID: 44747**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell.

"That the Chief Executive, as part of any traffic management upgrade of the Griffeen Avenue area, would specifically examine the pedestrian crossing along this route beside Griffeen Glen, as residents have reported persistent ignoring of the signs by certain motorists to the extent that it is now a danger for younger and older pedestrians in particular, or those with buggies; to outline best practice in dealing with similar situations elsewhere in Ireland; and if a statement could be made on the matter."

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

“The crossing in question is a Zebra crossing. It is of a type used extensively throughout the country and further afield. There is no evidence that zebra crossings are less effective than other types of signalised crossings. The Gardai in Lucan will be asked to monitor the location with a view to enforcement.”

Following contributions from Councillors P. Gogarty, D. O’Brien, Mr. J> Kennelly, Senior Executive Engineer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**L/404/15 LUCAN ACCESS STUDY**

**Motion (19): Item ID: 44670**

The following motion in the name of Councillor W. Lavelle was **MOVED and**

**RE-ENTERED.**

"That this Area Committee calls on the Chief Executive to present a detailed report, for discussion, on progress in finalising the ‘Lucan Access Study’, including plans for the Lucan Road corridor and measure to improve traffic flow at Newcastle Road, including changes to traffic signals and the SuperValu roundabout."

**L/405/15 TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON KENNESLFORT ROAD**

**Motion (20): Item ID: 44751**

It was proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole.

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report based in CCTV and other surveillance supports on the monitoring of traffic in both directions on Kennelsfort Road and the roads between Kennelsfort Road and the Oval to ascertain the destination of traffic especially those vehicles that exceed the 7.5T limit and that a discussion take place on the hazards posed by the current level and type of traffic on these roads given that it is predominantly a residential area and the policy of this Council to promote cycling and walking."

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

“Following contact with An Garda Síochána in relation with the use of Kennelsfort Road by heavy goods vehicles an enforcement ‘blitz’ was carried out over four weeks in late April and early May. Feedback from this enforcement operation will be the basis of a meeting with local councillors.

Arrangements will be made to have this meeting in the coming weeks (early June)

The road is traffic calmed and speed of traffic is low. The portion of large vehicles on this road is low. The road is wide which has permitted the provision of cycle tracks along the road. Pedestrian crossing are also provided.”

Following contributions from Councillors G. O’Connell, L. O’Toole, D. O’Brien, E. O’Brien, P. Gogarty, Mr. J. Kennelly, Senior Executive Engineer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**.

The meeting concluded at 6.00pm.

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