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| COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÃTHA CLIATH THEAS SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL Minutes of Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting dealing with Transportation, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management, Environment, Water & Drainage, Public Realm, Housing and Community held on 18 November 2015.   |  | | --- | | **PRESENT** | | **COUNCILLORS** | | Cllr E. Ó’Broin | | Cllr F. Timmons | | Cllr. B. Bonner | | Cllr J. Graham | | Cllr G. Kenny | | Cllr T. Gilligan |   The Chair, Councillor F. Timmons requested that a minute’s silence be observed as a mark of respect for the victims of the attacks in Paris and for the recent death of Aidan Dardis RIP An Cathaoirleach, Councillor F. Timmons presided.OFFICIALS PRESENT  |  |  | | --- | --- | | F. Nevin | Director | | H. Hogan, M. Maguire, | Senior Executive Officers | | B. Sheehan | Senior Parks Superintendent | | B. Meenaghan | A/County Librarian | | T. O’Grady, W. Purcell L. Magee | Senior Engineers | | D. Fennell, M. Hannon, | Senior Executive Parks Superintendent | | S. Duff | Senior Executive Planner | | A.Byrne | Administrative Officer | | E. Colgan | Senior Staff Officer | | B. Clifford | Staff Officer | | I. Kenny | Assistant Staff Officer |  C/560/15 H-1 Item ID:46792 – Confirmation and re-affirmation of MinutesThe Minutes of the October Meeting of the Clondalkin Area Committee dealing with,Community, Housing, Transportation, Planning, Libraries & Art, Economic Development, Performance & Change Management, Corporate Support, Environment, Public Realm, Water & Drainage held on 21st October 2015, which has been circulated were submitted, APPROVED as a true record and signed [HI 1](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=49547)  It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor E. Ó’Broin and **RESOLVED:**  “That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the October Clondalkin Area Meeting held on 21st October be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.** TransportationC//561/15 QUESTIONSIt was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor E. Ó’Broin and RESOLVED:That pursuant to Standing Order 13, Question 1 to 3 be ADOPTED and APPROVEDC/562/15 Q (1) Item ID:46862 – Update on footpaths in Glefield J. Graham  "To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when the footpaths in Glenfield will be resurfaced?"  **REPLY:**  The Area Engineer has been requested to carry out an inspection of the paths in the Glenfield Estate. Any necessary repairs will be included for consideration in the 2016 Roadworks programme. C/563/15 Q (2) Item ID:46795 – Report on Traffic Calming Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin  "To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report detailing the amount of money spent in 2015 in the Clondalkin LEA on traffic calming and the locations were traffic calming was installed and repaired; and to further outline the amount of money available in 2016 for new traffic calming and repair of existing traffic calming?"  **REPLY:**  During 2015 Traffic Calming ramps were installed on Greenfort Lawns, Hazelgrove, Castle Grange Rd, Monksfield and the Old Nangor Road.  The amount expended was €31,376.93.  A decision has not yet been made in relation to expenditure on traffic calming ramps for 2016.  Expenditure of €60,000 was spent on repairing ramps in the Lucan and Clondalkin areas in 2015 and any outstanding repairs will be completed in 2016. C/564/15 Q (3)Item ID:46857 – Update on funding from the NRA Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin  "To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the request for funding to the NRA following completion of the Newlands Flyover and whether this application will include provision for additional landscaping by Clondalkin Tidy Towns and additional trees as requested by residents in Newlands Road to improve the visual screen at the back of their houses as required by An Bord Pleanála?"  **REPLY:**  The TII (formerly NRA) has confirmed that a financial allocation will be made available to SDCC, post completion of all works by the Contractor so that SDCC Public Realm can supplement the contract landscaping at Boot Road, Belgard Road and Fonthill Road junctions, as requested by Clondalkin Tidy Towns Group.  Payment of these monies is dependent on a proposal from SDCC to the approval of the TII.  SDCC Public Realm is currently finalising landscape proposals based on submissions made by Clondalkin Tidy Towns Group and these will then be submited to the TII.   If these proposals are approved, then the money will be used strictly for the purpose for which it was allocated.  The TII has already provided substantial additional mitigation measures to the rear of those properties on Newlands Road namely   * The 2.5m high boundary wall to the rear of Newlands Road properties was extended beyond that required by the ABP condition, as far as No. 53 Newlands Road; * The Species of tree planted in the verge along the service road to the rear of the properties was changed to one with a greater spread and faster growth; * The height of the trees planted between No. 25 and 53 Newlands Road were in excess of 7m, instead of the5m height specified in the Schedule of Commitments; * The number of trees planted between No. 25 and 53 Newlands Road was doubled from that originally specified as a result of reducing the spacing between trees from 10m to 5m; * The 1.8m high noise barrier on the road embankment was extended by over 40m (from that conditioned by ABP) to provide additional screening and noise mitigtion to adjacent properties; * The Contractor replaced existing trees that were removed from gardens to facilitate the construction of the boundary wall (where agreed with the property owner in advance of commencing works to the wall).   The TII has confirmed that it is satisfied that the Newlands Cross Upgrade Scheme has been delivered in compliance with An Bord Pleanala conditions and the commitments given in the EIS and Final Schedule of Commitments. Consequently (and apart from 4 or 5 infill trees still to be planted at the eastern end near Joel's Restaurant), no further planting will be carried out behind those residences on Newlands Road. C/565/15 H-I (2) Item ID:46891 – Winter Maintenance Plan The following report was presented by Mr. T. O’Grady, Senior Engineer;  **Winter Maintenance Plan 2015/2016**  [HI 2](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=49474)  Following contributions from Councillors E. Ó’Broin, B. Bonner and F. Timmons, Mr. T. O’Grady, Senior Engineer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**. C/566/15 H-I (3) Item ID:46766 Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads **(No Business)**  **It was NOTED that there was no business under this heading** C/567/15 H-I (4) Item ID:46764 New Works (**No Business**)  **It was NOTED that there was no business under this heading** C/568/15 C (1) Item ID:46765 Correspondence (**No Business**)  **It was NOTED that there was no business under this heading** C/569/15 M (1) Item ID:46751- Safety Audit on Newcastle Road Councillor F. Timmons  **Cathaoirleach's Business**  It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor E. Ó’Broin:  "That this committee asks SDCC for a full road and pedestrian safety audit to be carried out in the Newcastle area as a matter of urgency and any actions deemed necessary be carried out as a matter of urgency."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  Safety for pedestrians and motorists in the Newcastle area is of ongoing concern to SDCC. A variety of measures has or will shortly be undertaken to enhance road safety.   * The pedestrian lights at St Finian's School have recently been activated. A set down area for school traffic has been provided off Main Street at the new school. * The pedestrian lights at each approach to the roundabout on Main Street and the traffic lights (including pedestrian facilities) at the Aylmer Road/Main Street junction will be made operational in early December following ongoing engagement with the developer responsible for providing them. * The Road Safety Officer is examining measures to improve safety on the Peamount Road in relation to students going to and from school. * Additional traffic calming measures will shortly be installed at Peamount Healthcare. An extension of the 50 kph speed limit (with additional public lighting and traffic calming) further towards Newcastle is also being considered for 2016.   As part of the Villages Initiative being undertaken by the Architects Department the following measures are planned:  Additional footpaths on Aylmer Road (tenders currently being sought).  A "Village Gateway" scheme.  Additional paving/pedestrian area in the vicinity of the Main Street/Peamount Road junction.  In addition to existing measures all of these will enhance road safety generally and in particular safety for pedestrians.  If the Councillor wishes to bring attention to any other specific issues, they will be examined.  Following contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, and B. Bonner, Mr. W. Purcell, Senior Engineer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.** Planning **C/570/15 QUESTIONS**  It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor E. Ó’Broin and **RESOLVED:** “That pursuant to Standing Order 13, Questions 4 be ADOPTED and APPROVED.C/571/15 Q (4) Item ID:46804 – Devlopment of Wildlife, Habitats & Natural Amenities Councillor F. Timmons  "To ask the Chief Executive how can Newcastle Tidy Towns develop Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities as suggested by Tidy towns feedback? Please give as much information as possible."  **REPLY:**  The inclusion of measures to protect, enhance, and promote the biodiversity of local towns and villages is one of the categories for the Tidy Towns competition and the Tidy Towns guidance documents provide some ideas on how this can be achieved.  A suggested first step for the Newcastle Tidy Towns committee would be to develop a staged Biodiversity Action Plan for the village which will identify required actions and targets to be completed over a period of time. Newcastle village offers good opportunities to protect and promote biodiversity and the village and its environs is known, in particular, to be an important area for a number of bat species. Projects structured around retaining and enhancing habitats such as trees and hedgerows, and the appropriate maintenance of old walls and other old built structures, can form part of an overall biodiversity enhancement plan for the village.  Assistance can be had from the Heritage Officer to draw up a structured plan and identify targets for action.  Information and guidance leaflets on achieving Tidy Towns biodiversity objectives can also be accessed at the following links:  Heritage Council’s Conserving and Enhancing Wildlife in Towns and Villages – A guide for local community groups:  <http://www.heritagecouncil.ie/fileadmin/user_upload/Publications/Wildlife/wildlife.pdf>  Notice Nature’s Guidelines for the Protection of Biodiversity:  <http://www.noticenature.ie/files/tourism_guidelines.pdf>  Bat Conservation Ireland’s Bats and Tidy Towns Projects – Guidance Notes for Tidy Towns Committees:  <http://www.batconservationireland.org/wpcontent/uploads/2015/05/BCIrelandGuidelines_TidyTowns.pdf>  **C/572/ H-I (5) Item ID:46774**  New Works (**No Business**)  It was **NOTED** there was no business under this heading C/573/15 H-I (6) Item ID:46773  1. **Large Applications Under Consideration**   **SD15A/0193**  **Applicant**: T. Kavanagh  **Location**: Lands at Cornerpark, Newcastle, Co. Dublin  **Development**: Demolition of 3 dwellings and associated sheds/garages (4no.) totalling c.786 sq.m. Construction of a new residential development comprising 73 no. 2-storey, 3/4/5 bed, detached, semi-detached and terraced houses ranging in size from c.107 sq.m to c.176sq.m. Provision of a new vehicular entrance to service 71 of the houses with 2 houses having direct frontage/access to Main St. Additional access to the Castlelyon residential development to the east. All associated site development, landscaping, open spaces, boundary treatment works, car parking, bin storage and infrastructural services provision.  **Comments**: There were no comments made on this application.  **SD15A/0294**  **Applicant**: Paul Crowley  **Location**: Lands to rear of St. Johns Road & frontage on to Fonthill Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22.  **Development**: Residential development of 10 dwellings comprising of (1) 4 Type A, 2 bed two storey semi-detached houses with attic conversions; (2) 4 Type B, 3 bed two storey end terrace houses with attic conversions, (3) 2 Type C, 2 bed two storey mid terrace houses with attic conversions, (4) Proposed new vehicular access road from St. Johns Road (passing over lands owned by South Dublin County Council) and (5) Connections to all services and all ancillary site developments.  **Comments**: Councillor E. Ó’Broin noted the application.  **SD15A/0309**  **Applicant**: MLEU Dublin Ltd.  **Location**: Moneenalion Commons Upper, Baldonnel Business Park, Dublin 22  **Development**: Demolition of existing pre fab building of 39.4sqm . The construction of 3 units for light industrial and logistics/warehouse use ranging in size from 10837sq.m to 10967sq.m (with option to subdivide subject to tenant requirements). The GFA of the development is c 32,711sq.m including 1,569sq.m of ancillary office floor space. The development is served by service yards and 329 car park spaces and 73 bicycle spaces. The maximum parapet height of the units is 12.65 meters. Access to the site is from Barney's Lane and Clonlara Road and will include new access bridge to Unit B & C. Development to include attenuation measures including detention basin located to the south east of the site. The development also includes 2 substations with internal switch rooms and plant, all site development works, landscaping and associated boundary treatment and all other ancillary works.  **Comments**: There were no comments made on this application.   |  | | --- | |  |  C/574/15 C (2) Item ID:46775 Correspondence (**No Business**)  It was **NOTED** there was no business under this heading C/575/15 M (2) Item ID:46868 – Establishing a Gaeltacht in Clondalkin Councillor B. Bonner  It was proposed by Councillor B. Bonner and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons  "A group of Irish speakers is interested in establishing a Gaeltacht in Clondalkin.  They wish to buy a site and to build houses for people whose first language is Irish.  They are not looking for funding and are willing to get mortgages etc. Can the Chief Executive present a report in getting an area in Clondalkin designated as a Gaeltacht Area"  **The following report was READ:**   The development of Gaeltacht regions in the County is set out in the Gaeltacht Act 2012. It sets out to designate Gaeltacht language planning areas, Gaeltacht service towns and Irish Language networks. Communities can apply for a designation of Irish Language Network under the Act which may be granted by Ministerial order (Section 11of the Act). Communities who seek the designation will have prepared an Irish Language Plan.  Two motions have been adopted by the Council at Draft Development Plan stage as follows:  "Where practicable the policies and objectives of the South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2016-2022 will promote the Irish Language." and  "The South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2016-2022 will include policies and objectives that seek to protect and enhance the County's heritage including cultural heritage."  The first step in the process if not already complete is to with the assistance of Foras na Gaeilge to prepare a language plan and seek Ministerial approval for same.  Following contributions from Councillors B. Bonner and E. Ó’ Broin, Ms. E. Colgan, Senior Staff Officer and Mr F. Nevin, Director responded to queries raised.  The report was **NOTED** and in confirming that, in hindsight, as the motion as submitted did not reflect the housing provision objective of the group, Councillor Bonner advised that she would submit a motion under Housing Business to another meeting. Economic DevelopmentC/576/15 Questions It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor E. Ó’Broin and **RESOLVED:** “That pursuant to Standing Order 13, Questions 5 to 6 be ADOPTED and APPROVED.C/577/15 Q (5) Item ID:46830 – Guided walks to Heritage Sites Councillor F. Timmons  "To ask for a report on how Clondalkin Tidy towns can deal with this comment from Tidy Towns adjudicators ‘’Are there any guided walks which link all of these important heritage sites? (map) – Are there any plans for a map?"  **REPLY:**  Self-guided audio heritage walks have been developed by our Libraries service for all the County Villages. These are already available at [www.southdublinhistory.ie](http://www.southdublinhistory.ie/)  The County Signage project will involve the further rollout of finger post signage and map panels featuring heritage information.  The proposed schedule for the implementation of County Village Signage is before the Economic Enterprise and Tourism SPC of November 11th. C/578/15 Q (6) Item ID:46858 – Take up of Shop front & Business support grants Councillor E. Ó Broin  "To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report detailing the take-up of the shop front improvement scheme and the business support grant scheme by businesses located within the Clondalkin LEA?"  **REPLY:**  **Shopfront Grant**  On the 24th of March South Dublin County Council launched the Shopfront Grant Scheme for 2015, where a fund of €50,000 was made available to assist retailers for shopfront improvements. The scheme is intended to improve the appearance of independently owned shops fronting on to public streets. Grants are available for something as simple as painting a shop, replacing signage or replacing the entire shopfront. Grants are available from €800 up to €4,000, however the grant shall not exceed 50% of the overall cost in any case.  The Council has publicized the scheme in the following ways:  An advertisement was placed in the Tallaght Echo and the Lucan Gazette on the 12th of March, and this was re-advertised in April along with a further press release to media. This was preceded by an article about last years winner the week before in the Echo in order to develop interest in advance of re-launching.  Details of the scheme were also made available on the Councils website, and a press release was issued to local media on two occasions. Facebook and Twitter posts were issued and re-issued and further newspaper adverts were placed in April. A leaflet drop was carried out to shops in the main villages, and Elected Members were notified and asked to spread information on the scheme. The Chamber were notified and also issued notification of the scheme to its members. The Council also notified all those applicants from 2014 who for various reasons did not proceed with their application. The Council notified the main independent representative retail bodies to increase awareness, and retailers also contacted the Council directly in relation to this scheme and were met and briefed on the details of the scheme.  Twenty applications were received under the scheme, five of which were from shop owners in Clondalkin, of these five, two have been approved for a total of €12,141 (one for a parade of shops) and are in the process of completing works, two were refused as they did not meet the terms and conditions and one did not proceed with their application. The closing date for completion of works is 20th of November, 2015. The 2016 scheme will be advertised in the New Year.  **Business Support Grant**  The Business Support Grant initiative which commenced in 2014 provides a grant to businesses who: occupy a rateable property in South Dublin County; have a 2015 rates liability per rated property for the current year of €10,000 or less; have paid their rates for 2015 (including arrears, if any) and have submitted an online application.  All business potentially eligible for the 2015 Business Support Grant were directly notified by the Local Enterprise Office about the 2015 grant in July. Details were provided about the qualifying criteria and the grant amounts payable with potential applicants directed to the online application system. To date there have been 246 applications from businesses in the Clondalkin Area and the total estimated grants payable in respect of these applications is €88,157. Processing of applications is ongoing and the first tranche of grant payments issued in October with further payments due to be made over the remainder of the year.  Applications are still being accepted from businesses who have met their 2015 rates liabilities (including any arrears) and reminders have issued to eligible businesses encouraging them to do so. Businesses can apply online at <http://www.sdcc.ie/bsgrant> or contact the Local Enterprise Office for further details. C/579/15 H-I (7) Item ID:46833 – Update report of disposal at FoxdeneThe following report was presented by Mr. F. Nevin, Director; **Update report in respect of the disposal at Foxdene, Balgaddy to the St Laurence O’Toole Trust approved at the Council meeting on 9th June 1997.**  Following consideration of a report at the O & P & F Committee meeting of Council held on 17th September the members agreed that:   1. The current project status be reviewed in conjunction with the Community Department. 2. The views of the other side in the transaction, (St. Laurence O’Toole Trust), be sought. 3. A full report on the project then be brought to the Area Committee for consideration and possibly to full Council for decision.   As agreed, the situation has been reviewed and the following is the position.  As confirmed in the report to O & P the disposal is the subject of an approved S 183 report, (a function reserved to the members), and any proposal not to proceed with same would have legal implications both for the current project and the application of S 183 procedures generally.   1. Having reviewed the project, including the Bush Centre operations and related projects, it is recommended that the disposal should proceed. The disposal will enable the continuation of service delivery to the local community. 2. The St Laurence O’Toole Trust legal representatives have indicated that they wish to proceed with the acquisition and have sought a closing date for same. 3. The Law Dept have been instructed not to identify a closing date pending this report. However, **it is strongly recommended that the S 183 disposal proceed in accordance with the 1997 approval.** 4. Should the Area Committee decide not to accept this recommendation and recommend an alternative action to full Council, as outlined above, legal advice will be sought in relation to the proposed action and a further report in the matter will be brought to the O & P & F Committee of Council for consideration.   Following contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, E. Ó’Broin, B. Bonner and G. Kenny, Mr. F. Nevin, Director, responded to queries raised. It was **AGREED** that a further report would be brought to the next meeting. The report was **NOTED.** C/580/18 H-I (8) Item ID:46767 New Works (**No Business**)  It was **NOTED** there was no business under this heading. C/581/15 C (3) Item ID:46768 Correspondence (**No Business**)  It was **NOTED** there was no business under this heading C/582/15 M (3) Item ID:46817 – Signage & History at Old Tower Crescent Councillor F. Timmons  **Cathaoirleach's Business**  **It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by T. Gilligan;**  "That this committee agrees that given the Historical value of the Tower at Old Tower Crescent that a Sign be erected and the History of the Tower be displayed as outlined below  Description: Situated on flat ground in the middle of a housing estate. The W corner turret is all that survives of this towerhouse. It rises to two storeys. Built of roughly coursed masonry with dressed quoins. There is a lintelled entrance on E side at ground level and first floor (int. dims. L 3.4m; Wth 3m). The S side of the tower is lit by plain square opes. According to the Exchequer Inquisitions for County Dublin, it was agreed in 1601 that Alderman Patrick Browne and his wife should build a castle on the lands of Irishtown (Ball 1906, 87). This building is marked on the Down Survey (1655-6) map. The Civil Survey 1654-55 describes this building as a habitable house (Simington 1945, 292). A drawing by Beranger dated 1772 shows a twin gabled towerhouse (Harbison 1998, 30-31). Compiled by: Geraldine Stout."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  The provision of this research is appreciated and will be forwarded to our Local Studies Unit in Libraries for further review in developing and presenting the heritage of Clondalkin Village, in preparation for of the provision of a Village heritage trail, with the Round Tower Centre as the locus for same.  The proposed schedule for the implementation of County Village Signage is before the Economic Enterprise and Tourism SPC of November 11th.  As has been the practice in the case of the pilot in Tallaght, the initial phase not only incorporates wayfinding for walking and cycling access but also presents the existing Village Heritage Walks designed by our Libraries. (Self-guided audio Village heritage walks available at [www.southdublinhistory.ie](http://www.southdublinhistory.ie))  In the case of Tallaght project, following phase 1, during phase 2 further research and interpretation is ongoing by our expanded Local Studies Unit with a view to presenting some further information on local heritage in the environs of the Village.  The implementation of such signage at other Village locations will therefore be addressed through this structured, phased approach, with expansion of interpretative information on heritage features in phase 2, after wayfinding signage is installed in phase 1.  Any further such local research that elected members receive can be provided to Sile Coleman in Local Studies or emailed to [localstudies@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:localstudies@sdublincoco.ie) as the Council are eager to continuously expand our knowledge and materials regarding our County’s past, both as  an educational and research benefit but also the enrich future heritage trails in the County.  **In this regard members should be aware of the Clondalkin Heritage Event the Council is hosting on Saturday November 21st at Clondalkin Civic Offices, invitations for which have issued to members**.  It was **AGREED** to take Motion 3 in conjunction with Motion 5 in the name of Councillor F. Timmons M (5) Item ID:46831 – Signage for street names and building Councillor F. Timmons  It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by B. Bonner;  "That this committee agrees to look at how this area of Tidy Towns can be improved? Tidy Towns adjudicators Noted ‘’Street names and buildings did not seem to be present in many areas’’ and to ask SDCC to outlay any plans? Structures such as 1) RIC Barracks, 2) Monastery Graveyard 3) St Brigid’s well etc, also Tidy Towns adjudicators noted ‘’The information panel at the tower itself is in a difficult position to read.’’  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  In respect of the matter raised in the motion, it is anticipated that the proposed Village Signage programme may address the matters pertaining to the Heritage locations identified.  The proposed schedule for the implementation of County Village Signage is before the Economic Enterprise and Tourism SPC of November 11th.  As has been the practice in the case of the pilot in Tallaght, the initial phase not only incorporates wayfinding for walking and cycling access but also presents the existing Village Heritage Walks designed by our Libraries (available online in audio and in booklet form at [www.southdublinhistory.ie](http://www.southdublinhistory.ie)) and some of the locations specified in the motion are already referenced on said walks.  In the case of Tallaght project, following phase 1, during phase 2 further research and interpretation is ongoing by our expanded Local Studies Unit with a view to presenting some further information on local heritage in the environs of the Village.  The implementation of such signage at other Village locations will therefore be addressed through this structured, phased approach, with expansion of interpretative information on heritage features in phase 2, after wayfinding signage is installed in phase 1.In this context, subject to SPC of November 11th, it is intended that the enhanced signage and heritage information in the Village will be co-ordinated to synchronise with the development of the Round Tower Centre.  **In this regard members should be aware of the Clondalkin Heritage Event the Council is hosting on Saturday November 21st at Clondalkin Civic Offices, invitations for which have issued to members.**  **Following contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, B. Bonner, E.Ó’Broin and T. Gilligan, Mr. F. Nevin, Director, responded to queries raised and the report was NOTED.** C/583/15 M (4) Item ID:46859 – Vacant shop units Councillor E. Ó Broin  It was proposed by Councillor E. Ó’Broin and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons;  "This committee agrees, in light of the large number of vacant shop units in Clondalkin Village,that the Council set up a working group involving council staff, councillors, the Clondalkin Chamber and other relevant stakeholders to develop a strategy for revitalising the economic life of village centre."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  As the elected members will be aware [from reports of Economic, Enterprise and Tourism SPC to Council,](http://intranet/cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=45668) there are activities ongoing on a number of fronts all aimed at revitalising the economic life of our Villages. Many of these schemes have been developed in collaboration with the SPC membership and South Dublin Chamber, through the Councils support of the Sustainable Business Executive role. All parties have developed the programme of supports with the express purpose of stimulating economic vitality in local Villages and supporting employment in SMEs.  While retail fora took place in 2015, attendance was somewhat disappointing however engagement with retailers will continue in 2016 to provide an opportunity for local retailers to engage with the Councils Sustainable Business Executive and identify issues. Supporting programmes will be developed through the Economic, Enterprise and Tourism SPC and Sustainable Business Executive role.  On a related front, public realm improvements from the Village Initiative, Tidy Towns and the County Signage programme, also support the legibility and attractiveness of Village centres, further encouraging visitors and locals alike to frequent local businesses. The development of the Round Tower Visitor Centre is of course the strongest indication of the Councils financial commitment to the revitalisation of the public realm and economic activity in Clondalkin Village, which as an attractor to local and visitors alike, will bring a beneficial multiplier of economic activity to the Villages businesses.  **In terms of developing a strategy for revitalising the economic life of village centre, these actions and many others on the socio-economic front have already been cohered into a strategy in the form of the goals and actions of the** [**Local Economic and Community Plan**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=48650) **(LECP). While many of the actions in the plan are ongoing, the plan itself will be presented to the December Council meeting. With the LECP in place at the outset of 2016 co-ordinated implementation of these cross-cutting County-wide actions in all Villages will continue under the direction of the relevant SPC and will continue to be reported to the Council and CPG etc.**  **Following contributions from Councillors E.Ó’Broin, F. Timmons, T. Gilligan, B. Bonner and G. Kenny, Mr. Fr. Nevin, Director, responded to queries raised and the report was NOTED.** Libraries & ArtsC/584/QUESTIONSIt was NOTED there was no business under this headingC/585/15 H-I (9) Item ID:46769The following report was presented by Ms. B. Meenaghan, A/County Librarian; Library News & Events  [HI 9](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=49468)  Following a contribution from Councillor B. Bonner, Ms. B. Meenaghan, A/County Librarian responded to query raised. The report was **NOTED.** C/586/15 H-I (10) Item ID:46770The following report by Ms. B. Meenaghan, A/County Librarian; **Application for Arts Grants**  An 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:-   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Ref: | Name of Group | Type of Application - Grant | Date Received | Amount € | | AGF855 | Clondalkin Youth Centre for 2 projects | Project | 15/10/2015 | 1000 |   It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor E. Ó’Broin; “That this Committee recommends that South Dublin County Council APPROVE the grant as recommended in the foregoing report.”The report was NOTED.C/587/15 H-I (11) Item ID:46771 NEW WORKS (**No Business**)  It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading C/588/15 C (4) Item ID:46772 Correspondence (**No Business**)  It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading C/589/15 M (6) Item ID:46828 – Library at Rathcoole Councillor F. Timmons  **Cathaoirleach's Business**  **It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor E. Ó’Broin;**  "That this area committee supports and calls for a permanent Library at Rathcoole village serving the Rathcoole, Saggart, Newcastle and surrounding areas and asks for a report on how this could be progressed."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ and NOTED:**  A permanent library serving the Rathcoole/Saggart/Newcastle area would indeed be a huge asset to the communities of these areas. The County Council and Libraries Department will of course consider this request subject to a planned investment programme in library infrastructure being put in place.  In the meanwhile the Mobile Library offers a service to these communities.  Rathcoole: 2 school visits and 2 public stops in the village every Monday evening.  Saggart: Public stop every second Thursday  Newcastle: Public stops every Monday afternoon  We also deliver boxes of books each month to nursing homes and crèches in Rathcoole, Saggart and Newcastle and visit the crèches for special story times and promotional visits from time to time.  A home delivery service is also available to any person who has difficulty visiting their local branch library due to age or illness. Corporate SupportC/590/15/ Questions It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor E. Ó’Broin and **RESOLVED:** “That pursuant to Standing Order 13, Questions 7 be ADOPTED and APPROVED.C/591/15 Q (7) Item ID:46454 – Civic Offices Councillor F. Timmons  To ask for an update report on Motion 4 from June 15 and Q13 from April ’15 ?  ("To ask the Chief Executive to look at the use of our Civic offices in Clondalkin to promote diversity, inclusion and equality in displays and will aim to mark events in our Civic Offices and that the Social Inclusion department of SDCC to be involved in this, to look at the use of the downstairs meeting room as a room that could be used to hold such events and upgrade this room as a civic events room? Also the notice board in main lobby to promote such events?”)  **REPLY:**  The Council's Annual Social Inclusion Week will take place from the 16th -22nd November 2015 and there are currently displays in the Clondalkin Civic Offices promoting upcoming events that promote diversity, inclusion and equality. A number of events are planned in the Clondalkin Electoral Area, please see link to brochure below.  <http://www.sdcc.ie/sites/default/files/publications//social-inclusion-week-2015-brochure.pdf>  Clondalkin Civic Offices is a public office for local people to access council services and a place of work. It is not suitable for use as an event space on a regular basis. A number of excellent council owned facilties exist in the Clondalkin area including Community Centres where the purpose is to facilitate local events and it is recommended that the councillor make contact with these centres which are more suitable for events. C/592/15 H-I (12) Item ID:46776 New Works (**No Business**)  It was **NOTED** there was no business under this heading C/593/15 C (5) Item ID:46777 Correspondence (**No Business**)  It was **NOTED** there was no business under this heading C/594/15 M (7) Item ID:46829 - Understaffing at Rathcoole Gardaí Station Councillor F. Timmons  **Cathaoirleach's Business**  **It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor T. Gilligan;**  "That this committee agrees with Rathcoole Community Council in saying that the station in Rathcoole is understaffed and calls for more gardaí and patrols are needed to stem the number of burglaries and break-ins especially as we go into Christmas and the dark evenings and we ask that the Minister for Justice be written to and asked to urgently review this unacceptable situation."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ.**  If the Motion is passed the matter will be referred to the Minister for Justice for her attention and when a reply is received the Committee will be notified accordingly.  The Motion was **PASSED.** C/595/15 M (8) Item ID:46815 – Support services for Children/Familes in Clondalkin/Lucan Area. Councillor E. Ó Broin  It was proposed by Councillor E.Ó’Broin and seconded by Councillor T. Gilligan:  "This Committee agrees to invite Dr. Cornelia Munteanu, Senior Social Work Practitioner, Rosscourt Resource Centre to give members of the Clondalkin Area Committee a briefing on the provision of support services for children and families in the Clondalkin/Lucan Area in advance of the next available area committee meeting."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ .**  If the Motion is passed an invitation will be sent to Dr.Cornelia Munteanu to attend an informal briefing with the members.  Following contributions from Councillors E. Ó’Broin, B. Bonner and F. Timmons. The Motion was **PASSED.** C/596/15 M (9) Item ID:46863 – Congratulations Letter re Oireachtas Councillor B. Bonner  "Tréaslaíonn an choiste seo le gach duine a d'oibrigh ar an Oireachtas i CityWest i mbliana.  Tháinig na mílte go Citywest an deire seachtaine seo caite chun ceol, teanga agus rince gaelach a cheiliúradh. Aithnímid gur thug an Chomhairle lán tacaíocht don bhféile seo.  Iarraimid ar an príomhfheidhmeannach scroibh chuig cathaoirleach an Oireachtais Liam O Maoladha á thréaslú agus a rá leis go bhfuilimid ag súil go dtiocfaidh an Oireachtas ar ais go Citywest an bhliain seo chughainn."  "This Committee congratulates everyone who worked at the Oireachtas in Citywest this year.  Thousands came to Citywest on the Oireachtas weekend to celebrate Irish music, language and dancing.  We recognise that the Council gave a lot of support to the festival.  We request that the Chief Executive writes to the Chair of the Oireachtas. Liam O'Maoladha to congratulate him and to say that we look forward to the Oireachtas coming back again to City West next year."  In moving her motion Councillor Bonner proposed the following amendment. It was seconded by Councillor F. Timmons;  Tréaslaíonn an choiste seo le gach duine a raibh baint acu leis an Oireachtas i  Citywest le déanaí.  Tháinig na mílte chuig Oireachtas na Samhna chun ceol, teanga agus rince gaelach a cheiliúradh.  Aithnímid gur thug an Chomhairle lán-tacaíocht don bhféile.  Iarraimid go scíobhfar chuig Liam Ó Maoladha, cathaoirleach an Oireachtais, agus chuig Briain Ó Gaibhín, Áras Chrónáin, ar ár son ag cur ár gcomhghairdeas in iúl dóibh.  Abair leo freisin go bhfuilimid ag tnúth leis an chéad Oireachtas eile i Citywest go luath.  The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**  Má ritear an Rún seo seolfar litir comhghairdis chuig an gCathaoirleach, Liam Ó Maoladha, agus Briain Ó Gaibhín, Áras Chrónáin,  á thabhairt le fios go bhfuil súil againn go mbeidh an tOireachtas ar ais in Iarthar na Cathrach (Citywest) go luath.  If this motion is agreed, a letter of congratulations will be sent to Chair, Liam O Maoladha and Briain Ó Gaibhín, Áras Chrónáin, informing them that we look forward to having the Oireachtas back in Citywest soon .  The Motion was **AGREED.** C/597/15 M (10) Item ID:46866 - Liffey Valley Centre Upgrade Councillor J. Graham  It was proposed by Councillor J. Graham and seconded by Councillor G. Kenny:  "That this Committee agrees to invite the various stakeholders and employment organisations involved in the Liffey Valley Centre upgrade (Details Provided) to provide an update on current work to date and to discuss local employment prospects with the area committee."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  If the Motion is passed a letter will issue to the stakeholders and relevant employment organisations for their attention and when a reply is received the Committee will be notified accordingly.  Following contributions from Councillors J. Graham and B. Bonner, The Motion was **PASSED.** C/598/15 M (11) Item ID:46838 – Event on 21st December outside Civic Offices F. Timmons  It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor E. Ó’Broin:  "That SDCC advertise and promote an event outside Clondalkin civic office on 21st December to remember all those who have died from suicide and those that live with mental health issues. Event was held last year and was supported locally. This year a Balloon launch and Mayor in attendance would add to event."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ and NOTED:**  Can the event organisers, please forward details of the event to [communications@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:communications@sdublincoco.ie) for promotion on the Council's Social media pages. In accordance with protocol all requests from individuals or groups who wish to invite the Mayor to their event should contact the Mayor's office directly in advance.   C/599/15 M (12) Item ID:46816 – Staff resources at the early intervention team in Rosscourt Councillor E. Ó Broin  It was proposed by Councillor E. Ó’Broin and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:  "In light of the under-provision of support services for children with autism in the Community Care Organisation 7 area (which covers Clondalkin) this committee agrees to write to the Ministers for Health and Education calling on them to increase investment in staff resources at the early intervention team in Rosscourt; to increasing funding for special autism units across the area; and to increase investment in teacher supports and Special Needs Assistants to support children with autism and related special needs."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ.**  If the Motion is passed a letter will be issued to the Ministers for Health and Education for their attention.  When replies are received the Committee will be notified accordingly.  The Motion was **PASSED.** Performance & Change ManagementC/600/15 /QuestionsIt was NOTED there was no business under this headingC/601/15 H-I (13) Item ID:46778 New Works (**No Business**)  It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading C/602/15 C (6) Item ID:46779 Correspondence (**No Business**)  It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading EnvironmentC/603/15 Questions It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor E. Ó’Broin and **RESOLVED:** “That pursuant to Standing Order 13, Questions 8 be ADOPTED and APPROVED.C/604/15 Q (8) Item ID:46849 – Litter issues Councillor F. Timmons  "Has \*name supplied\* in Clondalkin been contacted by SDCC and Litter issues been sorted?  **REPLY:**  The Council's Litter Warden Service is very visible in the Clondalkin area, and has developed a good working relationship with businesses.  There are daily patrols in the Clondalkin Village area, at different times of the day.  He is satisfied that all the businesses, including that mentioned in the Motion, are aware of their obligations under the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended, and he works with them to deal with any specific problems which may occur.  In general where it is apparent that an occupier of a premises is contravening [Section 6 of the Act](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1997/act/12/section/6/enacted/en/html), or that precautionary measures are required to prevent the creation of litter, the Council may serve a Notice ([under Section 9 of the Act](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1997/act/12/section/9/enacted/en/html)) on the occupier of the premises, requiring the occupier to remove the litter or take precautionary measures specified in the Notice, which the Council considers necessary.  Failure to comply with a Notice may result in the issuing of a litter fine to the occupier.  It should be noted that Section 6 of the Act relates to an occupier's obligations to keep any area in the vicinity of the premises, visible from a public place, free of litter, and regardless of the source of the litter. C/605/15 H-I (14) Item ID:46782 New Works (**No Business**)  It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading C/606/15 C (7) Item ID:46783 Correspondence (**No Business**)  It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading C/607/15 M (13) Item ID:46750 – Recycle bank in Newcastle Councillor F. Timmons  **Cathaoirleach's Business**  **It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor T. Gilligan:**  "That this area committee ask SDCC for a commitment that SDCC will provide a recycle bank in Newcastle and work with Newcastle tidy town in the area of sustainable waste as to improve the tidy town results next year’’  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  As reported to the September meeting of the Clondalkin Area Committee the Council's Community Recycling Strategy is currently being reviewed by the Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change SPC.  A draft updated strategy document was presented to the SPC at the meeting of November 3rd with the intention of returning to finalise the document at the February 2016 meeting.  The most significant change proposed in the updated strategy is a change to the requirement to site bring banks a minimum of 50 metres from the nearest housing.  If this change is accepted it will open up the possibility of sites which currently are not considered to be suitable as they do not meet the siting criteria.  It is therefore proposed that a search for a bring bank site in Newcastle commence after the conclusion of the review of the strategy.  The Council's Environmental Awareness Section in conjunction with the Community Dept will provide assistance and advice to the local Tidy Towns Group with regard to sustainable waste management as suggested.  Following contributions from Councillor F. Timmons, B. Bonner and G. Kenny, Mr. L. Magee, Senior Engineer and Ms. M. Maguire, Senior Executive Officer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.** C/608/15 M (14) Item ID:46861- Litter issues at Take-Away Premises Councillor B. Bonner  It was proposed by Councillor B. Bonner and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons;  "Can the Chief Executive clarify whether take away premises can be prosecuted for boxes and wrappers which are clearly marked with their logo and emanating from their business being discarded by customers.  There is a particular problem with one pizza outlet \*name and address supplied\* Customers discard the pizza boxes all around the village, but particularly along the Monastery Road.  The area adjacent to the Monastery Shopping centre is often very badly littered with these boxes.  This committee calls on the Chief Executive to request that this pizza shop organise a clean up of the surrounding area of its discarded boxes at close of business each evening."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  In general where it is apparent that an occupier of a premises is contravening [Section 6 of the Act](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1997/act/12/section/6/enacted/en/html), or that precautionary measures are required to prevent the creation of litter, the Council may serve a Notice ([under Section 9 of the Act](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1997/act/12/section/9/enacted/en/html)) on the occupier of the premises, requiring the occupier to remove the litter or take precautionary measures specified in the Notice, which the Council considers necessary.  Failure to comply with a Notice may result in the issuing of a litter fine to the occupier.  The Council's Litter Warden Service is very visible in the Clondalkin area, and has developed a good working relationship with businesses. There are daily patrols in the Clondalkin Village area, at different times of the day.  He is satisfied that all the businesses are aware of their obligations under the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended, and he works with them to deal with any specific problems which may occur.  It should be noted that Section 6 of the Act relates to an occupier's obligations to keep any area in the vicinity of the premises, visible from a public place, free of litter, and regardless of the source of the litter and this extends beyond, and includes, litter generated by the occupiers of any property.  Following a contribution from Councillor B. Bonner, Ms. M. Maguire, Senior Executive Officer, responded to query raised and the report was **NOTED.** C/609/15 M (15) Item ID:46870 – Owner of lands Councillor J. Graham  It was proposed by Councillor J. Graham and seconded by Councillor E. Ó’Broin  "That this Committee calls on the Management to identify the legal owner of the lands adjacent to \*address supplied\* and issue enforcement proceedings to the owner under the Litter Pollution Acts."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  The lands referred to were recently brought to the attention of the Councils Enforcement & Licensing Section.  The Council's Litter Warden investigated the complaint and found a large amount of material being held on the lands in question on 6th October 2015.  However, when the Litter Warden returned on the following day, 7th October 2015, it was found that this particular material had been moved onto the open space at St. Marks Estate. This material was subsequently removed by the Council’s Public Realm Section on that same day, along with other material dumped on the open space.  The Council has carried out a Land Registry search in order to identify the registered owner of the lands. Unfortunately, the ownership details do not reflect the change of ownership which took place approximately five years ago. The Enforcement and Licensing Section is trying to establish the identity and whereabouts of the current owner.  A recent inspection found that the lands are littered. The Litter Warden will continue to monitor the situation and any action warranted under the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended, will be taken once the ownership details are established.  Following a contribution from Councillor E. Ó’Broin, Ms. M. Maguire, Senior Executive Officer, responded to query raised and the report was **NOTED.** Water & DrainageC610/15 QUESTIONSIt was NOTED there was no business under this headingC/611/15 H-I (15) Item ID:46797 New Works **(No Business)**  **It was NOTED that there was no business under this heading** C/612/15 C (8) Item ID:46798 Correspondence **(No Business)**  **It was NOTED that there was no business under this heading** Public RealmC/613/15 Questions It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor E. Ó’Broin and **RESOLVED:** “That pursuant to Standing Order 13, Questions 9 to 12 be ADOPTED and APPROVED.C/614/15 Q (9) Item ID:46867 – Bonfire Activity Councillor B. Bonner  "To ask the Chief Executive if there was a reduction in bonfire activity in the Clondalkin area over Hallowe'en?  The great efforts made by council staff to clear bonfire material all week in the area is noted and very much appreciated.  Staff worked right up to nighfall on Hallowe'en and many residents have asked me to convey their thanks.  When can the bonfire remains be cleaned up?  In spite of the best efforts of our crews there were some very destructive bonfires.  The one outside the school at St Bernadette's damaged the greens and destroyed the beautiful trees which were planted by the council with the assistance of the children in the school."  **REPLY:**  The Councillor's remarks are appreciated and will be passed on to the staff involved. To date, 113 bonfires have been mapped in the Clondalkin LEA. While the majority of the bonfires in the area have been mapped, this figure is expected to increase slightly as the bonfire mapping is completed.  As it currently stands, there appears to be a reduction of a little over 10% in bonfires for the Clondalkin LEA in 2015, as compared to 2014 when 130 bonfires were recorded. It is considered that the combined efforts by the Council to counter bonfires, through a range of measures including the removal of bonfire material, have contributed to the apparent reduction in bonfires this year.  The clean-up operation commenced on the week beginning 3rd November and is scheduled to continue until Friday 20th November. C/615/15 Q (10) Item ID:46471 – Update on Astro turf pitch Councillor E. Ó Broin  "To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the resolution of the land issues and planning application for the astro turf pitch currently being pursued in partnership with Knockmitten United FC?"  **REPLY:**   The issue of the legal process to transfer the lands to the Council was initiated some years ago but has not been finalised. The Council is endeavouring to have the legal process completed at the earliest opportunity. C/616/15 Q (11) Item ID:46752 – Playspace in Newcastle Councillor F. Timmons  "To ask the Chief Executive for a report on a playspace in Newcastle and has the old school yard been considered ?  Has approach and dialogue taken place with the Laurence O'Toole Trust?"  **REPLY:**  No suitable site for the play space in Newcastle has been identified and there was consultation on this with the Renewcastle Group.  The only feasible site is in the new park that will be constructed as part of the Local Area Plan and which will include a play space. The timeline for this construction is currently unclear as the site is subject to a Receivership process.  There was a suggestion to liaise with the Laurence O’Toole Trust on a possible alternative site and this suggestion will be followed up. At present the Council is engaged with a number of areas across the county on the progression of the Play Space programme and it will not be possible to undertake the consultation on Newcastle for a number of weeks. C/617/15 Q (12) Item ID:46759 – Dog-run in Ratchoole Councillor F. Timmons  "To ask for a report on a possible dog run in Rathcoole like the one in Corkagh park? How could this be progressed?"  **REPLY:**  The 2011 Parks and Open Spaces Bye-laws, Section 4 - Animals, requires that all dogs be on a leash and under effective control when in a public park or open space in the county.  However, acknowledging that many dog owners wish to exercise their dogs off leash, the 2011 Bye-laws also included two exceptions to this general rule.  Dogs may be exercised off leash in either designated areas (dog runs) or at designated times.  The Council has, to date, provided off-leash areas in three of the Regional Parks in the county - Corkagh Park, Griffeen Valley Park and Tymon Park. The off leash areas are fenced with double entry gates and extend to approx 5,000m2 and have proven to be very popular with dog walkers. While off leash areas can be readily accommodated in major parks, where the park extends to over 100 hectares, it is considered that an alternative approach would be better suited to small parks such as Rathcoole Park, which extends to about 14 hectares.  To date, the Council has not moved to designate times when dogs may be exercised off leash in public parks and open spaces as there has been no particular demand for this facility. However, in light of requests to provide an off leash area in Rathcoole Park, it is proposed to introduce, on a trial basis for a period of one year, designated times for dogs to be allowed off leash in the park.  The designated off leash times will be from 8.00am to 10.00am in the morning and for one hour before park closing in the evenings. These times coincide with the times of day when many dog owners exercise their dogs and should minimise potential conflicts with other park users.  Arrangements will be made to place signage in the park advising the public of the date of commencement of the off leash period. C/618/15 H-I (16) Item ID:46780 New Works (**No Business**)  It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading C/619/15 C (9) Item ID:46781 Correspondence(**No Business**)  It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading C/620/15 M (16) Item ID:46761 – Additional Playground/Playspaces in Balgaddy Councillor F. Timmons  **Cathaoirleach's Business**  **It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor E. Ó’Broin:**  "That this committee agrees that extra playground/Playspace facilities are needed in Balgaddy for the many children with a disability in the area. That a report be brought on this to area committee."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**   The play facility in Balgaddy was provided as part of the housing project some years ago. It has, regrettably been the subject of ongoing vandalism including a recent significant event where part of the playground equipment was destroyed.  The idea of providing for disabled access in play provision is one that is currently part of the design process for these facilities and that the Council does provide – and the Council has subscribed to the Barcelona Declaration in regard to disability. Indeed the aim in the design of these facilities for a number of years now is to make as much of the equipment as possible, disabled accessible.  The play space in Balgaddy will be examined to see if there is a need to enhance the existing opportunities for disabled children there.  Following contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, G. Kenny, B. Bonner and E. Ó’Broin, M. M. Hannon, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.** C/621/15 M (17) Item ID:46368 – Taking in Charge in Monastery Heath Councillor E. Ó Broin  It was proposed by Councillor E. Ó’Broin and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons  "That the Chief Executive present a report at the meeting for discussion on the taking in charge of two green spaces in Monastery Heath and the pruning of trees at the rear of Woodford Drive."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  There are ongoing discussions with the developer of Monastery Heath in relation to the Taking in Charge of Monastery Heath. The Council is seeking to conclude this matter at the earliest opportunity and a meeting has been arranged on site to progress the matter. The Elected Members will be updated on progress.  It was agreed to take Motion 17 in conjunction with Motion 19 in the name of Councillor B. Bonner  Following contributions from Councillor E.Ó’Broin and Councillor F. Timmons, Mr. M. Hannon, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, responded to queries raised and it was **AGREED** that a further report would be brought to the next meeting. M (19) Item ID:46856 – Taking in Charge graveyard at Mount St. Josepth Councillor B. Bonner  "This committee calls on the Chief Executive to request that the graveyard at Mount Saint Joseph be taken into public ownership so that it can be afforded the care and protection that it deserves.  This committee also praises the work of council crews who assisted Tidy Towns volunteers to clear a huge stockpile of wood and other material which was clearly intended as bonfire material at this sacred and historic site."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  There are ongoing discussions with the developer of Monastery Heath in relation to the old graveyard of Mount Saint Joseph Monastery. The Council  is seeking to conclude this matter at the earliest opportunity and a meeting has been arranged with the developer to progress the outstanding issues. It should be noted that the ongoing maintenance of the graveyard will rest with the Management Company and as per the planning permission for the adjacent Monastery Heath housing estate. The Elected Members will be updated on progress.  Following contributions from Councillors E.Ó’Broin, and B. Bonner, Mr. M. Hannon, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, responded to queries raised and it was **AGREED** that a further report would be brought to the next meeting. C/622/15 M (18) Item ID:46474 – Pruning of trees onto Neilstown Road Councillor J. Graham  It was proposed by Councillor J. Graham and seconded by Councillor E. Ó’Broin:  "That this Committee agrees that the Council prune the trees that are overhanging onto the Neilstown Road at the immediate side of St Peter Apostle school at Lett's field."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  The trees at this location have been recently inspected.  There is one tree within Lett's field along the boundary of St. Peter Apostle school that is immediately adjacent to the Neilstown Road.  This tree is not impeding pedestrian access along Neilstown Road and is not considered to require pruning at this time.  Following a contribution from Councillor J. Graham, Mr. L. Magee, Senior Engineer, responded to query raised and the report was **NOTED.**  . HousingC/623/15 Questions It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor E. Ó’Broin and **RESOLVED:** “That pursuant to Standing Order 13, Question 13 be ADOPTED and APPROVED.C/624/15 Q (13) Item ID:46657 – Report on social housing stock Councillor E. Ó Broin  "To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report detailing the total social housing stock North of the Nass Road (broken down by LEA) and a list of all social housing expected to be ready to tenant in 2016 north of the Nass Road (broken down by LEA) including purchases, Part 8s, refurbs and new builds?"  **REPLY**  **Social Housing Stock North of Naas Road**  2603 in the Clondalkin LEA  799   in the Lucan LEA  The following social housing units are scheduled for delivery in 2016 under the Part V111 Programme:  **North of Naas Road**  2 dwellings at St Finians, Lucan, Co Dublin  Activity in relation to house purchases is always dependent on market availability and value opportunity. It is therefore not possible to predict the number of units that will become available in 2016 under this programme.  However 2 houses have been purchased North of the Naas Road in the past weeks and they will be tenanted as soon as re-let works are complete C/625/15 H-I (17) Item ID:46834 The following report was presented by Mr. H. Hogan, Senior Executive Officer;  **Anti Social Quarterly Statistics Report for 2015**  The table below provides statistical analysis of anti -social activity in the Clondalkin area on a quarterly basis.   |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Incidents** | **Year End** **2014** | **1st Qtr 2015** | **2nd Qtr 2015** | **3rd Qtr 2015** | **4th Qtr 2015** | | **Priority 1** |  |  |  |  |  | | Drugs Activity reported to SDCC | 28 | 1 | 1 | 0 |  | | Criminal Activity reported to SDCC | 44 | 0 | 1 | 0 |  | | Joyriding reported to SDCC | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |  | | Violence/intimidation/ harassment reported to SDCC | 136 | 19 | 12 | 11 |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | **Priority 2** |  |  |  |  |  | | Squatters/illegal occupiers reported to SDCC | 53 | 5 | 2 | 0 |  | | Vandalism reported to SDCC | 100 | 11 | 6 | 3 |  | | Physical condition of property reported to SDCC | 25 | 0 | 1 | 2 |  | | Physical condition of Garden reported to SDCC | 83 | 3 | 1 | 1 |  | | Racism reported to SDCC | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | | Vacant House reported to SDCC | 71 | 3 | 1 | 4 |  | | Neighbour Dispute reported to SDCC | 1 | 0 | 4 | 4 |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | **Priority 3** |  |  |  |  |  | | Noise/disturbance reported to SDCC | 71 | 6 | 11 | 8 |  | | Pets/animal nuisance reported to SDCC | 24 | 1 | 0 | 2 |  | | Children Nuisance reported to SDCC | 26 | 0 | 2 | 0 |  | | Selling alcohol | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | | **Total Incidents reported to SDCC** |  |  |  |  |  | |  | **673** | **51** | **42** | **34** |  | | **Total Complaints reported to SDCC** | **725** | **54** | **41** | **32** |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | **Total Actions taken by Allocations Support Unit Staff** **Main actions listed below** | **3090** | **694** | **679** | **599** |  | | Housecall / Inspection | 12 | 207 | 156 | 160 |  | | Notice to Quit | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |  | | Abandonment notice served | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |  | | Surrenders Obtained |  | 3 | 5 | 5 |  | | Interviews held (formal office and by phone) | 630 | 155 | 175 | 130 |  |  The report was NOTED.C/626/15 H-I (18) Item ID:46836 The following report was presented by Mr. H. Hogan, Senior Executive Officer;  **Baldaddy Update**  A number of houses identified by Councillors and the Balgaddy Working Together group were surveyed as requested by Council staff and independently by HSE staff.  The results of their inspections and our recommendations were set out in a report to the last Area Committee Meeting.  Condensation levels as previously explained vary depending on building design and tenant lifestyle. This proved to be the case again here. A number of improvements were recommended to the dwellings surveyed and a tender to carry out these works is in preparation. One third of the homes identified however have not facilitated access by Council or HSE staff and this continues to delay the tender issue.  It would be helpful if the members could encourage the tenants who have not cooperated with the inspection of the tranche of homes now in discussion to do so and allow any building problems to be evaluated and remedied as well as the tender to issue.  It was **AGREED** to take Headed Item 18 in conjunction with Motion 21 in the name of Councillor F. Timmons; M (21) Item ID:46850 – Balgaddy Update Councillor F. Timmons  It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor T. Gilligan;  "This committee agrees in the interest of public health and safety that SDCC provide a full report on Balgaddy and to list all the housing units that need work and what action is being done in this regard? What is the estimated cost of bringing the accommodation up to acceptable living standard? Also in that report to provide a fire certificate for all Housing in Balgaddy, when was a safety audit done of these premises? and to include the name of the Persons who signed off on this. "  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  It is not accepted that the units of accommodation in Balgaddy are below acceptable living standards.  Constructional problems left by Gama Construction formed the centre of well over two years of remedial works. All units were left fit for purpose and this was reflected in the years following by lower than average Maintenance request activity in the area.  All Council Estates continue to require maintenance as does Balgaddy. The Council has a developed system for the reporting of maintenance issues by tenants and this system tracks problems and depot responses. This is the correct way for tenants with difficulties to report them to the Council.  A number of houses identified by Councillors and the Balgaddy Working Together group were surveyed as requested by Council staff and independently by HSE staff.  The results of their inspections and our recommendations were set out in a report to the last Area Committee Meeting.  Condensation levels as previously explained vary depending on building design and tenant lifestyle. This proved to be the case again here. A number of improvements were recommended to the dwellings surveyed and a tender to carry out these works is in preparation. One third of the homes identified however have not facilitated access by Council or HSE staff and this continues to delay the tender issue.  It would be helpful if the members could encourage the tenants who have not cooperated with the inspection of the tranche of homes now in discussion to do so and allow any building problems to be evaluated and remedied as well as the tender to issue.  The cost of undertaking these works will not be known until the tender has been published and a contract signed.  Individual houses do not require fire safety certification under the Building Regulations.  Apartments in Balgaddy were the subject of fire safety design reports to Dublin Fire Brigade standard required for fire certification.  Opinions on Compliance with the Building Regulations were provided at completion by Murray O Laoire Architects and Howley Harrington Architects.  A number of fire safety issues were identified by Council staff, BCF Report and EML Report. All issues identified were addressed and remedied over the two year period mentioned above. All units were surveyed at the end of the remediation for fire safety.  Since then issues reported have proven not to be in breach.  It should be noted that there have been three fires reported in Balgaddy since its opening and in all cases there has been no spread of flame or smoke penetration to adjoining units.  Following contributions from Councillors F. Timmons and E. Ó’Broin, Mr. H. Hogan, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised, It was AGREED that a further report would be brought to the next Meeting. The report was **NOTED.** C/627/15 H-I (19) Item ID:46784 New Works (**No Business**)  It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading C/628/15 C (10) Item ID:46785 Correspondence (**No Business**)  It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading C/629/15 M (20) Item ID:46839 – Homeless Accommodation Councillor F. Timmons  **Cathaoirleach's Business**  **It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor E. Ó’Broin;**  "That a report is brought to this committee on suitable place for a homeless Hostel / emergency accommodation in the Clondalkin area as a matter of urgency, this report include an estimate of how much it may cost to staff, and that an update is given on reported accommodation in Dublin city centre." (Reported to Billy Coman by Cllr Timmons)  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  We have not identified a location for a similar hostel in the Clondalkin area but that we have €300K capital in the budget for same. However the costs of providing an emergency facility similar to that in Tallaght is mainly in the staffing and care costs which will need to be met by the DRHE and HSE.  We will continue to look for a suitable location or property throughout the County and will keep the ACM briefed  In relation to the complaint in respect of the standard of accommodation available for homeless in the city we have had confirmation that the complaints has been investigated and remedial action taken.  The DRHE have confirmed that they have a process in place whereby complaints of this nature are immediately investigated and action taken to remedy any issues identified.  Following contributions from Councillor E. Ó’Broin, B. Bonner, G. Kenny and F. Timmons, Mr. H. Hogan, Senior Executive Officer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**  **C/630/15 M (22) Item ID:46851 – Traveller accommodation**  Councillor F. Timmons  It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor T. Gilligan:  "That this committee calls on a report and discussion on traveller accommodation in the Clondalkin area, the standards of same and the expected standards, the obvious overcrowding issues and how will traveller concerns be addressed in upcoming site audits?"  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  Traveller Accommodation is provided in a number of ways depending on demand, and preference. At present in the Clondalkin area, there are a number of permanent sites as well as some temporary sites, and obviously the standards vary between permanent sites and temporary ones.  Currently in the Clondalkin area we have the following permanent sites:  Kishogue Park - 10 Group Houses, 10 Residential Caravan Park Bays and a Community Centre.  Lynch's Park - 10 Group Houses, 9 Residential Caravan Park Bays and a Community Centre  Oldcastle Drive -14 Group Houses  Lynch's Lane Emergency - 3 Residential Caravan Park Bays.  Temporary Sites are provided at:  Oldcastle - 20 Residential Caravan Park Bays.  Lock Road Emergency - 6 Residential Caravan Park Bays  Where overcrowding exists, the Council endeavours to find alternative accommodation depending on availability, preferred choice of traveller specific or standard housing.   The Current Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014-2018 provided for the redevelopment of the following sites,  Ballyowen Lane  Belgard Road  St. Aidans  Oldcastle Park  Lynch's Lane  Belgard Park.  The Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee recently reviewed the Current Programme and decided to prioritise the redevelopment of Oldcastle and at St Aidans as joint priority. The Council are currently working with Clondalkin Traveller Development Group and representatives of the residents to discuss preferences for the type and size of accommodation required to be provided. Following on from this a design will be prepared for discussion with the residents and on agreement funding will then be sought.  Initial discussions have been held with the Fire Brigade in order to develop a planned programme not just of site inspections but also of Fire Safety Awareness and Fire Prevention which will be rolled out through the Council and the Traveller Development Groups. A series of training seminars will be developed for these staff and literature highlighting Fire Safety Awareness and Prevention will also be produced.  Following the above site specific audits will be carried out by the Fire Brigade in conjunction with Council staff and the respective Traveller Development Groups and a report prepared for the Council.  Following contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, E.Ó’Broin and B. Bonner, Mr. H. Hogan, Senior Executive Officer, responded to queries raised. Cllr E. Ó’Broin acknowledged the positive working relationship between South Dublin County Council and travellers, and the success of the Council in managing and achieving the objectives of the Council’s Traveller Accommodation Programme.  The report was **NOTED.**   CommunityC/631/15 Questions It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor E. Ó’Broin and **RESOLVED:** “That pursuant to Standing Order 13, Question 14 be ADOPTED and APPROVED.C/632/15 Q (14) Item ID:46840 – Report on Public Partner Network Councillor F. Timmons  "To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the Public Partner Network, what clondalkin area groups are represented and how does a group register and the criteria etc?"  **REPLY:**  The South Dublin County Public Participation Network (PPN) was established in October 2014 using guidelines provided by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government. There are approximately 300 groups currently registered with over 75 of these groups located in Clondalkin.  The PPN is open to all community, voluntary, social inclusion and environmental groups operating within the County. Registration forms are available online at [www.sdcppn.ie](http://www.sdcppn.ie) or by phone at 086 170 1141.  In order to ensure that the PPN is independent of the Local Authority it was agreed that a host organisation would be selected to host the PPN through an open competition. South Dublin County Volunteer Centre was selected as the host organisation in July 2015. A PPN Coordinator, Jamie Moore, was employed in September 2015 and is currently based in the Tallaght Office of the Volunteer Centre in County Hall. He can be contacted directly at [jamie@sdcppn.ie](mailto:jamie@sdcppn.ie). C/633/15 H-I (20) Item ID:46786 Application for Community Grants **(No Business)**  **It was NOTED that there was no business under this heading** C/634/15 H-I (21)/1115 Item ID:46787 New Works (**No Business**)  It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading C/635/15 C (11) Item ID:46788 Correspondence (**No Business**)  It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading C/636/15 M (23) Item ID:46855 – Night time soccer league in Balgaddy Councillor E. Ó Broin  It was proposed by Councillor E. Ó’Broin and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons;  "This Committee agrees that the Council should organise a night time soccer league in Balgaddy as a feeder to the larger North Clondalkin night time sports league."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  The Council have undertaken a number of soccer initiatives in Balgaddy for the young people of the area. The most recent examples for young people include:   * Drop in programmes on the MUGA * 'Show Racism The Red Card' programme during the October mid term school break   The Council's Development Officer continues to meet with residents from the Balgaddy area to examine what additional assistance he can give to the area and as always the Council will endeavour to increase its support from within the available resources. It is not however possible to meet the terms of the motion from within existing resources.  As Members are aware, young people from the area will have the opportunity to participate in our Late Night League programme, based in either Weston Hockey Club or Collinstown Sports Complex, during the month of November / December on Friday & Saturday evenings respectively. The Council will also continue in conjunction with the F.A.I. Development Officers to provide additional assistance to the local community.  The Winter Late Night League Programme will run as follows:  We will have 4 venues, Clondalkin Village, Collinstown, Lucan & Tallaght – dates as follows:   * 13th & 14th November * 20th & 21st November * 27th & 28th November * 4th & 5th of December   Following a contribution from Councillor E. Ó’Broin, Ms. A. Byrne, Administrative Officer, responded to query raised and the report was **NOTED.** |

The meeting concluded at 17.45 pm

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