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| **COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS**  **SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**  **RATHFARNHAM/TEMPLEOGUE-TERENURE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**  **Minutes of Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure Area Committee Meeting, dealing with Libraries and Arts, Economic Development, Performance & Change Management, Corporate Support, Public Realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Planning and Transportation held on 8th December 2015.**   |  | | --- | | **PRESENT** | | **COUNCILLORS** | | A.M. Dermody | | P. Donovan | | P. Foley | | S. Holland | | P. Kearns | | J. Lahart | | D. Looney | | D. O’Donovan | | F. Warfield | |  |     Cathaoirleach Councillor D O’Donovan presided.  **OFFICIALS PRESENT**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Senior Librarian  Senior Executive Officer | A. Dunne  H. Hogan | | | Senior Engineer | T. O’Grady, L. Magee, T. Moyne, G McGee | | A/Senior Engineer  Senior Executive Engineer | J. Kennelly.  J. O’Connor. | | Senior Executive Planner  Senior Executive Parks Superintendent  A/Administrative Officer | J. Johnston  M. Keenan  D. Wall | | Staff Officer  Assistant Staff Officer | B. Reilly  K.Gainford |  The Councillors commenced the meeting with an on-site inspection of the Walkinstown Roundabout and Templeogue House.Meeting resumed in the Council Chamber at 4.45pm.RTT/580/15 - H1 Item ID: 47220 - Confirmation and re-affirmation of Minutes Minutes of Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure Area Committee Meeting, dealing with, Transportation, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Performance & Change Management, Corporate Support, Environment, Water & Drainage, Public Realm, Housing and Community held on 10th November 2015, which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.  It was proposed by Councillor P. Donovan and seconded by Councillor S. Holland and **RESOLVED: “**That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the 10th November 2015 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**  **RTT/581/15 QUESTIONS**  It was proposed by Councillor S. Holland, seconded by Councillor P. Kearns and **RESOLVED:**  “That pursuant to Standing Order No.13, Questions 1 - 6 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”  [HI 1](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=49909) Libraries & ArtsRTT/582/15 - H2 Item ID:47220 – Library News and Events Ms A. Dunne, Senior Librarian presented the following report.  [HI2](http://intranet/cmas/documents/Rathfarnham-Templeogue-Terenure%20Area%20Committee/2015/December/Rathfarnham-Templeogue-TerenureACM8thDecember2015/46be5fbc-baef-4b72-a7a3-58cd773f6c3f.docx)  The report was **NOTED** without debate. RTT H3/583/15 - H3 Item ID:47221 Application for Arts Grants (No Business received) RTT/584/15 - H4 Item ID:47222 NEW WORKS (No Business) RTT/585/15 – C1 Item ID:47223 CORRESPONDENCE (No Business) Economic DevelopmentRTT/586/15 H5 Item ID:47224 – Economic Development **TEMPLEOGUE HOUSE – ONSITE VISIT**  Members will be aware that a sum of E1.2M has been set aside in the Budgets for remedial works to Templeogue House. Members will also be aware that the House is a listed building, but is in poor condition and the nature of the proposed works are currently being assessed. As this assessment is underway consideration is required of the future uses as this will obviously inform the nature of the proposed works.  There are a number of issues that require consideration as part of the process.   1. There are existing anomalies in the Lease arrangements between South Dublin County Council, the Templeogue Bridge Club, (operating from the undercroft of the House) and St Michaels House, (the Freehold Holder). These will require a shared solution between the three parties. 2. Due to the high level of activity in the Bridge Club there is considerable pressure on the parking arrangements at the House. Any further intensification of use from the Bridge Club, St Michaels House or the refurbishment of the main house will add to this pressure. As it is difficult to envisage how additional parking can be provided a mobility/parking/transport management plan will also have to be agreed between the parties. 3. In relation to the nature of the proposed works the County Architect will give an update on the proposed works at the site meeting prior to the Area Meeting. The potential space available in the refurbished house is quite limited. 4. In relation to proposed uses in a refurbished House the members have suggested a number of uses/activities. The Community Department are reviewing the current Community requirements in the area. 5. Having considered the above the future management of access to, and use of, the refurbished House is also a matter to be decided on.   It is important, prior to proceeding with the works and the very substantial investment that they entail, that the above matters are resolved. It is recommended that the initial steps be towards resolving 1 & 2 above and these should commence as soon as possible with communications between the three parties. RTT/587/15 - C2 Item ID:47225Correspondence (No Business)Performance & Change ManagementRTT/588/15 - H6 Item ID:47226 NEW WORKS (No Business) RTT/589/15 - C3 Item ID:47247 CORRESPONDENCE (No Business) Corporate SupportRTT/590/15 H7 Item ID:47227 NEW WORKS (No Business) RTT/591/15 - C4 Item ID:47228 CORRESPONDENCE (No Business) RTT/592/15 – M1 Item ID:46820 – WHEELCHAIR SPACES ORWELL SHOPS It was Proposed by Councillor F. Warfield and seconded by Councillor P. Kearns:-  "Recognising that the Orwell Shops are privately owned, this motion calls on South Dublin County Council to explore potential ways we can provide additional wheelchair car spaces for drivers in need of wheelchair parking. Prior to carrying out that research, this motion asks South Dublin County Council to write on behalf of elected representatives requesting  The following report by the Manager was **READ.**  “If this motion is approved a letter will be issued to the Management Company of the Orwell Shops advising them of Members representations and requesting them to provide additional wheelchair car spaces for drivers in need of wheelchair parking and when a reply is received the Committee will be notified.”  This item was **MOVED** without debate. Public RealmRTT/593/15 – Q1 Item ID:47177 – DUMPING IN THE DUBLIN MOUNTAINS Councillor S. Holland  "The Kiltipper Ramblers and the Glenasmole Pure group are each working on a mile of the Dublin mountains to keep it as beautiful as nature intended.  A recent tour of the area showed dumped tyres, scorched earth from wire burning and a couple of deer carcasses partially wrapped in plastic along with other dumping.  Please outline what dedicated supports are available to the communities in their endeavours?"  **REPLY:**  The Council's Public Realm Section carries out regular clean-up work on those areas of the Dublin Mountains where regular illegal dumping takes place.  The cleansing work arranged by this Council is usually on foot of requests from the litter wardens following their investigations in the area.  The PURE initiative (Protecting Uplands and Rural Environments) provides a similar clean up service to that provided by the local authority.  PURE operates independently of the local authorities however it is funded in part by South Dublin County Council as well as Dublin City Council, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, Wicklow County Council and the DECLG.   PURE will also act on foot of requests received for clean-up in affected areas, they do not however have an enforcement role.  This Council is happy to provide assistance to the Groups mentioned in their efforts under the PURE Mile initiative, and this can involve the scheduling of clean up works as required or the targeting of monitoring and enforcement on illegal, unauthorised waste activities in the area.  It should be noted that the Council has already provided assistance to the Glenasmole Group in 2015 by way of road sweeping in their area. RTT/594/15 – Q2 Item ID:47171 – STORM DAMAGED TREES Councillor D. O'Donovan  "To ask the Chief Executive how many calls SDCC received regarding trees which were felled during the recent storms and how many trees were removed because they were left in a dangerous condition?"  **REPLY:**  Since November 17 last, the Council has been called to 58 locations across the County to address trees blown over or damaged by recent storms.  Fourteen of those locations occur within the Rathfarnham /Templeogue/Terenure area.  A total of 63 trees were removed as a result of the storm damage with 9 of those being removed from the Rathfarnham/Templeogue/Terenure area. RTT/595/15 – H8 Item ID:47181 – Improvement Work SchemeMr Leo Magee, Senior Engineer presented the following report:- Provision has been made by the Chief Executive in the 2016 budget for the carrying out of small improvement works in parks and open space areas around the County such as the laying of new paths, construction of new boundary treatments, installation of lighting on open spaces, roundabout improvements and other works.  Those works proposed to take place in the Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure area in 2016 are listed below.  These proposals have been compiled from issues raised as agenda items at area committee meetings throughout the course of the year, as well as undertakings given in response to members representations throughout the year.  It should be noted that the list provided does not include those works which have already been included in the Council’s three year rolling capital works programme, it includes only those works of a small scale which are to be funded from the revenue budget.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Location** | **Description** | **Cost estimate** | | Boden Park Estate | Public lighting on green space at Boden park | €50,000 | | College Drive / Fortfield Grove | New footpath across green space at College Drive / Fortfield Grove | €40,000 | | Grange Road / Nutgrove Avenue | Improvement works to car park at junction of Grange Road / Nutgrove Avenue | €40,000 | | Templeroan Road/Scholarstown Road | Roundabout improvements | €10,000 | | Orwell Estate | Roundabout improvements | €50,000 | | Templeroan Estate | New railing at Templeroan Road / Templeroan Avenue to protect the open space | €25,000 | | Stocking Avenue | Roundabout improvements | €10,000 | |  | **Total** | **€225,000** | |  |  |  |  Following contributions from Cllrs. D. Looney, P. Foley and P. Kearns the report was NOTED.RT/596/15 – H9 Item ID:47229 NEW WORKS (No Business) RTT/597/15 – C5 Item ID:47230 CORRESPONDENCE (No Business) RTT/598/15 – M2 Item ID:47173 – OVERGROWN HEDGEROWS DELAFORD ESTATE It was proposed by Councillor D. O'Donovan and seconded by Councillor D Looney:-  **Cathaoirleach's Business**  "That the Chief Executive undertakes to deal with the overgrown hedgerows and undergrowth at the rear of the Delaford Estate where it meets with Knocklyon Heights.  Numerous representations have been made in relation to this area and now the situation has become so serious that there is a rat infestation in the area, which is obviously a major concern for elderly residents and those with young children."  The following report by the Manager was **READ:**  “The Public Realm section will arrange for the area in question to be cut back and cleaned up before the end of the year.  Arrangements will also be made for the area to be inspected by a pest control specialist to determine what action is required to deal with the reported rat infestation at this location.”  This item was **MOVED** without debate. RT/599/15 - M3 Item ID:46819 – TEMPLEOGUE CEMETERY It was proposed by Councillor F. Warfield and seconded by Councillor P. Kearns  “Given the time consuming nature of maintenance in Templeogue Cemetery, this motion calls on South Dublin County Council to commit greater priority and regular attention to the burial ground, with a commitment to schedule works every five weeks, rather than every six, as is currently the case.”  The following report by the Manager was **READ:**  “In response to a similar item on the agenda of the October meeting of this Area Committee the following response was given. As previously stated maintenance work at Templeogue graveyard now takes place on a fortnightly basis and this frequency of maintenance will remain in place through the coming year.  The details of the current maintenance work carried out at Templeogue Cemetery are given below. Templeogue Cemetery is scheduled to be maintained every 2 weeks by staff from the Council’s Public Realm section.  The frequency of maintenance visits at Templeogue graveyard has recently been increased and the graveyard is currently being monitored to ensure that it is being maintained to an acceptable standard. The list below shows scheduled dates for these aintenance works for the remainder of the year."   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Week Start Date** | **Group Name** | **Group Type** | **Job Type** | | 19/10/2015 | Templeogue   Burial Ground | Cemeteries | Landscape   Works | | 02/11/2015 | Templeogue   Burial Ground | Cemeteries | Landscape   Works | | 16/11/2015 | Templeogue   Burial Ground | Cemeteries | Landscape   Works | | 30/11/2015 | Templeogue   Burial Ground | Cemeteries | Landscape   Works | | 14/12/2015 | Templeogue   Burial Ground | Cemeteries | Landscape   Works | | 28/12/2015 | Templeogue   Burial Ground | Cemeteries | Landscape   Works | |  |  |  |  |  This item was MOVED without debateRTT/600/15 - M4 Item ID:47161 – TREE PRUNING AND REMOVAL FOR 2016 It was proposed by Councillor P. Foley and seconded by Councillor P. Kearns:-  "Can the strategy for tree pruning and removal for 2016 be clarified?  From one source I have been told that that a list will be produced in November/December with the trees that need pruning and removal in 2016.  Another source has said that the plan is to move away from pruning individual trees on a once off basis to pruning entire roads or estates."  The following report by the Manager was **READ:**  “In line with the Council's Tree Management Policy 2015-2020 "Living With Trees", the focus of the 2016 Tree Maintenance Programme will be on entire roads or whole estates.  This represents a move away from pruning individual trees on a one off basis.  The objective of this approach is to increase the efficiency and productivity of the tree maintenance crews and to advance a proactive programme of cyclical pruning that is targeted at priority locations where intervention is most needed to yield wider community benefit.  It is accepted, however, that there will always be a need to carry out reactive or emergency tree works on isolated individual trees, although the quantity of this work should reduce over time as the cyclical work is embedded. Reactive or emergency works will be carried out primarily to manage risks to the public and will include felling dead trees, removing hazardous branches, and clearing obstructions to sightlines and infrastructure.  The estates which will be prioritised for tree maintenance in 2016 will be those outstanding from the current year's programme including Castleside Drive, Boden Park, Scholarstown Park and Orwell Park.  A survey of all of the trees in each of these estates has been completed to inform the extent of tree pruning and removal works required. Other whole estates to be included on the 2016 Tree Maintenance Programme will be those where there are significant clusters of individual trees that have been already surveyed and a requirement for works has been identified.  The remaining trees in such estates will be surveyed and a complete programme of works will be devised for the estate.  The 2016 Tree Maintenance Programme of whole estates will be presented in spring 2016 following completion of outstanding commitments from the 2015 Tree Maintenance Programme for individual tree pruning.”  This item was **MOVED** without debate. EnvironmentRTT/601/15- Q3 Item ID:46835 - LITTER BIN INSTALLED ON BALLYCULLEN ROAD Councillor S. Holland  "To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the possibility of having a litter bin installed at bus stop number 6335 on Ballycullen Road, which serves the number 15 towards Clongriffin.  There is a problem with littering which has been reported by a resident. I have a map of the stop if needed?"  **REPLY:**  The Council's Public Realm section will install a litter bin at the location on Ballycullen Road as requested here.  The precise location will be confirmed on site prior to installation taking place. RTT/602/15 - Q4 Item ID:46822 – SPONSORSHIP OF SDCC ROUNDABOUTS Councillor F. Warfield  "To ask the Chief Executive for information on the 17 roundabouts in South Dublin County Council being offered for sponsorship to private business?"  **REPLY:**  The Council's Public Realm Section is in the process of preparing a tender for the sponsorship of roundabouts by local businesses.  The tender is likely to be advertised in two phases with the first phase taking place early in 2016.  A number of roundabouts have already been prepared for inclusion in the first phase of the scheme, with maintenance or improvement works having already been carried out at those locations in 2015.  Work will be carried out early in 2016 on those roundabouts which are to be included in the second phase of the scheme.  The list of roundabouts in the Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure area to be included in the scheme are as follows -   1. Scholarstown Road at Orlagh Estate 2. Junction Ballyboden Road / Taylors Lane 3. Junction Templeville Road / Wainsfort Road 4. Junction Kiltipper Road  / Kiltipper Way 5. Junction Scholarstown Road / Ballyboden Way at Templeroan 6. Walkinstown roundabout   The roundabout at the N81 / Spawell junction will also be included in the scheme at some time in the future.  Improvements at this location will be carried out under the N81 Improvement Works scheme which is about to go to tender for procurement of a design consultant. RTT/603/15 - H10/Item ID:47231 NEW WORKS (No Business) RTT/604/15 - C6 Item ID:47232 CORRESPONDENCE (No Business) Water & DrainageRTT/605/15 - H11 Item ID:47233 NEW WORKS (No Business) RTT/606/15 - C7 Item ID:47234 CORRESPONDENCE (No Business) RTT/607/15 - M5 Item ID:46818 – RIVER PODDLE It was proposed by Councillor F. Warfield and seconded by Councillor S. Holland:-  "That the urgency of works to the River Poddle in the Templeogue area be recognised and that South Dublin County Council take immediate action to ensure that building works are not disrupting the Poddle."  The following report was **READ**:  “The building works on the Poddle are being monitored to ensure that they do not disrupt the flow in the Poddle. A brief is currently being finalised by Dublin City Council for the appointment of Consultants for the Design of Flood Alleviation Works on the River Poddle from the existing Dublin City Council Framework. It is hoped that construction of these works will commence in 2017.”  It was **AGREED** to take Motion 7 in conjunction with the above. M7 Item ID:47254 – RIVER PODDLE Proposed by Councillor D. Looney  "That this Committee expresses its concern with further pollution in the River Poddle; that a full report is given on the recent pollution incident; and that an update is provided on pollution protection and flood alleviation works."  The following report was **READ:**  “The recent pollution incident on the River Poddle of 18th November was a relatively minor incident with negligible consequences for the environment. Booms and pads were placed at three locations downstream to contain and absorb the residual contamination. The source of the contamination was the surface water sewer network in the Cookstown Industrial Estate and although extensive investigation was carried out the exact source could not be determined. The situation was monitored for a further 3 days and no further pollution occured. The Poddle lakes downstream were checked and no contamination was found to be.  A brief is currently being finalised by Dublin City Council for the appointment of Consultants for the Design of Flood Alleviation Works on the Poddle from the existing Dublin City Council Framework. It is hoped that construction will commence on these works in 2017.”  Mr Tom Moyne, Senior Executive Engineer presented the report and it was proposed by Councillor D. Looney and seconded by Councillor P. Kearns that motion would be put forward as headed item for a further Meeting. This item was **MOVED** without debate RTT/608/15 - M6 Item ID:47176 – DIVERSON OF STEAM OF UPPER CUNARD ROAD It was proposed by Councillor S. Holland and seconded by Councillor F. Warfield:-  "Following a tour of Friarstown and Piperstown, I would like to request that a stream on the Upper Cunard Road is diverted away from the roadside.  It is currently being used to cool copper wire - the plastic is being stripped and burned off the wire at this site which provides access to a quick getaway and it would deter those responsible if the stream were not available to cool it."  The following report by the Manager was **READ:**  “It is not possible or desirable to divert this stream. Streams by their nature occupy the lowest point in the local topography and any attempt to relocate them could give rise to residual drainage problems.  Furthermore the stream is located in private property and any attempt to divert it would require the permission of the landowners.  The issue should more appropriately be brought to the attention of the law enforcement authorities.  The matter has also been referred to the waste enforcement section of the Council.”  The Motion was **MOVED** without debate. CommunityRTT/609/15 - H12 Item ID:47235 - Application for Community Grants (No Business received) RTT/610/15 - H13 ID:47236 NEW WORKS (No Business) RTT/611/15 - C8 Item ID:47237 CORRESPONDENCE (No Business) HousingRTT/612/15 - H1 14 Item ID:47238 - Housing Procurement & Allocations ReportMr H. Hogan, Senior Executive Officer presented the following report:-Housing Procurement & Allocations Report  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **RATHFARNHAM/ TEMPLEOGUE-TERENURE** | **2014** | **CURRENT 01/01/2015 TO 30/11/2015** | **CURRENT NOS ON LIST** | | **HOUSING LIST**  **ALLOCATIONS Section**  **categorised as follows:-** | **14** | **17** | **6434** | | *CBL* | 0 | 3 |  | | *ASH* | 4 | 3 |  | | *OAP* | 1 |  |  | | *Homeless* | 2 | 5 |  | | *Medical* | 2 | 6 |  | | *Priority Committee* |  |  |  | | *Standard* | 5 |  |  | |  |  |  |  | | **HOUSING LIST**  **RAS Section – Standard** | **1** | 2 |  | |  |  |  |  | | **TRANSFERS**  **Allocations Section** | **5** | **5** | **575** | |  |  |  |  | | **TOTAL** | **20** | **24** |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **COUNTYWIDE** | **2014** | **CURRENT 01/01/2015 TO 30/11/2015** | **CURRENT NOS ON LIST** | | **HOUSING LIST**  **ALLOCATIONS Section**  **categorised as follows:-** | **229** | **212** | **8891** | | *CBL* | 66 | 57 |  | | *ASH* | 51 | 17 |  | | *OAP* | 13 | 3 |  | | *Homeless* | 44 | 83 |  | | *Medical* | 31 | 45 |  | | *Priority* | 3 | 6 |  | | *Standard* | 21 | 1 |  | |  |  |  |  | | **HOUSING LIST**  **RAS Section – Standard** | **178** | **58** |  | |  |  |  |  | | **TRANSFERS**  **Allocations Section** | **53** | **44** | **785** | |  |  |  |  | | **TOTAL** | **460** | **314**  The following table outlines Leasing/RAS and PRTB inspections progress in the Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure electoral area as at 30/11/15   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | @31/12/14 | new -1/1/15 to 30/11/15 | renewals- 1/1/15 to 30/11/15 | terminations | cumulative properties at 30/11/15 | processing at 30/11/15 | | Properties procured under lease arrangements | 19 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 22 | 11 | | Properties procured under RAS arrangements | 65 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 65 | 3 | | PRTB inspections(cumulative countywide) | 9434 | 1512 |  |  | 10946 | 200 | | (note 2402 PRTB inspections in 2014) |  |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  RTT/613/15 - H15 Item ID:47239 NEW WORKS (No Business) RTT/614/15 - C9 Item ID:47240 CORRESPONDENCE (No Business) PlanningRTT/615/15 - Q5 Item ID:47174 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR BOHERNABREENA/GLENASMOLE AREA It as proposed by Councillor D. O'Donovan  "To ask the Chief Executive how many planning applications have there been received within the past five years for local residents in the Bohernabreena/Glenasmole area and how many have been successful?"  **REPLY:**  Ten applications were lodged for planning permission/retention permission in respect of development other than housing between 1st January 2011 and 30th November 2015.  Of these ten applications three were granted, five refused, one could not be determined and additional information was sought for one.  Twenty seven applications were lodged for planning permission/retention permission in respect of housing development between 1st January 2011 and 30th November 2015.  Of these twenty seven applications six were granted, fifteen refused, two were invalid - site notice, two were invalid applications, one was withdrawn and one was declared withdrawn. R/616/15 – HI 16 Item ID:47241  1. Large Applications under Consideration   **FILE DISUCSSED**: SD15A/0150  **LOCATION**: Old Court Road, Ballycullen, Dublin 24  **COMMENTS**: There were no comments made on this application.  **FILE DISUCSSED**: SD15 A/0226  **LOCATION**: Ballycullen Drive, Firhouse, Dublin 24  **COMMENTS**: There were no comments made on this application.  **FILE DISUCSSED**: SD15A/0318  **LOCATION**: Merrywell Industrial Estate, Ballymount Road Lower, Dublin 12  **COMMENTS**: Councillor D. Looney objected to the application.  **FILE DISUCSSED**: SD15A/0336  **LOCATION**: Mount Carmel Park, Firhouse, Dublin 24  **COMMENTS**: Councillors S. Holland, P. Kearns, D. Looney, P. Donovan, F. N. Duffy and D. O’Donovan noted the application.   1. Files requested by Members   **FILE DISUCSSED**: SD15A/0336  **LOCATION**: Mount Carmel Park, Firhouse, Dublin 24  **COMMENTS**: Councillors S. Holland, P. Kearns, D. Looney, P. Donovan, F. N. Duffy and D. O’Donovan noted the application.  **FILE DISUCSSED**: SD15A/0344  **LOCATION**: Lower Castlekelly Road, Glenasmole, Dublin 24  **COMMENTS**: Councillor D. O’Donovan noted the application. RTT/617/15 - H17 Item ID:47242 NEW WORKS (No Business) RTT//618/15 - C10 Item ID:47243 CORRESPONDENCE (No Business) RTT/619/15 – M8 Item ID:47199 - RHODODENDRONS It was proposed by Councillor S. Holland and seconded by Councillor F. Warfield:-  "Rhododendron is an invasive species which unfortunately has taken hold in the Dublin Mountains (photos available).  Since the National Parks and Wildlife Service cut the Rhododendron culling project, it falls to local authorities to try to curb this.  Left unchecked it could destroy the common grazing grounds (Rhododendron spreads easily as it is toxic to grazing animals and has therefore got an advantage over native plants).  Please advise on what we can do to combat it."  The following report by the Manager was **READ:**  “Rhododendron ponticum is a listed plant species under Part 1 of the Third Schedule of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 477 of 2011) regarding Non-native species subject to restrictions under Regulations 49 and 50 of said Regulations.  The location of the stand of Rhododendron at issue was viewed by the Heritage Office on 2nd Dec 2015 and its spread uphill across open bogland and upland grassland was noted.  The land in question is used as commonage for grazing sheep and is not Council property.  As such, it does not fall under the remit of Council to address the management of this invasive species in this location.  The land in question, however, is noted to be within the boundary of the Wicklow Mountains Special Area of Conservation (Site Code 002122).  The National Parks and Wildlife Service are the national body with responsibility to prepare and oversee the implementation of Conservation Management Plans for Natura 2000 sites such as the Wicklow Mountains SAC.  The presence of this species in this location within the boundary of the SAC, with the potential to spread further within the site and compromise protected habitats, is of significance.  The NPWS will be alerted to the presence of this invasive species within the SAC and a response requested regarding their intentions to manage this plant at this location.”  The item was **MOVED** without debate. TransportationRTT/620/15 - Q6 Item ID:47164 – WALL AT ASHTON ESTATE/TEMPLEORAN ESTATE Proposed by Councillor D. O'Donovan  "To ask the Chief Executive who is responsible for the wall that runs from the corner of the Ashton Estate along the Templeroan Estate off the Knocklyon Road.  Are there plans for additional lighting in this area because there are ongoing issues with graffiti along this wall?"  **REPLY:**  The wall is the responsibility of the individual houseowners. There are no plans to install additional lighting. RTT/621/15 – HI 18 Item ID:47086 -****Costing of Chicane at Beechdale Avenue and Oakdale Park**** Mr T. O’Grady presented the following report:-  It is proposed to provide a chicane to reduce vehicle speeds between Parklands Road and Oldcourt Road.  The options are:  Option 1 - Chicane on Oakdale Park  Option 2 - Chicane on Beechdale Avenue  The estimated cost of either option is €5,000.00.  Location map and details are attached.  [Map](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=49998) [Option 1](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=49999) [Option 2](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=50000) Following contributions from Councillor P. Kearns, Mr T. O’Grady, Senior Engineer responded to queries raised and the report was NOTEDRTT/622/15 - H19 Item ID:47244 Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads (No business received) RTT/623/15 - H20 Item ID:47245 NEW WORKS (No Business) RTT/624/15 - C11 Item ID:47246 CORRESPONDENCE (No Business) RTT/625/15 - M9 Item ID:47162 - DRAINAGE AT JUNTION OF BUTTERFIELD AVENUE AND MARIAN ROAD **It was proposed by Councillor D. O’Donovan and seconded by Councillor D. Looney:-**  **Cathaoirleach's Business**  "That the Chief Executive arranges to have proper drainage works carried out at the junction of Butterfield Ave with Marian Road.  At times of heavy rain, the road is flooded making it impossible for elderly residents to cross at the pedestrian crossing."  The following report by the Manager was **READ:**  “Drainage gullies and pipework at the junction referred to has been jetted and cleaned by Road Maintenance staff in mid-November 2015. We will however continue to monitor the location.”  This item was **MOVED** without debate. RTT/626/15 - M10 Item ID:46791 – LOOSE MANHOLES GRANGE ROAD It was proposed by Councillor S. Holland and seconded by Councillor D. Looney:-  "There are loose manholes along the Grange Road, particularly at the entrance to Aranleigh, which result in clattering every time a car goes over them.  This is particularly noticeable at night.  I raised this with Irish Water who referred it back to roads. Can we rectify this?"  The following report by the Manager was **READ:**  “The Area Engineer has been requested to carry out an inspection of the manholes at the location. Any necessary repairs will be included in the works programme.”  This item was **MOVED** without debate. RTT/627/15 - M11 Item ID:46893 – CATTLE GRIDS In the absence of Councillor R. McMahon this motion **FELL:**  Following on from the motion passed (Item 44783) at our Sept meeting regarding the installation of Cattle Grids at Cunard, Glenasmole and the update received regarding the impossibility to installing them. I further request the Council to reconsider based on support from locals and cycling clubs using the area. R/628/15 - M12 Item ID:47163 – FOOTHPATH UPGRADE OLD ENTRANGE INTO KNOCKCULLEN/ASHTON ESTATE It was proposed by Councillor D. O'Donovan and seconded by Councillor P. Kearns:-  "That the Chief Executive undertakes to upgrade the path between the old entrance into Knockcullen/Ashton Estate and the petrol station on the Knocklyon Road. This is a particularly precarious stretch of path, especially for parents with small children and buggies."  The following report by the Manager was **READ**:  “The path in question will be upgraded as part of an adjacent housing development currently in progress.”  This item was MOVED without debate. |
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