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| COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÃTHA CLIATH THEAS SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL Minutes of South Dublin County Council Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure Area Committee Meeting, dealing with Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Performance & Change Management, Corporate Support, Public Realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Planning and Transportation held on 13 December 2016.  **Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure Area Committee Meeting**   |  | | --- | | Present | | Councillors | | A. M. Dermody | | P. Donovan | | F. Duffy | | P. Foley | | S. Holland | | B. Lawlor | | D. Looney | | R. McMahon | | E. Murphy | | D. O’Donovan |   Cathaoirleach Councillor Paul Foley presided.  **OFFICIALS PRESENT**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Senior Librarian  Head of Local Enterprise  Administrative Officer  Senior Parks Superintendent  Heritage Officer | B. Fennell.  C. Ward.  S. Kelly, A. Byrne.  S. Furlong.  R. Dwyer. | | Senior Engineer  Senior Executive Parks Superintendent | L. Magee, C. Galvin, W. Purcell.  M. Keenan. | | Environmental Education Officer | S. O’Brien. | | Senior Planner  Senior Executive Engineer  Staff Officer  Clerical Officer | B. Keaney.  J. Kennelly  B. Reilly  V. Weir |  RTT/485/16 - H1 Item ID: 51416 – Confirmation and re-affirmation of Minutes 8th November 2016 Minutes of Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure Area Committee Meeting, dealing with Transportation, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries and Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management, Public Realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Housing and Community held on 8th November 2016, which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.  It was proposed by Councillor E. Murphy and seconded by Councillor F.N. Duffy and **RESOLVED:** “That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the 8th November 2016 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**  [HI 1 Minutes](http://membersnet.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/54157)  **RTT/486/16 – Questions** It was proposed by Councillor E. Murphy and seconded by Councillor F.N Duffy and **Resolved:**  “That pursuant to Standing Order No.13 Question 1-20 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”  **Libraries & Arts** RTT/487/16 - Q1 Item ID: 51468 – Whitechurch Library Proposed by Councillor S. Holland  "To ask the Chief Executive to outline the outcome of the review of the services at Whitechurch library and let the Council know whether there will be any further consideration given to exhibiting some of the heritage collection in the building?"  **REPLY:**  "A review of Whitechurch Library is outlined in Headed Item (3) for the ACM. As indicated in the report it is planned to monitor the uptake of the mobile service to the area to inform any further decision with regard to services in Whitechurch Library." RTT/488/16 - H2 Item ID: 51417 – Library News & Events M/S. B. Fennell, Senior Librarian presented the following report:-  Library News & Events  [HI 2 Library News & Events](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=54126)  Following contributions from Councillor P. Foley the report was **NOTED**. RTT/489/16 - H3 Item ID: 51856 – Plans for Whitechurch Library M/S. B. Fennell, Senior Librarian presented the following report:-  Plans for Whitechurch Library  [HI 3 Plans For Whitechurch Library](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=54215)  Following contributions from Councillor E. Murphy, D. O’Donovan, D. Looney, P. Donovan and  P. Foley, M/S B. Fennell, Senior Librarian responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**. RTT/490/16 - H4 Item ID: 51418 – Application for Art Grants (No Business)RTT/491/16 - H5 Item ID: 51419 – New Works (No Business)  **RTT/492/16 - C1 Item ID: 51420 – Correspondence** (No Business) Economic DevelopmentRTT/493/16 - H6 Item ID: 51421 – New Works No BusinessRTT/494/16 - C2 Item ID: 51422 – Correspondence No BusinessRTT/495/16 - M1 Item ID: 51943 – Hell Fire Club/Massey’s Estate Proposed by Councillor P. Foley and Seconded by Councillor D. O’Donovan  Cathaoirleach's Business  "In relation to Correspondence which I have received and have circulated to all the Members of this Committee in relation re The Proposed Tourist Development ("Proposed Development)" at Hell Fire Club and Massey's Estate (the Location).  I ask the Chief Executive to make a statement on the matter."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  Based on the recommendations of the 2015 Tourism Strategy the Council agreed an MOU with Coillte, (the main landowner in the area), to procure a Feasibility and Draft Master Plan for a flagship tourist attraction in the Mountains in South Dublin County. Following a procurement process a consultant team led by Paul Keogh Architects were engaged. The team analysed 6 potential sites through a matrix of key planning and environmental considerations. Following discussion with the project steering committee, (representative of SDCC, Coillte and the Dublin Mountains Partnership), Hellfire/Masseys was selected as the best option for a flagship development.  Following agreement on the potential location the consultant team developed the feasibility/draft master plan(s) for Hellfire/Masseys. This plan was presented to, and considered by, the steering committee, Corporate Policy Group, Strategic Policy Committees and the full Council, and Coillte. The full presentation given to the Council meeting at the March 2016 meeting can be viewed [here.](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/viewmeetingagenda.aspx?id=1398)  Following agreement on the plans, a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with Coillte to progress the Mountains Flagship project through planning, and subject to planning and funding on to the development stage.  Following a procurement process the Council have appointed a consultant team to prepare the planning application. It is envisaged that a completed application will be lodged with An Bord Pleanala April/May 2017 following statutory consultative requirements which will of course be complied with. The Council also intends to fully engage locally with residents in the area during February 2017, when greater clarity on the proposed design is established as a result of the ongoing process of preparing a planning application.  As indicated above the project is being progressed with Coillte and the Dublin Mountains Partnership. Failte Ireland have expressed their support for the project concept. A funding application has been lodged with Failte Ireland under their "Grants Scheme for Large Tourism Projects 2016-2020" and a decision in this regard is anticipated early in 2017.  Following contributions by Councillor P. Foley, D. Looney, R. McMahon, D. O’Donovan, B. Lawlor, E. Murphy and P. Donovan, Mr C. Ward, Head of Local Enterprise responded to queries raised and the Report was **NOTED.** RTT/496/16 - M2 Item ID: 51720 Proposed by Councillor F.N. Duffy and Seconded by Councillor D. Looney  "Further to many concerned constituents and community groups seeking information with respect to the Dublin Mountain flagship project, this committee calls for the procurement of a physical model of the proposal, to be held in County Hall for viewing by the public."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  As members will be aware the consultant team has been appointed to bring the Mountains project through the planning stage. The project envisages provision of Computer Generated Images (CGI) once a final design is determined, for use in public consultation and for communication of the proposal to An Bord Pleanala as part of the planning process. This is in addition to the standard layouts, elevations and other statutory documentation required of a planning process, necessary to accurately describe a proposed development. Images and outline layouts from the concept stage were provided to elected members as part of the presentation delivered to the March 2016 Council meeting.  As the design process evolves informal consultation will be scheduled in early 2017. The preperation of a physical model is highly expensive and very inflexible given the current modes of CGI visualisation of designs but can be considered later in the process.  The Council intends to engage locally with residents in the area during February 2017, when greater clarity on the design is established as a result of the ongoing process of preparing a planning application.  Following contributions from Councillor F. Duffy, D. O’Donovan, A.M. Dermody and P. Foley, Mr. C. Ward, Head of Local Enterprise responded to queries raised and it was **AGREED** to bring a report to the January Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure ACM regarding the exact costs of preparing a model of the project and the report was **NOTED**. Performance & Change ManagementRTT/497/16 - H7 Item ID: 51423 – New Works (No Business)RTT/498/16 - C3 Item ID: 51424 – Correspondence (No Business)Corporate SupportRTT/499/16 - Q2 Item ID: 51802 Proposed by Councillor D. O'Donovan  "To ask the Chief Executive what steps Members and residents of RTT should do if we have adverse weather conditions over the Christmas period and the SDCC offices are closed?  What numbers are available out of hours for assistance?"  **REPLY:**  "South Dublin County Council offices in County Hall, Tallaght and Civic Centre, Clondalkin will close with effect from Friday 23rd December 2016 and re-open on Tuesday 3rd January. The Council’s works depots will be open on the 28th, 29th and 30th December 2016. A number of staff will also be on- call over the period.  In the event of an emergency members of the public can contact the Council’s emergency/out of hour’s service by phone on **01- 4574907.** There is also a list of [Emergency Contacts](http://www.sdcc.ie/services/community/emergency-contacts) for other agencies available on our website.  The Office of Emergency Planning have developed a Winter Ready Information Campaign and the booklet can be downloaded at [www.winterready.ie](http://www.winterready.ie/)" RTT/500/16 - H8 Item ID: 51425 – New Works (No Business)RTT/501/16 - C4 Item ID: 51426 – Correspondence Proposed by Corporate Support  Luas loop extended from Dundrum through to Rathfarnham, Ballyboden, Firhouse, Old Bawn through to Tallaght.  [C4 Letter to Minister](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=54164) [C4 Reply from Minister](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=54165) RTT/502/16 - M3 Item ID: 51842 – Request to NTA Proposed by Councillor P. Donovan and Seconded by Councillor A.M Dermody  “That this committee calls on the Land Use Planning & Transport Department to request the NTA to fund and publish a full assessment of the current and proposed public transport routes in the Rathfarnham Area during 2017 and revert back to this committee with comment on plans to meet the current and growing demand for improved public transport investment in the area.  Note: Particular emphasis on routes to serve the new communities coming as part of the Ballycullen Old Court Local Area Plan should be focused on as traffic from new developments will have a big impact on the already strained existing infrastructure and a key element to the improvement of traffic flows is a well-planned public transport service."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**   "If this Motion is passed a letter will be sent to the NTA and the Committee will be notified when response is received."  It was **AGREED** to amend the wording of the above Motion:  **Amended wording:**  “That this committee calls on the Land Use Planning & Transport Department to request the NTA to fund and publish a full assessment of the current and proposed public transport routes in the Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure Administrative Area Area during 2017 and revert back to this committee with comment on plans to meet the current and growing demand for improved public transport investment in the area.  Note: Particular emphasis on routes to serve the new communities coming as part of the Ballycullen Old Court Local Area Plan should be focused on as traffic from new developments will have a big impact on the already strained existing infrastructure and a key element to the improvement of traffic flows is a well-planned public transport service."  Following contributions from Councillor P. Donovan, P. Foley, S. Holland and B. Lawlor, and a show of hands the Motion was unanimously **AGREED**. RTT/503/16 - M4 Item ID: 51843 – Request NTA to carry out Noise Pollution Assessment Proposed by Councillor P. Donovan and Seconded by Councillor P. Foley  "That this committee calls on the NTA to carry out a full Noise pollution assessment of the housing estates bordering the M50 and comments on solutions and likely delivery of same to alleviate the increasing noise pollution as a result of increasing traffic on the m50."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  If the motion is passed a letter will issue to the NTA in this regard.  Following contributions from Councillor P. Donovan and D. O’Donovan the report was **NOTED** Public RealmRTT/504/16 - Q3 Item ID: 51846 – Japanese Knotweed Proposed by Councillor P. Donovan  "That the public realm team would publish a management plan as a headed item at our December Area Committee to support the recently announced investment to eradicate Japanese Knotweed.  Residents are particularly keen also to see proposed dates and also advice on how to deal with/report knotweed included in the management plan?"  **REPLY:**  A programme to map the occurrence of non-native invasive species was initiated in 2016 by the Heritage Officer in conjunction with Environmental Services, Planning and IT Departments.  A specially designed Phone App for the digital mapping and recording of invasive species in public spaces has now been developed which will form the framework for a programme of treatment and management over the next few years.  An Invasive Species Management Team has been established who are mapping and identifying locations for inclusion in the general maintenance schedule for 2017.  In addition, the programme is also to include a period of targeted spraying, cutting or removal (whichever technique is the most appropriate for different invasive species) during the correct season for these species e.g. September for Japanese Knotweed.  For Knotweed eradication a routine spraying of a site would need to occur over 4-5 years, the sites will be sprayed during a 4 – 6 week period around September of every year.  The resource provision will be reviewed annually in conjunction with the data that we receive from the mapping exercise. RTT/505/16 - Q4 Item ID: 51755 – Green Areas on Whitechurch Road Proposed by Councillor S. Holland  "To ask the Chief Executive what plans are in place for the maintenance of the green areas on Whitechurch Road? Some are unkempt and dumping hotspots, especially where the path is hidden from view of main road?"  **REPLY:**  The small open space areas in question along Whitechurch Road are cut on a fortnightly basis during the grass cutting season, they are also cleaned ahead of grass cutting taking place.  This programme will resume in 2017 once the grass cutting season starts up again.  These areas will be examined over the winter months to determine what additional clean up works, if any, are required in order to improve their appearance.  The issue of illegal dumping in the area will be brought to the attention of the Council's litter warden section. RTT/506/16 - Q5 Item ID: 51777 – Gates in Tymon Park Proposed by Councillor D. Looney  "To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the automation of gates in Tymon Park; specifically, when will the gates off Wellington Lane be opened early on Saturday morning to accommodate those taking part in the Park Run; will football teams at the Limekiln end of the park be informed of and included in these changes so that cars can be parked in the car park rather than on Limekiln Rd, Kippure Ave and Lugnaquilla Ave; and to make a statement on the matter?"  **REPLY:**  Works to automate the main vehicular entrance gates at both Castletymon Road and Limekiln Road have now been completed and these will be commissioned in the near future.  Regrettably there has been a delay in the provision of the necessary power supply at the Wellington Lane gates which has slightly delayed progress at this location.  Works at this entrance will not now be completed and commissioned until the new year. RTT/507/16 - Q6 Item ID: 51787 – Halloween Costs Proposed by Councillor D. Looney  "To ask the Chief Executive for a report on Hallowe'en activities and clean-up costs for the area under the remit of this Committee for 2016 and to make a statement on the matter."  **REPLY:**  The Public Realm Operations depots at Tymon Park and Rathfarnham Castle report that there was a total of 16 bonfires in the Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure area in 2016, this is from a total county wide of approximately 350.  These are reported as having been cleaned up during the month of November.  It is intended that all affected sites will be properly reinstated with soil and grass seed where necessary and it is proposed that this element of the work will be completed in the new year, as it is weather dependent.  It is expected that the cost of clean-up and reinstatement on these sites will be in the region of €3,000 in total when completed. RTT/508/16 - H9 Item ID: 51868 – Play Space Programme M/S. S. Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent presented the following report-: **Play Space Programme The Park Ballycragh.**  "Following a recent request for a review of the playspace at Ballycragh; with regard to the high usage of the play space by groups of teenagers and the resultant increased littering and general displacement of younger children (for whom the playspace was designed to cater for); the following actions are underway:  Public Realm have been working with the Community section on developing a strategy to deal with this issue. It has been decided that the most effective approach will be to consult directly with the teenagers currently congregating at the playspace; in order to ensure an agreed and effective solution is reached.  Contact has been made with the local secondary school and the Council intend to work with a group of young people on developing solutions.  First step will discover the reasons for the use of the playspace and if a more suitable location or facility could be provided for them.  It is felt that direct teenagers involvement with the process will increase possibility of successful and lasting outcomes; it is envisaged that involvement might be particularly useful for students attempting a Gaisce Award or as a project for transition year students.  It is envisaged (subject to agreement) that the students could give a presentation of the outcome of their consultation and proposed solutions in the Park Community Centre.  Community centre Management, Councillors and local people will be invited to the presentation and proposals can be considered.  It is felt the above strategy will ensure young people's right to be consulted on decisions that affect them; and as playspaces depend on the buy in of all users including some unintended users, will help ensure a successful outcome for the younger children as well.  It is expected to have a meeting to kick off the direct consultation process later this week; councillors will be kept informed of any progress. It is envisaged that this process may also prove useful to inform the teenager facility study programmed for 2017."  Following contributions from Councillor P. Foley, E. Murphy, D. O’Donovan and P. Donovan, M/S. S. Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**. RTT/509/16 - H10 Item ID: 51889 – Japanese Knotweed M/S R. Dwyer, Heritage Officer presented the following report-: Report on Japanese Knotweed  A programme to map the occurrence of non-native invasive species was initiated in 2016 by the Heritage Officer in conjunction with Environmental Services, Planning and IT Departments.  A specially designed Phone App for the digital mapping and recording of invasive species in public spaces has now been developed which will form the framework for a programme of treatment and management over the next few years.  An Invasive Species Management Team has been established who are mapping and identifying locations for inclusion in the general maintenance schedule for 2017.  In addition, the programme is also to include a period of targeted spraying, cutting or removal (whichever technique is the most appropriate for different invasive species) during the correct season for these species e.g. September for Japanese Knotweed.  For Knotweed eradication a routine spraying of a site would need to occur over 4-5 years, the sites will be sprayed during a 4 – 6 week period around September of every year.  The resource provision will be reviewed annually in conjunction with the data that we receive from the **mapping exercise.**  It was **AGREED** to take Motion 7 in Conjunction with Headed Item 9. M7/1216 Item ID: 51799 Proposed by Councillor D. O'Donovan and Seconded by Councillor A.M. Dermody  "That the Chief Executive reports on what steps are being taken to deal with the ongoing issue of Japanese Knot Weed in the RTT area."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:-**  A programme to map the occurrence of non-native invasive species was initiated in 2016 by the Heritage Officer in conjunction with Environmental Services, Planning and IT Departments.  A specially designed Phone App for the digital mapping and recording of invasive species in public spaces has now been developed which will form the framework for a programme of treatment and management over the next few years.  An Invasive Species Management Team has been established who are mapping and identifying locations for inclusion in the general maintenance schedule for 2017.  In addition, the programme is also to include a period of targeted spraying, cutting or removal (whichever technique is the most appropriate for different invasive species) during the correct season for these species e.g. September for Japanese Knotweed.  For Knotweed eradication a routine spraying of a site would need to occur over 4-5 years, the sites will be sprayed during a 4 – 6 week period around September of every year.  The resource provision will be reviewed annually in conjunction with the data that we receive from the mapping exercise.  Following contributions from Councillor D. O’Donovan, A.M. Dermody, P. Donovan, F. N Duffy and S .Holland, M/S R. Dwyer, Heritage Officer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**. RTT/510/16 - H11 Item ID: 51892 M/S. S. Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent presented the following report;-  Interim Review of Play Space Programme  [HI 11 Interim Review of Play Space Programme](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=54131)  Following contributions from Councillor P. Foley and D. Looney it was **AGREED t**o bring a Headed Item to the January Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure ACM and the report was **NOTED**. RTT/511/16 - H12 Item ID: 51427 – New Works (No Business)RTT/512/16 - C5 Item ID: 51428 – Correspondence (No Business)RTT/513/16 - M5 Item ID: 51412 – Containers covered in Graffiti Proposed by Councillor P. Foley and Seconded by Councillor D. O’Donovan  Cathaoirleach's Business  "To ask the Chief Executive if the large containers that are used as toilet facilities/canteen for the tree crews can be painted? The containers are covered in graffiti. The Council uses a lot of resources to rid the county of graffiti and it sends out the wrong message when the Council have it on their own equipment."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:-**  Arrangements are being made to have maintenance carried out to remove graffiti and refresh the exterior presentation of the unit currently in use by the Council's tree maintenance crew.  The same approach will be taken in relation to all other mobile units being used by the Council's Public Realm Section.  This item was **MOVED** without debate. RTT/514/16 - M6 Item ID: 51756 – Litter Bins Ballyboden Road Proposed by Councillor S. Holland and Seconded by Councillor E. Murphy  "To ask the Chief Executive to install litter bins on Ballyboden Road and on Taylors Lane - there is a triumvirate of littering going on between the schools and local shops & the only litter bins belong to the shops."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:-**  A review of litter bin provision in the County is currently underway, an interim report on the matter was submitted to the Environment SPC in November 2016 with a final report due to be presented to the February 2017 meeting.  It is intended that the final report will include details of the Council's programme of proposed bin installations for the coming year.  The requirement for bins to be installed at the locations mentioned, Ballyboden Road and Taylors Lane, will be addressed within that report.  Following recent inspections in the area it is agreed that a need for additional bins exists in these areas, efforts will now be made to identify suitable locations for the provision of these.  This item was **MOVED** without Debate. RTT/515/16 - M8 Item ID: 51413 – Information Evening Prior to Tree Works Proposed by Councillor P. Foley and Seconded by Councillor E. Murphy  "To ask the Chief Executive that, in future, the Council hold an information evening for residents, prior to Tree works commencing in a given area, to inform them of the listed works and answer any questions the residents may have."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:-**  The Council currently presents its Annual Arboriculture Programme to Council members at the Council’s Area Committee meetings in advance of commencing the programme. During 2016, in order to expand public access to information on the Council’s planned programme of tree works, a new 'Tree Management' web page was added to the Council’s website [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie).  The 'Tree Management' web page displays the Tree Maintenance programme for the current year, along with the Tree Planting Programme for the impending/current planting season and occasional notifications/presentations in relation to tree works in specific locations.  For the 2017 Tree Maintenance Programme, as well as publishing the list of estates for tree maintenance in 2017, in advance of commencing works within an estate, following completion of a tree survey to establish the extent and locations of works to be carried out, it is planned to publish the schedule of works detailing the tree maintenance to be carried out within an estate.  This will enable residents to review the planned tree pruning and removals schedule for their estate in advance of works commencing.  The Council recognises that the planned removal of trees can be a particularly emotive and contentious issue and once a tree becomes a removal candidate, and the works are not emergency works, steps are taken to provide public notice prior to any trees being removed to inform residents.  Public notification of any proposed tree removals currently involves advance card drops to adjacent properties.  Advance card drops also provide notification to adjacent properties of planned pruning works on trees.   Timescales for notice varies according to the type of work, whether it is urgent and the local significance of the tree but wherever practical, notice is issued at least during the week prior to any scheduled tree works. We will not usually give notice where works involve the felling of dead trees or those in imminent danger of failing.  Where the programme of tree maintenance within an estate is likely to significantly impact the particular location or where the proposed tree works extend significantly beyond routine tree pruning or removal of trees that are dead or in decline, the Council will organise an information meeting for residents as required.  The requirement for such a meeting can be determined in association with the local residents association where one exists or in consultation with local elected representatives.  In recent months, a public information evening was held for residents of Rathfarnham Wood where there is a significant programme of tree maintenance to be completed.  Following contributions from Councillor P. Foley, E. Murphy and P. Donovan, M/S M. Kennan, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**. RTT/516/16 - M9 Item ID: 51800 – Footpath at Rear of the Coolamber Park Proposed by Councillor D. O'Donovan and Seconded by Councillor F. N Duffy  "That the Chief Executive upgrades and widens the footpath leading from the rear of the Coolamber Estate to the rear of St. Colmcilles NS, Knocklyon."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:-**  This proposal will be costed and included in the Draft Public Realm Improvement Works Programme for 2017.  This Draft Programme will be presented under Headed Item on the Agenda of the January 2017 meeting of this Area Committee.  This item was **MOVED** without debate. RTT/517/16 - M10 Item ID: 51730 – Play Space Dodder Valley Park Proposed by Councillor P. Foley and Seconded by Councillor D. Looney  "As Dodder Valley Park is a regional park, could the proposed play space for Mount Carmel Park in 2017 be reviewed in terms of budget, timeline and scale. Can the proposed play space be upgraded to a regional playground."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:-**  "Mount Carmel has been included in the play space programme agreed by Council for 2014-2018. The recent interim review has programmed the play space at Mount Carmel for 2017, and a budget has been allocated for that play space in the capital programme for 2017.  The play space programme has been proposed as a five year programme aimed to address the deficiency of play opportunities in the immediate environment of children’s homes. It is an innovative programme based on encouraging imaginative, constructive and social play. The playspaces are designed to adapt to the particular place where they are implemented. They provide a space and a setting for play (rather than focus on equipment for children to play with); are located where children live, with the emphasis on natural playspaces; which focus on the type of play that is most important to younger children.  Provision has been made in the 2017 budget for a teenager facility study; this will inform the provision of recreational and other facilities for older children and may include such proposals as larger play items etc. There is also provision to progress a parks and open space strategy in 2017. This is a wider strategy document that will inform and plan for the future provision of recreational amenities within the county and make recommendations in that regard. It will include recommendations for facilities within existing regional parks."  The managers’ report was **NOTED**. EnvironmentRTT/518/16 - Q7 Item ID: 51460 – Update Sports Capital Grant Proposed by Councillor P. Foley  "To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on the Sports Capital grant application for Templeogue Utd. and St. Judes pitch development programme as agreed with both clubs?"  **REPLY:**  The Council recently met with both clubs to update them on progress with the two pitch upgrade projects. The Council is currently assembling the tendering information for the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport (DTTAS). When/if DTTAS is satisfied with this information the projects will go to tender in 2017. It is planned to keep both the clubs and the Elected Members informed of progress with the projects. RTT/519/16 - Q8 Item ID: 51779 – Road Sweeping Proposed by Councillor D. Looney  To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for road sweeping/sweeping of leaves at \*locations provided\* given requests from local residents.  **REPLY:**  Those locations as submitted have been listed for attention.  Sweeping will commence on 5th December 2016 and will conclude on 20th December 2016. RTT/520/16 - Q9 Item ID: 51331 – Dog Warden Proposed by Councillor D. O'Donovan  "To ask the Chief Executive how many houses the Dog Warden has called to within the Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure area seeking proof of dog licence ownership and how much revenue has been collected from same?"  **REPLY:**  "South Dublin County Council has a team of two (2) full time Dog Wardens who enforce the provisions of the Control of Dogs Act 1986, as amended, (the Act) and all Control of Dogs Regulations.  The Dog Wardens' role includes the enforcement of the Control of Dogs Act 1986 as amended and also:   * responding to complaints relating to dogs not under effectual control and/or dangerous dogs * carrying out of Licence Checks and the initiation of enforcement proceedings where possible * seizure and collection of unwanted/stray dogs and removal to the Dog Pound * investigate complaints received   The Dog Wardens carry out licence checks in our administrative area on a five year rotating basis.  During the period between January 1st 2016 and 30th November 2016 the Dog Wardens called to approximately 1,040 houses in the Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure area.  Our online system does not have a tool that allows for the calculation of revenue received either as a result of the licence checks referred to above or on an area by area basis. However, Dog Licence fees collected (to date in 2016) for South Dublin County Council's administrative area is approx. €160,000." RTT/521/16 - H13 Item ID: 51429 – New Works (No Business)RTT/522/16 - C6 ID: 51430 – Correspondence (No Business)RTT/523/16 - M11 Item ID: 51747 – Graffiti on Utility Boxes Proposed by Councillor P. Foley and Seconded by Councillor D. Looney  "Residents groups in the area are reporting a surge in graffiti on utility boxes. What checks and balances are in place to ensure that graffiti is being removed from utility boxes as part of the Memorandums of Understanding with the utility companies? Can the process be explained."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:-**  "All reports of graffiti are investigated by the Litter Warden Service, who ascertain the extent and nature of the graffiti, and also verify the ownership of the defaced property.  Where graffiti is observed on Council/public property the location is referred to our Public Realm Section to arrange for removal.  Where graffiti is observed on private property a letter is issued advising of the property owner's responsibility.  The Council renewed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with four of our most significant utility companies, namely ESB Networks, Gas Networks Ireland, Eir and Telco Providers in late 2016.  If the area in question is in the ownership of one of the companies who have a Memorandum of Understanding agreement with the Council, a referral is made to the company involved.  These MoU’s set out agreed procedures to deal with illegal dumping of waste, litter and graffiti at sub-stations, and other utility premises and structures in South Dublin County Council’s administrative area.  Among the key features in the MoU are:   * Standardised procedure for reporting illegal dumping of waste, litter and graffiti issues. * ESB Networks, Gas Networks Ireland, Eir and other significant Telco Providers remove illegally dumped waste and litter within 5 working days of being notified by South Dublin County Council. * Any graffiti issue are be addressed within 10 working days (racist or other provocative graffiti will be removed within 5 working days). * In cases where utility company cannot revert within this response timeframe due to circumstances outside of its control, utility company notify SDCC and agree a response timeframe * Utility company can if requested provide photographic evidence to SDCC highlighting that a clean-up of the premises or structure, has been carried out and the date completed   A specific work flow chart accompanies these MOUs which generally follow these lines:   * SDCC receives complaint and identifies proprietor * SDCC refers to utility company at a dedicated email address * Complaint received in utility Contact Centre * Utility contact centre directs the complaint to utility works areas * Utility works area schedules work * Utility works areas contacts SDCC to confirm receipt of complaint & advises SDCC of clean up date   While utility providers have submitted images of their utility boxes to ease identification of ownership, the single biggest issue now remaining in addressing the plight of graffiti on utility boxes is ensuring that incidents, when observed, are reported to the Council so that procedures as agreed can be initiated.  Assumptions should not be made that someone else has reported the incident, and the Council urges the public to assist by ensure that every incident observed is reported."  Following contributions by Councillor P. Foley, M/S. S. O’Brien Environmental Education Officer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**. Water & DrainageRTT/524/16 - Q10 Item ID: 51734 – Flood Alleviation Plan for the Dodder Proposed by Councillor E. Murphy  "To ask the Chief Executive if the Council has a Flood Alleviation or Management plan for the Dodder and in particular for the area surrounding the Lower Dodder Road?"  **REPLY:**  "The River Dodder Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study (CFRAMS) was carried out by RPS on behalf of the OPW and the Local Authorities. The Flood Risk Assessment and Management Plan was produced in 2012 and work along the Dodder has progressed in accordance with the plan. The next phase of work to be progressed under this plan is on the Whitechurch stream. This stream feed into the Owendore which feed into the Dodder upstream of the Lower Dodder Road. South Dublin County Council intend to progress this work in 2017 subject to OPW funding." RTT/525/16 - H14 Item ID: 51431 – New Works (No Business)RTT/526/16 - C7 Item ID: 51432 – Correspondence (No Business)RTT/527/16 - M12 Item ID: 51798 – Owendore Avenue Proposed by Councillor D. O'Donovan and Seconded by Councillor E. Murphy  "That the Chief Executive gives a full report on the situation with homeowners living in Owendore Avenue.  Recent flooding events over the past number of years has resulted in the access road to their houses seriously eroding and immediate action needs to be taken."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:-**  "This is a private road built by the developer of the houses. This road has not been taken in charge and South Dublin County Council do not maintain private roads or embankments. The developer is now dissolved and the road and the river bank is vested in the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform. Agreement with the Department is required in order for the works to proceed."  In accordance with Standing Order 74 it was **AGREED** to suspend standing orders to deal with the following Suspensory/Emergency Motion in the name of Councillors S. Holland, E. Murphy, D. Looney, R. McMahon, P. Donovan, B. Lawlor, F.N Duffy, A.M Dermody.   Following contributions from Councillor D. O’Donovan, E. Murphy, S. Holland, F.N Duffy, A.M Dermody, P. Donovan and B. Lawlor, Mr C. Galvin, Senior Engineer responded to queries raised and it was agreed that a Headed Item be brought to the Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure Area Committee Meeting until this issue is solved and that the Council writes to the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard as per the Suspensory Motion passed unanimously by the Members and the report was NOTED.CommunityRTT/528/16 - H15 Item ID: 51433 – New Works (No Business)RTT/529/16 - C8 Item ID: 51434 – Correspondence (No Business)RTT/530/16 - M13 Item ID: 51784 – Home Security Scheme Proposed by Councillor D. Looney and Seconded by Councillor P. Foley  "That this Committee, in welcoming the work of SDCC staff in promoting and administering the Home Security Scheme, receives a report for discussion on the Scheme; that figures are provided relevant to the two electoral areas under the remit of this Committee; and that a plan for 2017 is outlined."  The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ**:-  [M13 Home Security Scheme](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=54180)  Following contributions from Councillor D. Looney, P. Foley and D. O’Donovan, M/S A. Byrne, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**. HousingRTT/531/16 - Q11 Item ID: 51786 – Part V Housing Units Proposed by Councillor D. Looney  "To ask the Chief Executive how many Part V housing units have been secured by the Council in each of the electoral areas under the remit of this Committee in 2014, 2015 and so far in 2016; how many proposed Part V's are currently being progressed and what is the timeline for their delivery; and to make a statement on the matter?"  **REPLY:**  The following is the position in relation to  Part V social units in this committees electoral areas for the period 2014 - 2016.   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Electoral Area | Year | Part V Procured | Under Discussion/ Agreed | Period for Delivery | | Rathfarnham | 2014 | 0 |  |  | |  | 2015 | 0 |  |  | |  | 2016 | 0 | 52 | 2017 -2019 | | Terenure | 2014 | 0 |  |  | |  | 2015 | 0 |  |  | |  | 2016 | 0 | 4 | 2017 |    It should be noted that  securement of Part V social units will depend on final costs being agreed with the Developers and approved by the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government RTT/532/16 - H16 Item ID: 51435 – New Works (No Business)RTT/533/16 - C9 Item ID: 51436 – Correspondence (No Business)PlanningRTT/534/16 - Q12 Item ID: 51374 – Cycle Lane Ballyroan Road Proposed by Councillor E. Murphy  "To ask the Chief Executive if there are maintenance works planned for the cycle lane on Ballyroan Road as part of the part 8 works in the area?"  **REPLY:**  "The existing cycle lanes along Ballyroan Road are not included in the Part 8 scheme for the Ballyroan Schools Cluster Project. Nonetheless the aforementioned cycle lanes are currently maintained by South Dublin County Council’s Roads Maintenance Section (SDCC RMS).  Once the Ballyroan Schools Cluster Project which provides for cycle / pedestrian improvements linking Ann Devlin Park to Ballyroan Crescent is complete it will be taken in charge by South Dublin County Council and maintained by SDCC RMS." RTT/535/16 - H17 Item ID: 51437- Planning Files Planning Files A. Large Applications Under Consideration B. Files Requested by Members (No Business)RTT/536/16 - H18 Item ID: 51438 – New Works (No Business)RTT/537/16 - C10 Item ID: 51439 – Correspondence (No Business)RTT/538/16 - M14 Item ID: 51729 – Secondary School for the Ballycullen/Firhouse Area Proposed by Councillor P. Foley and Seconded by Councillor D. O’Donovan  Cathaoirleach's Business  "The announcement of a new secondary school for the Ballycullen/Firhouse area is to be welcomed. Does the Council have information on the agreed locations for this school"  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:-**  "The Department of Education and Skills (DES) is responsible for the delivery of educational facilities and services. On the 3 November 2016 the Minister for Education and Skills Richard Bruton TD awarded the patronage for the Post Primary School (PPS) in Firhouse Dublin 24 to Educate Together. The Department of Education and Skills are currently undertaking a site identification and suitability process for the Post Primary School, prior to acquisition. The Department of Education and Skills require a site with an area of 4.57 hectares (c. 12 acres) for a Post Primary School. The Department of Education and Skills has not, as yet, determined the location of the Post Primary School."  This item was **MOVED** without debate. RTT/539/16 - M15 Item ID: 51731 – Dodder Cycle Way Proposed by Councillor P. Foley and Seconded by Councillor D. O’Donovan  "That the chief executive give an updated timeline for the provision of the anticipated phases of the Dodder Cycle Way."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:-**  "During 2016 the NTA have provide funding to South Dublin County Council (SDCC) to procure consultants Roughan & O'Donovan to carry out an Environmental and Ecological appraisal for the Dodder Green Route corridor based on an emerging preferred route across SDCC, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council (DLR) and Dublin City Council (DCC). The emerging preferred routes have been identified within the SDCC and DLR section of the route, however some additional preliminary design work is required within the DCC section to fully evaluate the route options. This work is currently ongoing and is expected to be completed by the end of 2016. Once the emerging preferred route has been identified for the full length of the scheme this will then allow the Environmental and Ecological appraisal for the Dodder Green Route to be finalised.  Subject to the completion of the Environmental and Ecological appraisal, it is hoped that each of three Local Authorities will be in a position to proceed to preliminary design stage and public consultation as part of the planning consent stage early during 2017, for the sections within their own Local Authority area. This would then allow for the scheme to advance to detailed design stage and subsequently on into the construction stage, subject to funding, by the end of 2017."  Following contributions from Councillor P. Foley, F. N Duffy and P. Donovan, Mr B. Keaney, Senior Planner responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**. TransportationRTT/540/16 - Q13 Item ID: 51841 - Traffic Assessment Proposed by Councillor P. Donovan  “Please can the Chief Executive outline the terms of reference and associated timetable for the forward plan traffic assessment in response to the Motion recently adopted for Rathfarnham (given the emerging and increasing traffic flow issues faced by many residents on Stocking Avenue, Edmondstown Road, Ballycullen Road, Whitechurch Road and Old Court Road)?"  **REPLY:**  "There is no specific timeframe for actions by SDCC. Traffic is a natural consequence of development particularly in urban area. It will take a very broad range of actions from all stakeholders all of which are mentioned in the Headed Item for impacts to be appreciated." RTT/541/16 - Q14 Item ID: 51850 – Village Parking Proposed by Councillor P. Donovan  "Village parking in SDCC - improvements recently made to introduce 30 minutes frees into the ticketing system in our villages has been broadly welcomed by both customers and traders in Rathfarnham Village.  A related project was launched to upgrade the Parking Tag/Park by Text service to also incorporate the 30 minutes free which was due this Autumn/Winter.  Please can you confirm the status of when that feature is likely to be made available?"  **REPLY:**  The 30 minutes free parking was extended to the Parking Tag service on 1st December 2016. RTT/542/16 - Q15 Item ID: 51415 – Area Based Transport Assessment Proposed by Councillor P. Foley  "To ask the Chief Executive a motion was passed at the last Area Committee Meeting for an ‘Area Based Transport Assessment for Forward Planning' to deal with increasing traffic volumes around Ballycullen, Stocking Lane, Old Court and Edmonstown. As it has now been budgeted for, can we get details of the timescale for this?"  **REPLY:**  "The area bounded by the M50 to the east, Killininny Road to the North, the river Dodder to the west and the extent of the Ballycullen LAP lands to the south is considered in this report.  Public Transport  The area is reasonably well served by Dublin Bus. Details of all timetables can be provided if required. There are no plans to provide a light rail system.  Cycle and Walking facilities  All planning applications are required to provide appropriate cycling and pedestrian facilities and link into local networks.  Roads  The area of this study has a vast roads network. The nature of the roads network and physical constraints that exist such as existing housing, the Dublin Mountains and the M50 Motorway mean that the only additional significant road that can be provided in the area is a new road to the west linking the LAP lands across the river Dodder to Kiltipper Road. This road was removed from the CDP 2016-2022 by the members. There is ample capacity within the existing roads network to support the level of existing usage and anticipated usage when the LAP area is fully developed. We anticipate that there will be queueing but such queueing will dissipate rapidly outside rush hour periods.  Solutions:  Improved connectivity from selected housing estates to additional roads in the area.  Continuous review to traffic light timings to maximise through put for the benefit of all.  Selected road works to add road capacity such as additional lanes, sharing with bus lanes, removal of car parking and improvements to wider roads network  Modal shift from Car to Bus, Foot or Bicycle.  Buy in from schools and parent groups on walking, school start times, traffic exclusion zones within 500m of schools etc.  Flexibility from employers and employees in terms of work or social activity start times to avoid periods of congestion." RTT/543/16 - Q16 Item ID: 51803 – Update on Knocklyon Road Proposed by Councillor P. Foley  "To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on the realignment of the Knocklyon Road?"  **REPLY:**  "It is unlikely that funding will be available for this road scheme within the next 3 to 5 years at least." RTT/534/16 - Q17 Item ID: 51757 – Section 31 Notices Proposed by Councillor S. Holland  "To ask the Chief Executive how many section 31 notices have been placed on cars for sale at the carpark at junction of Grange Road and Nutgrove Avenue this year?"  **REPLY:**  Since February 2016, a total of 6 Section 71 Notices have been placed on cars for sale in this car park.  The Roads Section have been monitoring this site regularly and with the assistance of the Traffic Wardens in the area have also contacted the owners of these cars and informed them to remove them.  Recently a corryboard was placed in the Carpark warning the public that cars parked for sale in the car park would be removed. RTT/535/16 - Q18 Item ID: 51780 – Review of Public Lighting Proposed by Councillor D. Looney  "To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a review of public lighting at \*location provided\* given reports of recent injuries at night time in the area affecting elderly pedestrians, and to make a statement on plans to improve this?"  **REPLY:**  "The Public Lighting Section will inspect the \*location provided\*  - and revert to the Area Committee with a report in due course." RTT/536/16 - Q19 Item ID: 51788 – Improvement works to Perrystown Village Proposed by Councillor D. Looney  "To ask the Chief Executive what is the current status of proposed improvement works to Perrystown village (area near the Laurels and the Pines) planned as part of the Whitehall to Wellington cycle lane scheme; will he consider other means to support these road, parking and other public realm improvements; and to make a statement on the matter?"  **REPLY:**  "The NTA removed this scheme from their list of projects to be completed in 2016. The Council however will be seeking for it to be included in 2017 list of Projects which has yet to be agreed.  Otherwise, the Council has no funding and no works planned in this area." RTT/537/16 - Q20 Item ID: 51656 – Taking in Charge Stocking Wood Proposed by Councillor E. Murphy  "To ask if the Chief Executive has a timeline or plan for the 'taking in charge' of Stocking Wood?  **REPLY:**  "There is currently no time frame for the Taking-in Charge (TIC) of this estate. Aecom (Consulting Engineers) are currently carrying out work on behalf of Deane Homes (in receivership). When the works are completed it is anticipated that the Receiver will then offer it to the Council for TIC. If the completed works meet the Council's specified standards and the relevant documentation is in place, then the TIC process can commence." RTT/538/16 - H19 Item ID: 51332 – 2016 Speed Limit Review Mr J Kennelly, Senior Executive Engineer presented the following report:-  2016 SPEED LIMIT REVIEW  [HI 19 Speed Limit Review](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=54226)  Following contributions from Councillor D. Looney, R. McMahon and S. Holland, Mr W. Purcell, Senior Engineer responded to queries raised, it was agreed to progress to the full Council Meeting in the New Year. Mr W. Purcell, Senior Engineer agreed to re-examine the proposed speed limit of 30kph on James Road and Limekiln Road which was suggested by Councillor D. Looney.  The report was **NOTED**. RTT/539/16 - H20 Item ID: 51858 – Area Based Transport Assessment Mr W. Purcell, Senior Engineer presented the following report;-Area B**ased Transport Assessment.** "The area bounded by the M50 to the east, Killininny Road to the North, the river Dodder to the west and the extent of the Ballycullen LAP lands to the south is considered in this report.  Public Transport  The area is reasonably well served by Dublin Bus. Details of all timetables can be provided if required. There are no plans to provide a light rail system.  Cycle and Walking facilities  All planning applications are required to provide appropriate cycling and pedestrian facilities and link into local networks.  Roads  The area of this study has a vast roads network. 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Foley and Seconded by Councillor P. Donovan  Cathaoirleach's Business  "To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Walkinstown roundabout. The issue was passed to Dublin Bus for their consideration. Can an update be provided."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:-**  The upgrade of Walkinstown Roundabout has been put on 'hold' by the NTA pending their study on the Core Bus Corridor (CBC). An update has been requested from the NTA and a response is awaited.  This item was **MOVED** without debate.  The meeting concluded at 6.00pm  Siniú \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Dáta \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  An Cathaoirleach |