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| COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÃTHA CLIATH THEAS SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCILRathfarnham/Templeogue - Terenure Area Committee Meeting Minutes of South Dublin County Council Rathfarnham/Templeogue - Terenure Area Committee Meeting dealing with Housing, Community, Transportation, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management, Water & Drainage, Public Realm and Environment held on 14th March 2017.   |  | | --- | | **Present** | | **Councillors** | | A. M. Dermody | | P. Donovan | | F.N. Duffy | | E. Fanning | | P. Foley | | S. Holland | | P. Kearns | | B. Lawlor | | D. Looney | | R. McMahon | | E. Murphy | | D. O’Donovan |   Cathaoirleach Councillor Paul Foley presided. OFFICIALS PRESENT  |  |  | | --- | --- | | County Librarian  Administrative Officer  Executive Planner  Executive Parks Superintendent  Senior Parks Superintendent  Senior Executive Parks Superintendent | B. Fennell  S. Kelly, B. Pierce, N. Lawler.  C. Clarke  M. Ni [Dhomhnaill](http://intranet/Council/Home/StaffDetails/423?d=0&sd=0&w=0&s=0&g=0&q=M%C3%A1ire%20Ni%20Dhomhnaill&l=0&fa=False&defib=False&stafter=0001-01-01&ps=20&p=1)  S. Furlong  M. Hannon | | Senior Engineer  Senior Executive Engineer | T. O’Grady  J. Kennelly | | Senior Executive Officer | H. Hogan, M. Maguire,  L. Leonard | | Staff Officer  Clerical Officer | B. Reilly  V. Weir, B. Keenan |  RTT/114/17 - HI 1 Item ID: 52941 Confirmation and re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 14th February 2017 Minutes of Rathfarnham/Templeogue -Terenure Area Committee, dealing with Public Realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Planning, Transportation, Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Performance & Change Management and Corporate Support held on 14th February 2017, which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.  It was proposed by Councillor S. Holland and seconded by Councillor D. O’Donovan and RESOLVED: “That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the 14th February 2017 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**  [**HI 1 Minutes**](http://membersnet.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/55159)  **RTT/115/17 – Questions**  It was proposed by Councillor E. Fanning and Seconded by Councillor D. O’Donovan and **RESOLVED:**  “That pursuant to Standing Order No.13, Question 1 - 10 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”** Dublin Bus presentation by John Saunders, Jennifer O Brien, Paul Larkin. **A presentation was made by Dublin Bus, Following contributions from the Councillors, John Saunders, Jennifer O Brien and Paul Larkin responded to queries raised. The Cathaoirleach thanked Dublin Bus for attending the meeting.** Housing **RTT/116/17 – Q1 Item ID: 52717 - Part V**  Proposed by Councillor S. Holland  "To ask the Chief Executive to please outline how many Part 5 homes will be coming into Council stock as a result of developments in the last quarter 2016 to end of first quarter 2017 in Rathfarnham, Terenure and Templeogue, and outline the allocation procedures for these?"  **REPLY:**  "Approx. twenty no. social housing units will be delivered under Part V in the period October 2016 - December 2017 within the area of this Committee, most of which will be acquired by Approved Housing Bodies with 100% nomination rights from the Council's social housing list. When units are delivered, they will be allocated in accordance with SDCC Housing Allocations Scheme." RTT/117/17 ­- H2 Item ID: 52942 - New Works (No Business)RTT/118/17 ­- C1 Item ID: 52943 - Correspondence (No Business)RTT/119/17 - M1 Item ID: 52968 – Stocking Hill Proposed by Councillor D. O'Donovan and Seconded by Councillor R. McMahon  "That the Chief Executive report on the cause of delay in cleaning up the illegal dumping at the Stocking Lane Halting Site.  This Councillor informed SDCC several weeks ago that the situation was unacceptable and causing rat infestations in neighbouring housing estates."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:-**  "The Traveller Accommodation Unit have been over the past number of weeks been in discussions with the Public Realm Section of the Environment Department to ascertain if the Public Realm Section would be in a position to undertake clean ups around Traveller Halting Sites and we have recently been informed that they are not in a position to do so.  Accordingly we have to engage the services of a private contractor and in line with Government Procurement Guidelines we have to tender for this work through Quick Quotes. The Tender has been advertised for a number of sites with a closing date of the 16th March.  Stocking Hill will be the number one priority as soon as possible after the tender date has closed.  It should be noted that €15, 657 .00 has been spent on clean ups of the Stocking Hill site since January 2014.  A tenancy warning under the Housing Miscellaneous Provisions Act has recently been issued to one Tenant in respect of this issue."  Following contributions from Councillors D. O’ Donovan, F. Duffy, P. Donovan, E. Murphy, A.M Dermody, D. Looney, S. Holland, P. Kearns and P. Foley, Mr. Hugh Hogan, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted**. CommunityRTT/120/17 - H3 Item ID: 52944 - New Works (No Business)RTT/121/17 - C2 Item ID: 52945 - Correspondence (No Business)TransportationRTT/122/17 - Q2 Item ID: 52901 – Ballycullen Road Proposed by Councillor P. Foley  "To ask the Chief Executive could we get an indication of when the Ballycullen Road (at Hunterswood) is due to re-open?"  **REPLY:**  "The Ballycullen Road was closed because of works required as part of the Abbot's Grove housing development. As part of the development a section of the Ballycullen Road was to be upgraded and re-aligned which included the installation of new public lighting. Most of the works have been undertaken. However there are some issues in relation to the new public lighting which still have to be resolved. SDCC is endeavouring to bring this matter to a conclusion so that the road can be re-opened without further delay." RTT/123/17 - Q3 Item ID: 52590 – Rosemount Car Park Proposed by Councillor E. Murphy  "To ask the Chief Executive can an update on the car park developments at Rosemount Car Park please be provided to the Area Committee?"  **REPLY:**  "Meetings were held with local stakeholders (traders, community centre, residents' association, parish council) in 2016 where proposals on undertaking improvements were progressed. In the absence of funding the proposals have not been fully developed. A source of funding will have to be identified to progress the matter." RTT/124/17 - Q4 Item ID: 52894 – Rosemount Shopping Centre Proposed by Councillor E. Murphy  "To ask the Chief Executive to please provide an update on the plans for parking at Rosemount Shopping Centre."  **REPLY:**  "Meetings were held with local stakeholders (traders, community centre, residents' association, parish council) in 2016 where proposals on undertaking improvements were progressed. In the absence of funding the proposals have not been fully developed. A source of funding will have to be identified to progress the matter." RTT/125/17 - Q5 Item ID: 52971 - Templeroan Estate footpath upgrade Proposed by Councillor D. O'Donovan  "To ask the Chief Executive for a full report on the proposed footpath upgrade in Templeroan Estate, detailing which areas will be included and when work is due to commence?"  **REPLY:**  "The Templeroan Estate has been surveyed and the necessary repairs have been marked up. A tender for the works has now been advertised. It is anticipated that works will commence in April/May 2017 in the Avenue, the Drive, the Grove, the Green and the Court." RTT/126/17 - H4 Item ID: 52983 - Area Based Transport Assessment Report presented by L. Leonard, Senior Executive Office and J. Kennelly, Senior Executive Engineer  [Area Based Transport Assessment](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55187)  **Motion 3 taken in conjunction with HI-4** M3 Item ID: 52713 - Greater Dublin Transport Authority Proposed by Councillor S. Holland and Seconded by Councillor P. Donovan.  "That this committee write to the Greater Dublin Transport Authority inviting them to meet to discuss ongoing transport needs of the Ballycullen/Firhouse/Ballyboden communities given the projected increase of road users and existing traffic problems, which are exacerbated by a dearth of public transport solutions."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:-**  "The National Transport Authority is the statutory body (operating under the aegis of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport) for undertaking strategic planning of transport and developing the effective management of traffic and public transport demand in the Greater Dublin Area.  If the Motion is passed an invitation will be issued to the NTA as requested."  Following contributions from Councillors P. Donovan, S. Holland and P. Foley, Mr. Jim Kennelly, Senior Executive Engineer responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted**. RTT/127/17 - H5 Item ID: 52946 - Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads (No Business)RTT/128/17 - H6 Item ID: 52947 - New Works (No Business)RTT/129/17 - C3 Item ID: 52948 - Correspondence (No Business)RTT/130/17 - M2 Item ID: 52875 – Pig Farm Proposed by Councillor P. Foley  **Cathaoirleach's Business**  "We, the Templeogue-Terenure / Rathfarnham Councillors, would like to echo the unanimous request from the traders of Templeogue Village that the Village Initiative Plan for Templeogue Village include the lands known as the “pig farm” and the current public car park. We would like to see the Village Initiative Plan amended, if necessary, so that any Part 8 put out for public discussion includes these lands and reflects these views."  Item **Withdrawn** and **Re-entered**. RTT/131/17 - M4 Item ID: 52716 - Cycle Path along Ballyboden Proposed by Councillor S. Holland and seconded by Councillor E. Murphy  "Inspect the cycle path along Ballyboden way and cut back the bushes at the location alongside Templeroan Estate, as they are overgrown and cyclists have to veer onto the pedestrian side."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:-**  "The shrubbery adjacent to the cycletrack on Ballyboden Way is maintained by the Public Realm Section. They have been requested to carry out the necessary works."  Item **Moved** without debate. PlanningRTT/132/17 - Q6 Item ID: 52991 - Land Banks Zoned for Houisng Proposed by Councillor E. Fanning and Councillor S. Holland  "To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed account of public and private land banks zoned for housing in the Rathfarnham/Templeogue Terenure local electoral area and to give the number of housing units that it would be possible to construct on each site in accordance with the Development Plan?"  **REPLY:**  "A total of c.128ha’s of public and private land with development potential is zoned for residential purposes in the Rathfarnham, Templeogue and Terenure local electoral area. This cumulative landholding comprises of c.32 sites. Based on the application of densities ranging from between 20 to 35 units per hectare, it is estimated that approximately 3,500 residential units could be accommodated in the relevant lands. It should be noted however, that this is very much a high level assessment, with all applications for housing on these lands, subject to detailed site-specific development management appraisal. Details in relation to the Councils land bank is strategically and economically sensitive. As a result this information cannot be released publicly." RTT/133/17 - H7 Item ID: 52949 - Planning Files C. Clarke, Executive Planner presented the following report:- A. Large Applications Under Consideration FILE DISCUSSED: SD17A/0064  LOCATION: Ballyroan House, Ballyroan Heights, Dublin 16  COMMENTS: The application was noted. B. Files Requested by Members - Councillor Deirdre O'Donovan FILE DISCUSSED: SD17A/0031  LOCATION: Green Acres House, Stocking Lane, Dublin 16  COMMENTS: Councillor D. O’Donovan commented on the application.  Report was **Noted**. RTT/134/17 - H7 Item ID: 52950 - New Works (No Business)RTT/135/17 - C4 Item ID: 52951- Correspondence (No Business)RTT/136/17 - M5 Item ID: 52898 - Ladywell Development at Corrybeg Proposed by Councillor P. Foley and Seconded by Councillor D. O’Donovan.  **Cathaoirleach's Business**  "Last weekend the Developer of the Ladywell Development at Corrybeg, Templeogue removed 30-year-old trees without permission. Could something be done about this?  Corrybeg is not the first place for this to happen. Developers are ripping out mature trees knowing that there is no penalty from the Council. The Council’s approach in dealing with this should be reviewed. Until the Council gets serious about it, it will still be seen, by Developers, as the easy way to deal with “problem trees”."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:-**  "The site is being developed under planning permission SD14A/0107 which granted permission for 16 dwellings.  Condition 16 of SD14A/0107 relates to ‘Tree Protection’ of the existing trees on site. However, condition 16 specifically excludes the street trees from this protection by stating - ‘This excludes the existing Sorbus street trees, in which case it is most unlikely that these can be realistically retained during construction works.’ The trees which have been removed are the street trees referred to in condition 16."  Item **Moved** without debate. RTT/137/17 - M6 Item ID: 52855 - Sarah Curran House Proposed by Councillor S. Holland and Seconded by Councillor E. Fanning  "That the Heritage Officer inspect the ruins of the Sarah Curran House in Hermitage Estate and query whether there are sufficient funds to install a plaque outlining the ruins history."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:-**  "The Heritage Officer will be requested to arrange for an inspection of the ruins and the provision of a plaque will then be considered."  Following contributions from Councillors S. Holland and P. Foley, Ms. Laura Leonard, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted**. Economic DevelopmentRTT/138/17 - H9 Item ID: 52995 - Playspace Knocklyon Firhouse and Ballycullen areas Report was presented by B. Pierce, Administrative Officer****Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna Knocklyon**** The Council took possession of the plots subject to the Compulsory Purchase (Old Knocklyon Road) Order 2016 on the 9th September 2016.  The Council will be in possession of the land in excess of 6 months w.e.f. 10th March 2017.  Once we have been in possession of the land in excess of 6 month we can formally commence the vesting process and instructions will issue to our Law Department to commence same.  A Notice of making a vesting order has to be published within 7 days and a minimum of 21 days from the date of publication must elapse before the lands can be vested.  **Motion 7 taken in conjunction with HI-9** M7 Item ID: 52969 - Gaelscoil Knocklyon Proposed by Councillor D. O'Donovan and Seconded by Councillor P. Foley  "That the Chief Executive gives an update on the Gaelscoil Knocklyon school site."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:-**  "The Council took possession of the plots subject to the Compulsory Purchase (Old Knocklyon Road) Order 2016 on the 9th September 2016.  The Council will be in possession of the land in excess of 6 months w.e.f. 10th March 2017.  Once we have been in possession of the land in excess of 6 month we can formally commence the vesting process and instructions will issue to our Law Department to commence same.  A Notice of making a vesting order has to be published within 7 days and a minimum of 21 days from the date of publication must elapse before the lands can be vested."  Following contributions from Councillors P. Foley and D. O’Donovan, Ms. Brenda Pierce, Administrative Officer responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted**. RTT/139/17 - H10 Item ID: 52952 - New Works (No Business)RTT/140/17 - C5 Item ID: 52953 - Correspondence (No Business)Libraries & Arts **RTT/141/17 - H11 Item ID: 52954 - Libraries & Arts**  Report presented by B. Fennell, County Librarian  [Library News and Events](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55113)  Following contributions from Councillor P. Foley the report was **Noted**. RTT/142/17 - H12 Item ID: 52955 - Application for Arts Grants (No Business)RTT/143/17 – H13 Item ID: 52956 – New Works (No Business)RTT/144/17 - C6 Item ID: 52957 - Correspondence (No Business)Corporate SupportRTT/145/17 - H14 Item ID: 52958 - New Works (No Business)RTT/146/17 - C7 Item ID: 52959 – Correspondence (No Business)Performance & Change ManagementRTT/147/17 - H15 Item ID: 52960 - New Works (No Business)RTT/148/17 - C8 Item ID: 52961 - Correspondence (No Business)Water & DrainageRTT/149/17 - H16 Item ID: 52962 - New Works (No Business)RTT/150/17 - C9 Item ID: 52963 - Correspondence (No Business)Public RealmRTT/151/17 - Q7 Item ID: 52930 - Bohernabreena Cemetery Proposed by Councillor R. McMahon  "To ask the Chief Executive for a report on Bohernabreena Cemetery regarding the following - Total Graves/Plots - Total Graves not yet opened. Please break the figures down between the old part of the cemetery and the new. Also how many plots have been booked/sold in the Old Cemetery which have not been opened and what is the legal position on these.  Also based on the available plots left, how many years/months is left before these are all taken?"  **REPLY:**  **“Bohernabreena Cemetery** (St. Joseph’s) was established in 1943 and is the largest Cemetery under the control of South Dublin County Council. On average 365 burials of all and no denomination take place in this Cemetery annually, with approx 210 involving the re-opening of an existing plot. (Based on figures from 2008 – 2015)  There are Angels Plots and a Lawn Cemetery along with the more traditional kerbed Cemetery Layout.  This Cemetery also has two vehicular entrances, a pedestrian entrance, two car parks laid out in hardcore, a network of concrete roads throughout, a toilet block, several waste disposal bunkers, a small storage building, a storage container, and an undeveloped section to provide for future needs.  There are approximately 2,000 grave spaces available to purchase in Bohernabreena. However it should be noted that the Council is currently undertaking a project to transfer all manual data held in respect of each burial ground (that is under the control of the Council),currently in "Purchase Books". While Bohernabreena Cemetery details are at present being transferred onto a database, it is estimated that this work will not be completed until Q3 / 2017.  Until such time as this project has been completed, an accurate outline of data is not readily available.  Presold burial plots, which have not yet used remain in the ownership of the purchaser and the Council has no legal recourse in this matter. However, grave spaces cannot now be purchased in advance, and can only be purchased at the time of death.” RTT/152/17 - Q8 Item ID: 52970 - Coolamber Pathway Proposed by Councillor D. O'Donovan  "To ask the Chief Executive for a full report on plans for the upgraded pathway from Coolamber Estate up to the back of St. Colmcilles National School.  When is work due to commence on the project?"  **REPLY:**  "A scheme to improve the pathway from Coolamber Estate to St Colmcille's National School has been included in the proposed Public Realm Improvement Works Programme for 2017 which is due to be considered at the meeting of the County Council on Monday March 13th.  It is proposed that this scheme will be carried out later in the current year, subject to final approval being given by the Council at the March meeting." RTT/153/17 – H17 Item ID: 52856 - Report on 2016 Tree Maintenance Programme Report presented by M. Ni [Dhomhnaill](http://intranet/Council/Home/StaffDetails/423?d=0&sd=0&w=0&s=0&g=0&q=M%C3%A1ire%20Ni%20Dhomhnaill&l=0&fa=False&defib=False&stafter=0001-01-01&ps=20&p=1), Executive Parks Superintendent  **Report on 2016 Tree Maintenance Programme**  During 2016, the Council has had two full-time tree maintenance crews carrying out works, one operating primarily in areas north of the N7 and the other operating primarily in areas south of the N7.  In the period January – December 2016, tree maintenance involving tree pruning and removal, was carried out on just over 2,200 trees across the county. This figure includes tree maintenance works completed on over 900 trees in the Terenure, Templeogue, Rathfarnham Areas.  In line with the Council's Tree Management Policy 2015-2020 "Living With Trees", the focus of the 2016 Tree Maintenance Programme has been on entire roads or whole estates. This represents a move away from reactive pruning of individual trees on a one off basis to a planned maintenance programme. The objective of this approach is to increase the efficiency and productivity of the tree maintenance crews and advance a proactive programme of cyclical pruning targeting priority locations where intervention is most needed and where it will yield greatest community benefit.  In addition to the planned whole estate and road programme, reactive and emergency works are carried out on individually located trees as necessary in order to manage risks to the public. If a tree is identified as posing an immediate and present danger action will be taken to make the tree safe. Emergency works are also carried out where a tree is rendered hazardous as a result of severe weather conditions. An emergency is defined as a tree that is in immediate danger of collapse or causing an obstruction requiring urgent attention. Emergency and reactive tree works will normally take priority over the planned programme of tree maintenance works in estates and it must be recognised that there is consequent impact on progress with the planned programme. In the Terenure, Templeogue, Rathfarnham Areas, emergency tree works were carried out on c. 50 trees during 2016.  The following is a list of estates in the Terenure, Templeogue, Rathfarnham Areas where a complete programme of tree maintenance involving removal or pruning of all trees that were identified as requiring works was carried out during 2016. In advance of commencing works within an estate or road, a full survey of all trees at the location is carried out to inform the programme and scheduling of tree pruning and removal works for all trees in the estate or road that are identified as requiring tree maintenance.  There are a small number of estates which were listed on the 2016 Tree Maintenance Programme where works remain outstanding for completion. These estates have been carried forward to the 2017 Tree Maintenance Programme and are being prioritised for completion as part of the ongoing programme of work.  **Whole Estates Completed during 2016**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Estate / Road** | **Status** | | Orwell Park Estate | Work complete | | Templeogue Woods | Work complete | | Templeogue Lodge | Work complete | | Boden Estate | Work complete | | Boden Wood | Work complete | | Castleside Drive | Work complete | | Scholarstown Park | Work complete | | Templeroan | Work complete | | Idrone Park | Tree Survey complete | | Brookwood | Tree survey complete | | Delaford Park | Tree survey complete | | Dodder Road Lower | Tree survey complete | | Fonthill Park, | Tree survey complete | | Knocklyon Avenue | Tree survey complete | | The Glen Boden estate | Tree survey complete | | Muckross estate | Tree survey complete | | Rossmore Road | Tree survey complete | | Hillside Park | Tree survey complete | | Willbrook Lawns | Tree survey complete | |  |  |   **HI-18 taken in conjunction with HI-17** H18 Item ID: 52857 - ****Proposed Tree Maintenance Programme 2017, 2018 & 2019**** Report presented by M. Ni [Dhomhnaill](http://intranet/Council/Home/StaffDetails/423?d=0&sd=0&w=0&s=0&g=0&q=M%C3%A1ire%20Ni%20Dhomhnaill&l=0&fa=False&defib=False&stafter=0001-01-01&ps=20&p=1), Executive Parks Superintendent ****Proposed Tree Maintenance Programme 2017, 2018 & 2019**** In line with the Council's Tree Management Policy 2015-2020 "Living With Trees", the focus of all future Tree Maintenance Programmes is on entire roads or whole estates. The objective of this approach is to increase the efficiency and productivity of the tree maintenance crews and advance a proactive programme of cyclical pruning targeting priority locations where intervention is most needed and where it will yield greatest community benefit.  The application of this more strategic and planned approach to tree maintenance commenced in delivery of the 2016 Tree Maintenance Programme. As a result, the efficiency of the Council’s tree maintenance operations has increased and public reaction has been generally positive.  In addition to the planned whole estate and road programme, reactive and emergency works will continue to be carried out on individually located trees as necessary in order to manage risks to the public. An emergency is defined as a tree that is in immediate and present danger of collapse or causing an obstruction requiring urgent attention. Emergency and reactive tree works will normally take priority over the planned programme of tree maintenance works in estates and it must be recognised that there is consequent impact on progress with the planned programme.  Currently, the Council has two full-time tree maintenance crews carrying out works, one operating primarily in areas north of the N7 and the other operating primarily in areas south of the N7. Provision has been made in the Council’s 2017 budget for setup of a third, full-time tree maintenance crew.  In order to further increase efficiency in planning and delivery of the Council’s tree maintenance service, a 3 Year Rolling Programme of Tree Maintenance is proposed for 2017, 2018 and 2019. This 3 year programme demonstrates further progress in developing a more strategic and planned approach to tree maintenance. The programme is informed and prioritised based on increased knowledge of the health and condition of our trees across the county and on cluster analysis of customer care enquiries as they relate to trees. In 2015 the Council commenced an ongoing baseline survey of street trees across the county and a tree management software system was purchased in early 2016. The recording of tree surveys and inspections into this tree management system is enabling the survey data to be queried and managed to inform the planning and prioritisation of estates for tree maintenance in a more effective manner. The proposed 3 year Programme of Tree Maintenance is a rolling programme to be reviewed annually and it will be published and regularly updated on the Council’s website [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie/) where it is can be easily accessed by elected members and members of the public.  In advance of commencing works within an estate or road, a full survey of all trees at the location is carried out to inform the programme and scheduling of tree pruning. The survey involves an assessment of each tree’s health and condition and identifies the maintenance required, if any. During 2017, as tree surveys are completed and in advance of works commencing in an estate or road, it is planned to publish on the Council’s website the locations and details of tree maintenance works to be carried out in each estate. This will enable elected member and residents to access the details of tree works planned for a particular location.  The proposed programme for 2017 includes a small number of estates and roads carried over from the 2016 Tree Maintenance Programme. These locations will be prioritised for completion as early as possible in 2017. Some of these locations are noted as having trees in close proximity or in conflict with overhead electricity wires. In such locations, the required tree maintenance works need to be undertaken by an ESB approved arborist suitably qualified in the specialist skills of utility arboriculture. The Council is currently preparing the procurement process to seek the services of a suitably qualified arborist to undertake these works during 2017.  The following is a list of whole estates and roads proposed for tree maintenance in 2017, 2018 and 2019:  **Whole Estates carried over from 2016 to be prioritised for completion in 2017**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Estate / Road** | **Status** | **Notes** | | Brookwood | Tree survey complete |  | | Delaford Park | Tree survey complete |  | | Dodder Road Lower | Tree survey complete | ESB wires | | Fonthill Park | Tree survey complete | ESB wires | | Hillside Park | Tree survey complete | ESB wires | | Idrone | Work commenced |  | | Knocklyon Avenue | Tree survey complete |  | | Muckross estate | Tree survey complete | ESB wires | | Rathfarnham Wood | Work complete |  | | Rossmore Road | Tree survey complete |  | | The Glen, Boden estate | Tree survey complete |  | | Willbrook Lawn | Tree survey complete |  |   Commitments for tree maintenance of individually located trees carried over from 2016: no. of trees = 16    **Whole Estates 2017**  **Estate / Road Name**   |  | | --- | | Aranleigh Mount & Gardens | | Ballycullen Avenue | | Ballytore Road\* | | Beechfield Road\* | | Castlefield Orchard | | Cherryfield Road\* | | Dangan Park\* | | Dargle Wood | | Glendown Avenue | | Greenfield Park | | Monalea Grove & Wood | | Orlagh Grove | | St Annes | | St Endas Park & Drive | | Templeville Drive\* | | Wainsfort Manor Drive | | Whitechurch Way | | Woodlawn Park Grove |     **Whole Estates 2018**  **Estate / Road Name**   |  | | --- | | Aranleigh Court, Vale, Dell | | Ballycullen Road | | Crannagh\* | | Cremorne estate | | Cypress Downs | | Dangan Drive & Avenue | | Fairways\* | | Glenbrook Park\* | | Glendoo Close | | Glenmore Park | | Glenmurry Park | | Hillsbrook estate\* | | Killakee Way & Lawns | | Knockaire | | Knocklyon Park | | Limekiln Avenue | | Marian Crescent | | Moyville | | Orchardstown Drive\* | | Orlagh Grange | | Pinewood Park | | Sally Park | | Shelton Park | | The Priory Grange Road | | Woodlawn Park Avenue & Drive |   **Whole Estates 2019**  **Estate / Road Name**   |  | | --- | | Ballycullen Drive | | Ballyroan Crescent | | Beverly Grove | | Carrigwood | | Coolamber Park | | Fortrose Park | | Grange Downs | | Grange Manor estate | | Greentrees Park | | Greentrees Road | | Hermitage Lawn | | Hyde Park | | Lansdowne Park | | Longwood | | Monalea Park | | Orlagh estate | | Priory Way | | Rockfield Avenue | | Rossmore Lawns | | Shelton Gardens, Grove & Drive | | St Joseph’s Road | | St Peter's Crescent | | Stonepark Abbey | | Templeville Road\* | | The Park Cypress Downs | | Three Rock Close | | Wood Dale Oak | | Woodfield |   Following contributions from Councillor E. Murphy, D. Looney, D. O’Donovan, P. Donovan, S. Holland and P. Foley, Ms. Maire Ni Dhomhnaill, Executive Parks Superintendent, responded to queries raised and Councillor D. Looney wanted to register his dissatisfaction that St. Joseph’s Road is not on the Tree Maintenance Programme for 2017 and the report was **Noted**. RTT/154/17 - H19 Item ID: 52964 - New Works (No Business)RTT/155/17 - C10 Item ID: 52965 – Correspondence (No Business)RTT/156/17 - M8 Item ID: 52895 – CCTV - Rear of Mount Carmel Church Proposed by Councillor P. Foley and seconded by Councillor S. Holland  **Cathaoirleach's Business**  "That between the Council and Tallaght Garda station, steps are taken for the installation of CCTV cameras at the seating area in the green space at the back of Our Lady of Mount Carmel church in Firhouse.  This area, which is a peaceful and tranquil place for residents to enjoy during the day is causing much disturbance at night. Residents of the apartments and also the parish office have reported serious incidents at this location.  While the Community Garda for the area has been excellent in attempting to deal with the on-going problem, I feel that CCTV for this area is required."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:-**  **"The Council's CCTV Code of Practice**details the operation and control of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Systems which are installed in a number of locations under the remit of South Dublin County Council.  There are currently three main types of CCTV systems in use by the Council. They are:   1. Council offices, works depots and libraries; 2. Dedicated Traffic Cameras at major junctions and on traffic routes throughout the county; 3. Public safety systems in public realm areas e.g. estate management, parks, playgrounds, recycling facilities.   Community facilities, such as swimming pools and community centres that are owned by the Council but managed by another body are advised of their responsibilities regarding the operation and use of CCTV systems particularly in terms of Data Protection legislation.  There are also a small number of Community based CCTV systems which are under the control of and operated by An Garda Síochána but South Dublin County Council is the named Data Controller. There is a separate detailed code of practice in place in respect of these systems and they are not bound by the Council's Corporate Code of Practice.  In the main An Garda Síochána has responsibility for carrying out all policing duties, including carrying out all criminal law enforcement.  The Council has no proposals, or resources available, to provide CCTV in this area."  Following contributions from Councillors P. Foley, B. Lawlor and P. Donovan, Ms. Mary Maguire, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted.** RTT/157/17 - M9 Item ID: 52896 - Playspace Knocklyon Firhouse and Ballycullen areas Proposed by Councillor P. Foley and seconded by Councillor R. McMahon  "That there is an urgent requirement in the Knocklyon Firhouse and Ballycullen areas for a playground to be built outside of the play space programme which is currently underway by SDCC.  The people of Knocklyon, Firhouse and Ballycullen are forced to go to the playgrounds in Marley or Tymon parks. Given the population that we are talking about, this area merits a playground of its own. This Area Committee calls on the Council to commence the planning process for such a playground with a view to having proposals ready for Budget 2017."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:-**  "The playspace programme 2014-2018 is a 5 year programme agreed by the Council; and designed to address the deficiencies of play opportunities in the immediate environment of children’s homes.  It is designed to provide for natural play in the places where people live. In developing the programme, proposals were presented to Area Committees in South Dublin and an implementation programme was developed. The concept of play spaces was set out with image boards and possible layouts, and were presented to each area committee to inform the discussion.  The resulting programme was presented and approved by the council in February 2014.  By the end of 2016 the Council had expended €680,000 (approx.) on the programme. A further €500,000 is allocated in 2017-2019 rolling capital budget; and staff resources are committed to carrying out the play space programme.  In the Knocklyon, Firhouse and Ballycullen area the following play space has been built to date:   * Ballycragh   2 playspaces within that area did not progress following the consultation stage:   * Woodstown * Dargle Wood   The following play spaces are still proposed for the area and are programmed for 2017 and 2018:   * Dodder Valley Mount Carmel * Cherryfield * Delaford * Firhouse Park * Elkwood   In addition to the above; there is some scope within the playspace programme for flexibility regarding the location of playspaces. The programme is intended to respond to play needs in the localities in which the children live, so if additional locations for play spaces are identified for the Knocklyon, Firhouse and Ballycullen area the team will be available and eager to discuss these.  The provision of such play spaces not only increases the opportunities for children to play daily or several times daily; (which is healthy and encourages an active, outdoor-based environment close to children’s homes), but also decreases the need to travel distances, usually by car in the case of younger children, to a regionally based playground (visits to which tend to be a less regular occurrence)."  Following contributions from Councillors P. Foley, S .Holland, P. Donovan, and D. O’Donovan, Ms. Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted**. RTT/158/17 - M10 Item ID: 52899 - Ballycragh Park Playground Proposed by Councillor P. Foley and seconded by Councillor D. O’ Donovan  "That the Ballycragh Park Playground, in its current form, is not suitable and is not being used by the age of children for which it was designed. I refer to my Area Committee Meeting Motion, from the 13th of September last, on the same subject when it was reported that the topic requires some ‘consideration and discussion’. Can the members be given an update as to where this process is? Can a plan be developed showing how this playground can be changed so that it is more age appropriate."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:-**  "The design for Ballycragh playground was chosen by local people including members of the local parent and toddlers group, the local residents association and Community Centre management following a public consultation process. The playground at Ballycragh is designed for use by children from toddlers up to 12 years old  It comprises mainly natural play elements including a large sand pit with boulders and logs, a rock trail and a bamboo tunnel. There are also baby swings, flat swings, an accessible basket swing suitable for multiple users and a climbing frame. All of these items are suitable for small children except the climbing frame which is designed for children aged 6+ but in practice is used by much younger children with parental supervision.  The playground is used throughout the day by small children. A conflict arises when older primary school children and secondary school children finish school and congregate at the playspace. Owing to their age they are unsupervised. They generally hang out on the swings and this can intimidate smaller children and their parents. Public Realm do not believe equipment within the playspace is the problem. These children are looking for a place to meet, and this location is close to the school, the local shop and is a focal point in their community.  In 2016 SDCC officials contacted the original consultation group to ask if we should install some equipment outside of the playground for teenagers. This would mean that they would have their own space and not interfere with equipment designed for smaller children. This proposal was rejected by the group.  However Public Realm feels that the use of public space and provision of recreational facilities are required by older teenager’s as much as younger children and / or adults. (In this regard see note on 2017 study at end of report).  At the Area Committee meeting in December 2016 it was proposed that Public Realm would continue to work with Community section on an agreed strategy to deal with this issue. This involves liaison with the local secondary school, community centre etc. in order to consult directly with the teenagers currently congregating at the play space.  SDCC are currently in contact with Firhouse Community School to consult with the older children who hang out at the playground. We would like the children to tell us why they use the playspace. We also want to know if they would prefer to use an area designed specifically for their needs. This process is ongoing and proposals will be brought to members for consideration once this process is completed.  In 2017 the Council is also commencing a study regarding the provision of facilities for teenagers in parks and open spaces in South Dublin County; including the consideration of an increased provision of Youth Cafés where appropriate within parks and open space locations. The following is proposed:   * Identification of current level of provision * Consultation with stakeholders * Assessment of need   This study will include consultation and the input from the review above will inform proposals for teenagers on a county wide basis; including provision at Ballycragh. It is currently at the scoping stage."  Following contributions from Councillors P. Foley and D. O’Donovan, Mr. M. Hannon, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted**.   EnvironmentRTT/159/17 - Q9 Item ID: 52909 – Dog Foul Bins Proposed by Councillor E. Fanning  "To ask the Chief Executive as a lot of dog waste is visible in the green area at Carriglea/Firhouse including on grass & walkways.  There is currently only one bin available and it is located, not at the green area, but at the bus stop near it. Can we please organise dog poo bins and signage with fine information in the area as soon as possible?"  **REPLY:**  "It is not proposed to change the policy on the provision of bins for dog waste.  A specific service (Dog poo bins) for the collection and disposal of dog waste would require a major change to the existing litter bin collection operation.Provision of dog litter specific bins and truck would be required and the waste would need to be handled separately from other bin waste.  Existing policy i.e. the provision of standard litter bins which can accept all types of waste, including dog waste **properly bagged** is considered to be the best approach.  A full litter bin review has just been completed which was recently considered by the EPR&CC SPC, and it is envisaged that details of that review will be brought to the next Area Committee Meeting.  Bag dispensers were installed on 28th November 2016 at Rathfarnham Castle Park and Rathcoole Park on a pilot basis. The 1st phase of the pilot analysis was carried out and the second phase of analysis will be conducted shortly.   These results will inform the potential roll out of additional dog dispensers.  Dog foul signage can be provided, subject to site suitability." RTT/160/17 - Q10 Item ID: 52561- Tymon Dog Run Proposed by Councillor D. Looney  "To ask the Chief Executive, following on from my recent Area Committee question and further representation from users, to provide a report on the dog run in Tymon Park; to ask if he can arrange for better drainage of the site, given its state as of the end of January (despite a drier month than usual); if he will consider the installation of benches at the site; when the expected new signage should be delivered; and to make a statement on the matter?"  **REPLY:**  "The dog run at Tymon Park was recently inspected and found to be in use.  The ground is not considered to be prone to flooding, while the ground was damp and muddy in places due to regular use. Nonetheless, it is very much suitable for exercising dogs and was in use at the time of inspection.  Two problems were noted during the inspection - (i) the inner entrance gate is in need of repair and (ii) an amount of water ponding is occurring at the same location.  Action will be taken to address both these matters in the coming weeks.  Signage setting out the general conditions of use of the dog run (off leash enclosed area for dogs) will be erected at this and other Dog Runs.  These conditions relate primarily to   * provisions of the Control of Dogs Act 1986 - requirement for the owner / person in charge of the dog to keep it under effectual control while using the facility * provisions of the Control of Dogs Regulations - relating to restricted breeds which are not authorised to use the facility * provisions of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 - the requirement to remove dog faeces and its disposal in a suitable sanitary manner   As previously stated, there are no requests / representations for the installation of benches (covered or uncovered) from existing dog run currently recorded.  The subject was also considered by the Tallaght ACM and the recommendations from that meeting, i.e. to relocate the existing run, as well as provision of a second run, is under examination." RTT/161/17 - H20 Item ID: 52966 - New Works (No Business)RTT/162/17 - C11 Item ID: 52967 - Correspondence (No Business)RTT/163/17 - M11 Item ID: 52715 – Graffiti Proposed by Councillor S. Holland and seconded by Councillor R. McMahon  "To remove the graffiti along Ballyboden Way, photos of which have been supplied."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:-**  "The graffiti on Ballyboden Way has been referred for immediate removal. The area in question is somewhat secluded and had not, heretofore, come to the attention of Public Realm Section."  [Photo 1](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55046) [Photo 2](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55047) Following contributions from Councillor S. Holland and E. Murphy, the report was Noted.RTT/164/17 - M12 Item ID: 52992 - Knocklyon Utd Proposed by Councillor D. O'Donovan and seconded by Councillor P. Foley  "That the Chief Executive gives a report on Knocklyon United's pitch allocation in light of the Ballycullen Flood Alleviation Scheme.  Assurances were given at previous meetings that they would not lose any pitches as a result of the works, however this does not seem to be the case."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:-**  A decision was made in June 2016 to remove the licence for the use of the playing facilities located in Castlefield from Knocklyon United FC in order to facilitate the Ballycullen Flood Alleviation Scheme. (The facility originally consisted of one senior pitch (108), with an adjacent play area developed into a junior pitch (108A)).  Knocklyon Utd. was assigned an alternative pitch number (2) in Tymon Park as a direct replacement for the loss of castlefield.  (See detail below in relation to current pitch lettings for Knocklyon)  Notwithstanding previous expectation that the Ballycullen Flood Alleviation Scheme would impact only on one pitch at Castlefield, it has now transpired that the contractor requires a larger working area and it is not considered appropriate to have sporting activity in the vicinity of such works.  If the club continues to come under pressure for alternative pitches, it may be possible to consider maximising the use of the facilities at Delaford where the Knocklyon Utd. clubhouse is located.  **KNOCKLYON UNITED CURRENT PITCH ALLOCATIONS 2016/2017 Season:**  Tymon Park - Pitch Nos 2  Tymon Park - Pitch Nos 6  Delaford - Pitch 116  Kennedy’s Field - Pitch 117 |

Following contributions from Councillors D. O’Donovan and Paul Foley, Ms. Mary Maguire, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted**.

The meeting concluded at 6.09pm

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