## **COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS** **SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting dealing with Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management, Water & Drainage, Environment, Public Realm, Housing, Community, Transportation, and Planning held on 17 May, 2017.

### **COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

Councillor B. Bonner

Councillor K. Egan

Councillor T. Gilligan

Councillor E. Higgins

Councillor M. Johansson

Councillor F. Timmons

Councillor M. Ward

Cathaoirleach Councillor J. Graham, presided.

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

County Architect Mr. E. Conroy

Senior Executive Officer Ms. M. Maguire, Mr. H. Hogan,

Ms. M. Staunton

Senior Engineer Mr. T. O’Grady, Mr. C. Galvin

Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Mr. D. Fennell, Mr. M. Hannon

Senior Executive Planner Ms. S. Duff

Administrative Officer Mr. T. Shanahan

Community Area Officer Ms. B. Kaluzny

Sports Recreational Officer Ms. A. Silke

Senior Executive Librarian Ms. B. Meenaghan

Staff Officer Ms. P. O’Reilly

Assistant Staff Officer Ms. I. Kenny

### **C/249/17 – HI (1) Item ID: 53655 – Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting of 19th April, 2017**

The Minutes of the April meeting of the Clondalkin Area Committee dealing with Planning, Transportation, Libraries, Economic Development, Performance & Change Management, Corporate, Environment, Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Community, and Housing held on 19th April, 2017 which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Graham and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons and **RESOLVED:**

“That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of 15th March, 2017 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

[Minutes 19th April 2017](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55949)

**C/250/17 - Questions**

It was proposed by Councillor J. Graham and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons, and **RESOLVED:**

“That pursuant to Standing Order 13, Questions 1 – 9 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

## **Economic Development**

### **C/251/17 – (Q1) Item ID: 53780 – ORCHARD LANE I.A.P.**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"To ask for an update report on the provision for a community space as in the original Integrated Area Plan on Orchard Lane and where the title for ownership is at and when this may be resolved through the law department. Has a costing been done to bring unit to a basic standard and when will this be done so the Men's Shed could use this much needed space and it could be developed into a senior Citizens Hub?"

**REPLY:**

 As title to this premises has not yet transferred to the Council, the Law Department have been endeavouring to finalise this matter with the Solicitors acting for the Developer.  To date no reply has been received from their Solicitors and the Law Department again wrote to the Solicitors on 4th April 2017 conveying the Council's anxiousness to complete this transfer.  To date no reply has been received and the Law Department has been requested to follow up this matter with the external Solicitors as priority.

A costing to fit out this unit will be completed once transfer of title has completed.

### **C/252/17 – (H2) Item ID: 53629 – NEW WORKS**

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

### **C/253/17 (C1) Item ID: 53630 - CORRESPONDENCE**

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

### **C/254/17 (M1) Item ID: 53875 – ROUND TOWER PROJECT**

It was proposed by Councillor B. Bonner and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:-

"Could a report be provided on the progress with the work on the Round Tower project, with projected opening dates and events and particular reference to the place of Gaeilge in the signage and in the displays etc."

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

“Planting of the garden at the Round Tower is completed. The construction stage of the development is nearing completion and fit out stage for the exhibition, café, retail and other services is commencing in May and will continue into June. This period will also involve commissioning and testing of all equipment on site, as well as training for staff of The Happy Pear onsite.

The use of Irish will be prominent on centre signage and all panels in the exhibition will be bilingual.

It is currently anticipated that the Centre will open before the end of June and an event to introduce The Happy Pear to the local community is being organised for late May.”

Following contributions from Councillors B. Bonner, F. Timmons, M. Johansson and M. Ward, Mr. T. Shanahan. Administrative Officer responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **C/255/17 – (Q2) Item ID: 53674 – NORTH CLONDALKIN LIBRARY**

It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"To ask for a full update report on the Library in North Clondalkin and to ask that updated drawing are included in the report and timescales and costs involved?"

[Q 2](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55852)

### **C/256/17 – (H3) Item ID: 53633 – NEW WORKS**

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

### **C/257/17 – (H4) Item ID: 53631 – LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS**

Ms. B. Meenaghan, Senior Executive Librarian presented the following report:-

Library News & Events

[HI 4](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55838)

The report was **NOTED.**

### **C/258/17 – (H5) Item ID: 53632- APPLICATION FOR ARTS GRANTS**

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

### **C/259/17 – (C2) Item ID: 53634 - CORRESPONDENCE**

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

## **Corporate Support**

### **C/260/17 – (H6) Item ID: 53635 – NEW WORKS**

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

### **C/261/17 – (C3) Item ID: 53636 - CORRESPONDENCE**

[1. Corr CEO Tallaght Hospital](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55993)  
[2. Corr Min. Harris](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55891)

The correspondence was **NOTED.**

### **C/262/17 – (M2) Item ID: 53801 – NATIONAL FLAG PROTOCOL**

It was proposed by Councillor M. Ward and seconded by Councillor J. Graham:-

"This Committee agrees that in line with the National Flag Protocols that state "the National Flag may be flown by night as by day as long as it is properly illuminated, preferably by spotlight" that the Council install suitable lighting at the Clondalkin Civic Offices and County Hall in Tallaght so our national flag can be flown at night on occasions that are revered to us as a nation such as remembering our patriot dead who died during the 1916 Easter Rising".

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

“This request will be considered with regards to the cost and the feasability of installing suitable lighting at these locations as no budget has been provided for this.”

Following contributions from Councillors M. Ward and B. Bonner, Ms. M. Maguire, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **C/263/17 – (H7) Item ID: 53637 – NEW WORKS**

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

### **C/264/17 – (C4) Item ID: 53638 - CORRESPONDENCE**

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

## **Water & Drainage**

### **C/265/17 – (H8) Item ID: 53639 – NEW WORKS**

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

### **C/266/17 – (H9) Item ID: 53599 – DRAFT RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The following report was presented by Mr. C. Galvin, Senior Engineer:-

**Draft River Basin Management Plan**

[HI 9 DRBMP](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55839)

### Following contributions from Councillors M. Johansson and M. Ward, Mr. C. Galvin, Senior Engineer responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/267/17 – (C5) Item ID: 53640 - CORRESPONDENCE**

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

## **Environment**

### **C/268/17 – (H10) Item ID: 53908 – REPORT ON CORKAGH PARK STUDY**

The following reports were presented by Mr. T. Shanahan, Administrative Officer and Mr. M. Hannon, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent:-

**Report on Corkagh Park Study**

The Corkagh and Camac Park Study was presented to both the Economic Enterprise and Tourism and the Environment Public Realm and Climate Change Strategic Policy Committees in February 2017.

The Committees were advised that the Council are currently assessing the options for the implementation for the delivery of the strategic actions within the study.

The immediate focus is upon the upgrading of existing infrastructure to create a strong platform from which the Council can roll-out the implementation of new developments outlined in the study.

**In this regard provision has been made in the 2017-2019 capital budget for the following:**

* ORR car park improvement works
* St John’s Road main vehicular entrance and footpaths
* Minor capital improvements
* Playground refurbishment
* Corkagh Farm buildings; technical and economic feasibility study.
* Pavilion Programme-Corkagh Park

**Provision has been made in the 2017 revenue budget for the following:**

* Automate Camac caravan park vehicle entrance gate
* Surfacing works at Cherrywood Crescent
* Surface paths by Oil Mills bridge
* Renovate existing Playground Toilet
* Upgrade CCTV
* Upgrade pedestrian entrance to Corkagh Park from St. John’s Estate

**The other works proposed within the Corkagh and Camac Park Study can be divided as follows:**

* Large, medium and small scale capital works.
* Events.
* Promotion.
* Further studies.

**Next stage:**

The Corkagh and Camac Park Study outlined opportunities for the enhancement of the park based on assessment of recreational provision elsewhere and feedback from the local population and service providers.

The next stage is to test in detail the proposals in relation to the environmental , technical, financial, and market perspective. This will examine the economic viability, the locational requirements and will further address the technical considerations involved to ensure that the project is both technically and economically deliverable.

A brief is being written to procure these services and these studies will inform an overall project timetable for Corkagh Park incorporating all the projects outlined above. This timetable and related budget(s) will be brought back to the members for consideration prior to rollout.

[HI 10 SPC presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55848)

Following contributions from Councillors B. Bonner, M. Ward, E. Higgins and M. Johansson, Mr. T. Shanahan, Administrative Officer, Mr. M. Hannon and Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendents responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

**C/269/17 – EMERGENCY MOTION – VANDALISM AT MOUNT ST. JOSEPH’S CEMETERY**

In accordance with Standing Order No. 74, the members in the majority **AGREED** to suspend Standing Orders to deal with a suspensory motion proposed without notice, as follows:-

It was proposed by Councillor B. Bonner and seconded by Councillors J. Graham, M. Ward, M. Johansson, F. Timmons, K. Egan and E. Higgins:

“This committee condemns the recent vandalism and graffiti at Mount St. Joseph’s Cemetery, and calls on the Chief Executive to convene a meeting of Stakeholders to ensure that the site is secured and that the damage is repaired to the extent that it can be.”

Following contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, B. Bonner and M. Ward, Ms. M. Maguire, Senior Executive Officer advised that this cemetery is not currently within the control of the Council, and therefore the Council has no responsibility in this regard. She stated that while the recent vandalism is to be abhorred, this is a criminal matter, for which Án Garda Síochána has statutory responsibility. The motion was **NOTED.**

### **C/270/17 – (H11) Item ID: 53641 – NEW WORKS**

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

### **C/271/17 – (C6) Item ID: 53642 – CORRESPONDENCE**

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

### **C/272/17 – (M3) Item ID: 53752 – SOCIAL CREDITS SCHEME**

In the absence of Councillor T. Gilligan, the following motion **FELL:-**

"That this committee agrees to grant some funds to residents to paint walls facing Spar at Cherrywood, to plant shrubs etc..."

### **C/273/17 – (M4) Item ID: 53880 – GRAFFITI ON RAILWAY BRIDGES**

It was proposed by Councillor B. Bonner and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:-

Proposed by Councillor B. Bonner

"This committee requests that the relevant authorities would be contacted so that the graffiti on the railway bridges in Clondalkin would be removed without delay and that a commitment to keep these bridges graffiti free would be obtained."

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

“The Litter Warden is currently carrying out a survey of all bridges in the Clondalkin area.  Once the survey is completed, dependant on the location of each individual incident, the matter will be referred to the relevant authority i.e. SDCC Public Realm, Iarnród Eireann, TII for immediate removal.”

This item was **MOVED** without debate.

## **Public Realm**

### **C/274/17 – (Q3) Item ID: 53878 – TREE PLANTING AT GLENFIELD**

Proposed by Councillor B. Bonner

"I have requested some tree planting at Glenfield to soften the visual and aural effects of the increased traffic volumes on the Fonthill / Coldcut roads. While I know it is not the planting season, has any decision been made on this request?"

**REPLY:**

The proposed tree planting programme for Spring 2018 is currently being compiled. The open space areas on the boundaries of Glenfield  
Estate with Fonthill and Coldcut Roads have been inspected to assess their suitability for additional tree planting and are being proposed for inclusion.

### **C/275/17 – (Q4) Item ID: 53807 – ST. CUTHBERT’S PARK**

Proposed by Councillor M. Ward

"Can I get a report on the meeting of the high level task force in relation to St Cuthbert’s Park?

When is the next meeting?

Will the Council invite 2 members of the Community Group "reclaim the park" to take part in this task force as the Community voice needs to be heard?"

**REPLY:**

The last high level task force meeting was held in February, with representation from SDCC, Oireachtas and Council Members, Senior Council Officials, An Garda Siochána and South West Safety Community Forum (who has been operating in South West Clondalkin since c 2004).

Since then ancillary activity has been taking place including onsite meetings with AGS Crime Prevention Officer and CCTV provider to establish suitable locations for CCTV for which financial provision has been made.  Similarly local meetings (facilitated by Cllr Ward) regarding "Reclaim the Park" have been held to discuss ways in which local residents would like to see the park developed.  Public Realm has also continued to provide routine maintenance.

It is understood that AGS will have update this month in relation to CCTV site suitability.

It was agreed at the February meeting of the HLTF to establish a working group / subcommittee from among those external stakeholders representing local residents and community engagement groups, who have expressed a willingness to engage with the HL group in this process.

It is envisaged that the next HLTF meeting will be scheduled as soon as AGS have submitted the report on the park and the level of direct engagement with the HLTF and the subcommittee can be considered at that meeting.

### **C/276/17 – (H12) Item ID: 53643 – NEW WORKS**

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

### **C/277/17 – (H13) Item ID: 53797 – PART 8 ALL WEATHER PITCH AT KNOCKMITTEN**

The following report was presented by Mr. M. Hannon, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent:-

**Part 8 All Weather Pitch at Knockmitten**

Report on Part 8 consultation process for the proposal to construct an All-Weather Pitch at Knockmitten, Clondalkin, Dublin 22, on the site of the old Basketball Court and adjacent to the Community Centre and the recently constructed Play Space.

The proposed works primarily comprise the following:

* An all-weather pitch approximately 36 x 50m in size.
* The pitch will be floodlit to allow for evening use. The floodlighting will be designed to minimise the light spillage onto the surrounding residential area and the M50 motorway.
* It will be surrounded by a 2.4m high weldmesh type fence; topped with a 3.6m high ball stop net.
* Relocation of existing footpath to the north of the proposed pitch.
* The proposal may mean the relocation of the existing low voltage overhead powerlines.
* All ancillary works

It is proposed that the facility will be open until 10pm Monday to Friday and until 7pm on Saturday & Sunday.

The proposed has undergone Appropriate Assessment Screening under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC)

Please see attached CEO report on the part 8 process; a summary is outlined below:

Prior to commencement of Part 8, the proposals were presented to the Clondalkin Area Committee Members on the 15th February 2017.

The proposed development and accompanying Appropriate Assessment report were placed on public display for the statutory period from Thursday the 16th of February 2017 to Friday the 31st of March 2017.

The closing date for receipt of written submissions was up to 4.30pm on Friday the 21st of April 2017 and were to be addressed in writing to: Senior Executive Officer, Environment Water and Climate Change Department, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 YNN5 or via South Dublin’s on-line consultation portal: http://consult.sdublincoco.ie

Copies of the plans and particulars of the proposed scheme were available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy from Thursday the 16th February 2017 to Friday the 31st of March 2017 at the following locations:

* South Dublin County Council Offices, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 between the hours of 9:00 am – 5.00pm Monday to Thursday and 9.00am - 4.30pm on Friday **(Inspection and purchase)**
* Civic Offices Clondalkin, 22 between the hours of 9:00 am – 5.00pm Monday to Thursday and 9.00am - 4.30pm on Friday (4.30pm on Fridays). **(Inspection only)**
* Clondalkin Library, Clondalkin Library, Monastery Road, Clondalkin, Dublin D22 between the hours of 9:45 am – 8.00pm Monday to Thursday and 9.45am - 4.30pm on Friday & Saturday. **(Inspection only)**
* Youth and Community Centre, Knockmitten, Clondalkin, Dublin 22. During opening hours. **(Inspection only**
* The plans and particulars can be viewed on the Council’s Public Consultation Portal website [**http://consult.sdublincoco.ie**](http://consult.sdublincoco.ie/)
* And submission were made via the portal above or by post to Senior Executive Officer, Environment Water & Climate Change Department, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 YNN5

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development will be situated could be made in writing up to 4.30pm on Friday the 21st of April 2017.

A total of 3 submissions were received by 4.30pm on Friday 21st of April 2017; these submissions are summarised and responded to in the attached CEO report.

Following consideration of the submissions the Chief Executive is of the view that the issues raised by way of the submissions can be satisfactorily addressed during the detailed design stage and as outlined in the foregoing report.

Having regard to the nature and extent of the proposed project, it is considered that the proposed development is in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and the County Development Plan 2016-2022.

**It is recommended that, as the proposal is in conformity with proper planning and sustainable development, that the Council proceed with the Part 8 proposal to construct an All-Weather Pitch at Knockmitten, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 on the site of the old basketball court and adjacent to the Community Centre and the recently constructed Play Space.**

[1.1 CEO Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55897)  
[2.0 Existing Layout](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55898)  
[3.0 location map](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55899)  
[4.0 proposed layout](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55900)  
[5.0 public notice](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55901)  
[6.0 AA screening](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55902)

The report was **NOTED.**

### **C/278/17 – (C7) Item ID: 53644 - CORRESPONDENCE**

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

### **C/279/17 – (M5) Item ID: 53621 – TREE PRUNING AT ALPINE HEIGHTS**

In the absence of Councillor T. Gilligan, the following motion **FELL:-**

"That the Environment Department prunes / trims the base of these trees in Alpine Heights. (image attached)"

### **C/280/17 – (M6) Item ID: 53793 – KNOCKMITTEN CENTRE PLAY SPACE**

It was proposed by Councillor K. Egan and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:-

"To ask the Chief Executive  to supply a visible time table of opening/closing hours at Knockmitten Centre play space,  and to continue with the closure of the play space over the week ends. There is too much of a risk in relation to vandalism if left open."

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

"The Public Realm Section started opening and closing the play space at Knockmitten Community Centre at weekends in 2016. While this arrangement was in place for 2016 no arrangement was put in place for 2017. The experiences of the Public Realm staff in 2016 have given rise to the new approach, the details of which are outlined below.

In 2016, the Park Ranger staff were unable to lock the play space on occasions due to the presence of children who refused to leave. It would not be appropriate to lock the children in and so there was no alternative but to leave the play space open. On other occasions the Park Ranger staff were subject to verbal abuse when they attempted to lock the play space.

On account of this occurring on a more frequent basis it was decided to pilot the permanent opening of the play space at weekends on a trial basis. This trial has been ongoing since the April 2017. Should the trail prove successful the play space will remain open on a permanent basis. In the event that the trial proves to be unsuccessful, the locking and opening of the play space over the weekends will be reviewed. The measure of the success of the trial will be determined by the condition of the play space on Monday mornings. So far, apart from the presence of some litter, the trial is proving to be successful.

Should it be required to recommence the opening and closing of the play space at weekends, it may be necessary to lock the play space earlier in the evenings to avoid the problem outlined above. A timetable of opening hours will be considered if required following the trial period."

Following a contribution from Councillor K. Egan, Mr. M. Hannon and Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendents responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/281/17 – (M7) Item ID: 53808 – ST. CUTHBERT’S PARK CLEAN UP**

It was proposed by Councillor M. Ward and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:-

"St Cuthbert's Park has the potential to be a wonderful amenity to the people of Clondalkin. This Committee agrees that the Council do a comprehensive clean up in St Cuthbert's Park. This clean up should include the removal of all discarded material in open space, in hedges and ditches. Furthermore that the Council include members of the Community who are willing to help in this clean up."

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

"Due to the volume, nature and location of dumped material in St Cuthbert’s Park a JCB is required to do a comprehensive clean up. This work is currently been scheduled and it is expected to be undertaken within the next fortnight. While it would not be possible to involve members of the community in a clean-up where heavy machinery is involved, assistance can be provided in the removal of dumped material should members of the community wish to organise a separate clean up. This co-operative approach has worked well in the past."

Following contributions from Councillors M. Ward and B. Bonner, Ms. M. Maguire, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/282/17 – (M8) Item ID: 53627 – CORKAGH PARK TENNIS COURTS**

In the absence of Councillor T. Gilligan, the following motion **FELL:-**

"That this Committee agrees to install 3 tennis courts in Corkagh Park. Can the Chief Executive outline how many public tennis courts there are a) in Clondalkin and b) South Dublin?"

### **C/283/17 – (M9) Item ID: 53769 – ILLEGAL BONFIRES AT LINDISFARNE ESTATE**

It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor J. Graham:-

"That this committee ask SDCC to do something to combat illegal bonfires at entrance to Lindasfarne Estate that is happening repeatedly every year. (Note Previous Motion for May 2016) That a report is brought to area meeting for discussion."

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| 49865 | Councillor F. Timmons | Clondalkin Area Committee | [Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting 21st September 2016](http://membersnet.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/Agenda/1448) | Motions | 27/05/2016 |
| "That this committee asks that the area at the entrance to Lindasfarne estate that has been used for bonfires yearly is upgraded and trees planted." | | | | | |

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

**"**A number of initiatives have been used over the years to combat the practice of illegal bonfires which are most prevalent around Halloween. Two examples are the ‘Official Bonfires’ and the ‘Bulbs not Bonfires’ scheme.

In 2006 the Council piloted the organisation of an 'official' bonfire at Letts Field in Clondalkin. The objective was to reduce the number of bonfires in the area, thus reducing the environmental damage while also providing a safe venue for families to come to celebrate Halloween.  The impact of the 'official bonfire' did not result in reduced numbers of bonfires and was subsequently discontinued in 2011.

The Bulbs not Bonfires scheme was introduced in 2010 and rolled out through the Social Credit Scheme, in 2012. The scheme encourages communities to do something different at Halloween instead of a bonfire. Most recipients/groups organised Halloween clean ups, competitions, discos and resulted in the scheme providing communities with flowers in the Spring rather than scarred open space throughout the year.

The initiatives are designed to incentivise residents to take a proactive approach to the prevention of bonfires. It is found that where there is buy-in and support from local communities the chances of success are higher. Planting trees and landscaping an area in the hope of preventing bonfires is not a solution and is unlikely to work in this particular instance. In fact, it has been known for bonfires to be built around newly planted trees and given the history at this site, the chances of success are very low.

Halloween night occurs on Tuesday 31st October 2017. As in previous years, the Public Realm staff will be collecting bonfire material prior to Halloween night. Collection of material is carried out in conjunction with the Gardaí who provide assistance and guidance to prevent public order issues arising. Collections are prioritised based on the risk that the bonfire presents to utilities, infrastructure and homes. In the event that residents are unable to prevent a bonfire occurring at this location in 2017, they should contact the Council on 01-4149000 to report the presence of bonfire material and every effort will be made to collect it prior to it being set alight."

Following a contribution from Councillor F. Timmons, Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

## **Housing**

### **C/284/17 – (Q5) Item ID: 53673 – EMERGENCY HOSTEL**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"To ask for an update report on an emergency homeless hostel for the Clondalkin area? (as much information as possible please)"

**REPLY:**

The Council has not identified a location in the Clondalkin area for an emergency accommodation facility.  Currently there is €300K capital in the budget for the provision of same. However the costs of providing an emergency facility similar to that in Tallaght is mainly in the staffing and care costs which will need to be met by the DRHE and HSE.  To date no such funding is available to this Council.

We will continue to look for a suitable location or property throughout the County as well as seeking funding for the project and will keep the ACM briefed.

If the members have any suggestions as to a suitable location for such a facility we will certainly examine it and report back as soon as possible.

### **C/285/17 – (H14) Item ID: 53645 – NEW WORKS**

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

### **C/286/17 – (C8) Item ID: 53646 - CORRESPONDENCE**

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

### **C/287/17 – (M10) Item ID: 53768 – ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AT LINDISFARNE AVENUE**

It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor J. Graham:-

"That this committee agrees that land beside 1 Lindisfarne Avenue that was gated due to anti social behaviour be looked at in terms of use and development  and SDCC issue a report on same."

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

“The laneway beside 1 Lindisfarne Avenue has been turned into a garden/ allotment which is been maintained (with little or no support) by the adjoining resident.  A suggestion of using the area of land for a men’s shed type project is currently being investigated.”

This item was **MOVED** without debate.

### **C/288/17 – (M11) Item ID: 53802 – HOMELESS SERVICE**

It was proposed by Councillor M. Ward and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:-

"This Committee calls on South Dublin County Council to provide a homeless service in the Clondalkin Civic Offices that will enable homeless people to register as homeless when required. Furthermore any service that the homeless have to attend Tallaght for is provided in Clondalkin."

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

“The Council's Homeless Service is provided on a county at large basis and administered from the Council's HQ in Tallaght. A weekly outreach service is provided in the Clondalkin area by the Outreach Worker.

At present there are no plans to provide a Homeless Clinic in the Clondalkin offices. Such a move would require significant additional staff resources and duplication of administration. The Homeless Clinic operated in HQ offers a professional and empathetic advice and assessment service for all persons who present as homeless.

The Council has not yet identified a location in the Clondalkin area for an emergency accommodation facility.  Currently there is €300K capital in the budget for the provision of same. However the costs of providing an emergency facility similar to that in Tallaght is mainly in the staffing and care costs which will need to be met by the DRHE and HSE.  To date no such funding is available to this Council.

We will continue to look for a suitable location or property throughout the County as well as seeking funding for the project and will keep the ACM briefed.

If the members have any suggestions as to a suitable location for such a facility we will certainly examine it and report back as soon as possible.”

Following contributions from Councillors M. Ward and B. Bonner, Mr. H. Hogan, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/289//17 – (M12) Item ID: 53844 – GRANGE/KILCARBERRY PROJECT**

In the absence of Councillor T. Gilligan, the following motion **FELL:-**

"That the Chief Executive outlines a few questions about the Grange / Kilcarberry project.

- can the Chief Executive break down the 2 / 3 storey coloured in blue on the map to 2 storey and 3 storey buildings?

- can either of the green spaces be moved from current location to bottom right corner of the map and replace the houses from the bottom right to the other green space?

- is there to be any pedestrian access to Kilcarberry / Cherrywood?

### **C/290/17 – (M13) Item ID: 53876 – INFESTATION OF CARPET BEETLES IN COUNCIL OWNED PROPERTIES**

It was proposed by Councillor B. Bonner and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:-

"There has been a problem with an infestation of carpet beetles in some council owned properties in the Clondalkin area. This committee recommends that the residents affected would be assisted to address this problem."

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

The Council has not been made aware of any infestation of carpet beetles or other insects in our housing stock. However the responsibility for dealing with any such infestation is a matter for the tenant.

Following a contribution from Councillor B. Bonner, Mr. H. Hogan, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

## **Community**

### **C/291/17 – (H15) Item ID: 53647 – NEW WORKS**

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

### **C/292/17 – (C9) Item ID: 53648 - CORRESPONDENCE**

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

### **C/293/17 – (M14) Item ID: 53756 – QUARRYVALE PLAY SPACE**

It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor J. Graham:-

"That this committee firstly congratulate all involved in Quarryvale playspace and then to ask that opening of the beautiful playspace at this location be extended to include weekends, bank holidays and evenings during the summer".

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

This playspace is located within the curtilage of the Quarryvale Community Centre. The Council will discuss with the Quarryvale Community Centre management the possibility of extending the opening times and hours to allow extended access time to the playspace.

The report was **NOTED.**

### **C/294/17 – (M15) Item ID: 53843 – SR. KATHLEEN BARRETT**

It was proposed by Councillor M. Ward and seconded by Councillor J. Graham:-

"Sister Kathleen Barrett from Mayfield, Clondalkin, has worked tirelessly in volunatary capacity in her community. For the last 20 years.  Sister Kathleen has provided her time and energy into hosting an after school homework club for the children of Mayfield . At the end of May 2017, Sister Kathleen will be retiring from her role in the homework club. This Committee agrees to send a letter of appreciation to Sister Kathleen for her service to her community.

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

If the Motion is passed a letter will be issued to Sister Kathleen Barrett on behalf of the Elected Members.

Following contributions from Councillors M. Ward, B. Bonner, T. Gilligan and F. Timmons, the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/295/17 – (M16) Item ID: 53874 – ROUND TOWER VOLUNTARY TOUR GUIDES**

It was proposed by Councillor B. Bonner and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:-

"This committee commends the Council for funding the training for the voluntary tour guides for the Round Tower and for devising an excellent model which will ensure that the skills of local volunteers can be used in the new visitor centre and on historical walking tours of Clondalkin."

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

The Community Services Department were delighted to be able to assist this new and innovative local community project and allocate funding from the Community Initiative Fund 2016 to support the costs of running the training courses which resulted in 45 fully trained volunteer tour guides.

The Project has several strengths not alone the obvious benefits of the upskilling of local volunteers as local tour guides and the preservation and education of people that this will have around the vast rich heritage of the Clondalkin Village but also the project has the strength that it fosters the formation of great collaboration and community spirit between the numerous local groups both represented on the organising committee or who volunteered to complete the course.

The local Community Development Team will continue to liaise and work with the group and will offer ongoing advice and assistance on any future projects to built on the success of this course.

This item was  **MOVED** without debate.

## **Transportation**

### **C/296/17 – (Q6) Item ID: 53883 – FLORAVILLE ESTATE STREET LIGHTING**

Proposed by Councillor B. Bonner

"What plans are in place to improve the street lighting in Floraville Estate?"

**REPLY:**

Floraville Estate was built prior to the 1990's. As you may be aware, there are serious technical difficulties fitting the new LED luminaires on to columns that were installed prior to this date. These are difficulties that are being experienced by other Local Authorities.

A solution is being discussed at a national level.

### **C/297/17 – (Q7) Item ID: 53782 – NEWCASTLE SAFETY MEASURES**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"To ask for a full report into what safety measures have been put in place following agreed motions below for the Newcastle area?"

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| 49383 | Councillor F. Timmons | Clondalkin Area Committee | [Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting 18th May 2016](http://membersnet.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/Agenda/1418) | Motions | 30/04/2016 |
| "That this committee demands that a safety audit be done in Newcastle to determine safety needs especially for the Glebe estate and children going to school along this busy road." | | | | | |

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| 49887 | Councillor F. Timmons | Clondalkin Area Committee | [Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting 22nd June 2016](http://membersnet.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/Agenda/1431) | Motions | 31/05/2016 |
| "That this committee asks for safety in Newcastle to take priority, many residents have huge concerns around the Glebe Estate and the new path leading to Peamount United.  An urgent safety audit needs to happen." | | | | | |

**REPLY:**

A new footpath and public lighting have been provided on Aylmer Road (leading to Peamount United pitches).

One traffic calming ramp and footpath dishings were provided in 2016 on Peamount Road in the vicinity of the Glebe. An additional ramp (bus pillow) will be provided here shortly.

It is intended to provide a School Warden at this location also. A walkability audit has been discussed with the local school.

As part of the Villages Initiative, major works are underway in the vicinity of the Lyons Roundabout. These include pedestrian crossing upgrade, kerb and island realignment, footway renewal works and extension of footway, removal of railings, measures to reduce speed entering and exiting the roundabout. All of these will enhance safety especially for pedestrians.

### **C/298/17 – (Q8) Item ID: 53845 – TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – CLONDALKIN LEA**

Proposed by Councillor M. Ward

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report detailing the amount of money spent in 2016 in the Clondalkin LEA on traffic calming and the locations were traffic calming was installed and repaired; and to further outline the amount of money available in 2017 for new traffic calming and repair of existing traffic calming?"

**REPLY:**

There is provision of €10,000 for the provision of new traffic calming measures in 2017.

The following works have been carried out in 2017 (approx. March-April) to ramp repair in the Clondalkin area

Total Cost €15,000 approx (final invoices not yet in)

* Greenfort Avenue
* Deansrath Park
* Oldbridge View
* Moorefield Estate

The Following ramp repairs were done in 2016: Value approx. €50,000 in the Clondalkin Area (Similar in Lucan Area)

* Woodford Estate
* Bawnogue Road
* Cherrywood Park & Crescent
* Aylmer Rd
* Oldchurch Drive
* Monksfield Estate
* Kilmahudderick Estate
* Harelawn Estate
* St Marks Estate
* Collinstown Road
* Neilstown Estate
* Deansrath Estate
* Lealand Estate
* Lindisfarne Estate

### **C/299/17 – (H16) Item ID: 53650 – NEW WORKS**

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

### **C/300/17 – (H17) Item ID: 53649 – PROPOSED DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS**

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

### **C/301/17 – (C10) Item ID: 53651 – CORRESPONDENCE**

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

### **C/302/17 – (M17) Item ID: 53672 – FOOTPATH REPAIRS CLONDALKIN**

It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor J. Graham:-

"Given the deplorable condition of some footpaths and several falls by older community members, this committee agrees that priority be given to the footpaths as below.  What is the timescale for paths to be fixed at the following locations?

1) St Patrick's Estate

2) Boot Road

3) Michael Collins Estate

4) Outside Daybreak and outside the Steering Wheel in Clondalkin Village

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

St Patrick's Estate and Michael Collins Estate are included in the 2017 Footpath Programme.  Repairs will also be carried out in Clondalkin village and Boot Road.

Following contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, B. Bonner and T. Gilligan, Mr. T. O’Grady, Senior Engineer responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/303/17 – (M18) Item ID: 53806 – RAISED FOOTPATH OUTSIDE 57 ST. JOHN’S PARK WEST**

It was proposed by Councillor M. Ward and seconded by Councillor J. Graham:-

"This Committee calls on the Council to inspect and repair the raised footpath outside 57 St John's Park West at the earliest time possible as this site is a potential trip hazard."

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

“The Area Engineer has reported that this repair has been carried out.”

The report was **NOTED.**

### **C/304/17 – (M19) Item ID: 53879 – TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT FLORAVILLE ESTATE**

It was proposed by Councillor B. Bonner and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:-

"Floraville Residents, who have decided not to proceed with traffic calming ramps, would like alternative traffic calming measures in the form of speed limit and children at play signage and also stop signs in order to encourage drivers to slow down and adhere to safe speed limits.  This committee recommends that they would be assisted in this regard."

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

“The 30kph speed limit signs are being installed at present and Floraville is included. As Floraville is a single entry estate, there will only be one location where a Children at Play / 30 kph sign is erected. Other measures can be considered in due course and subject to budget.”

Following contributions from Councillors B. Bonner and F. Timmons, Mr. T. O’Grady, Senior Engineer responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

## **Planning**

### **C/305/17- (Q9) Item ID: 53781 – RIC BARRACKS**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"Further to some damage to the roof of the RIC Barracks building, can SDCC issue a report into what actions are being undertaken in relation to this Architectural Conservation-Protected Structure?"

**REPLY:**

A site inspection was carried out by the Council's Architectural Conservation Officer on the 9th May 2017. No substantial damage was evident to the roof along the front slope. There was newly identified damage to a small section of external render above window head level under the front gutter and a sign of a slipped slate along the bottom line of tiles centre. Unfortunately these are caused by a lack of maintenance as the house is currently vacant. There is an on-going investigation and a file currently open with the Enforcement Section with regard to this property.

The Councils Architectural Conservation Officer will issue an updated report to the Enforcement Section with regard to the most recent site inspection.

### **C/306/17 – (H18) Item ID: 53653 – NEW WORKS**

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

### **C/307/17 – (H19) Item ID: 53652 – PLANNING FILES**

Ms. S. Duff, Senior Executive Planner presented the following planning files:-

1. **Large Applications Under Consideration**

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| **FILE DISCUSSED:** SD17A/0010  **LOCATION:** Drumlonagher, Main Street, Newcastle, Co. Dublin.  **COMMENTS:** Councillor E. Higgins commented on the application. |

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| **FILE DISCUSSED:** SD17A/0101  **LOCATION:** Kilteel Road, Tootenhill, Rathcoole, Co. Dublin.  **COMMENTS:** Councillor F. Timmons commented on the application. |

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| **FILE DISCUSSED:** SD17A/0111  **LOCATION:** South West and adjacent to Broadfield Manor, Tootenhill,  Rathcoole, Co. Dublin.  **COMMENTS:** There were no comments made on this application. |

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| **FILE DISCUSSED:** SD17A/0116  **LOCATION:** Fox and Geese, Robinhood Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22.  **COMMENTS:** There were no comments made on this application. |

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| **FILE DISCUSSED:** SD17A/0133  **LOCATION:** Monastery Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22.  **COMMENTS:** Councillors F. Timmons and B. Bonner commented on the  application. |

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| **FILE DISCUSSED:** SD17A/0133  **LOCATION:** Monastery Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22.  **COMMENTS:** Councillors F. Timmons and B. Bonner commented on the  application. |

### **C/308/17 – (C11) Item ID: 53654 - CORRESPONDENCE**

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

### **C/309/17 – (M20) Item ID: 53671 – HISTORIAN TURTLE BUNBURY**

It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor J. Graham:-

‘‘To ask that SDCC engage with Historian Turtle Bunbury who has researched Corkagh, and has a  comprehensive history of all the families connected to the place since the 17th century for the benefit of the Tower Heritage Centre - email supplied"

\* Turtle Bunbury <[turtlebunbury@gmail.com](mailto:turtlebunbury@gmail.com)>

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

“The Council has engaged with Mr.  Bunbury in the recent past and this engagement will continue into the future.”

The report was **NOTED.**

The meeting concluded at 5.10pm

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