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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting dealing with Environment, Water & Drainage, Public Realm, Housing, Community, Transportation, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support and Performance & Change Management, held on 20th September 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 M. Ward, presided.

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Senior Executive Officer Ms. L. Leonard, Mr. H. Hogan

Head of Local Enterprise Mr. C. Ward

Senior Parks Superintendent Ms. S. Furlong

County Librarian Ms. B. Fennell

Senior Executive Planner Ms. S. Duff

Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Mr. D. Fennell

Senior Executive Engineer Ms. H. Fallon

Environmental Education Officer Ms. S. O’Brien

Systems Analyst Mr. D. Downey

Administrative Officer Ms. N. Lawler

Senior Staff Officer Ms. F. Murphy

Staff Officer Ms. P. O’Reilly

Assistant Staff Officer Ms. I. Kenny

Prior to commencement of the meeting, Councillor F. Timmons, on behalf of the Clondalkin Councillors, expressed condolences on the recent passing of Breda Delaney, a founding member of Clondalkin Tidy Towns.

**C/370/17 – (H1) Item ID: 54679 - Confirmation & Re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting**

The Minutes of the June meeting of the Clondalkin Area Committee dealing with Performance & Change Management, Corporate Support, Public Realm, Water & Drainage and Economic Development, held on 21st June, 2017 which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

[HI-1 Minutes 21st June 2017](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=56642)

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

“That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of 17th May, 2017 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**C/371/17 - Questions**

It was proposed by Councillor M. Ward and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons, and **RESOLVED**:

### “That pursuant to Standing Order 13, Questions 1 – 12 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

### **Environment**

### **C/372/17 - (Q1) Item ID: 54837 – Anti-Dumping Signs St. Cuthbert’s Road**

Proposed by Councillor M. Ward

"When have the Council got plans to introduce anti-dumping signs on St Cuthbert's Road? This was agreed in November 2016 (see motion below) and the signs have still not being erected.

That this Committee agrees in anti-dumping signs being placed along St Cuthbert's Road and the "ring road" in Bawnogue, to help change the culture of roadside dumping and to protect the environment."

**REPLY:**

"Following a review of St Cuthbert's Road and the "ring road" in Bawnogue it is proposed to erect anti-dumping signage in Quarter 4."

### **C/373/17 – (H2) Item ID: 54655 – New Works**

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

### **C/374/17 – (H3) Item ID: 54880 – Litter Management Plan Review**

Ms. S. O’Brien, Environmental Education Awareness Officer, and Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent presented the following report:

**Litter Management Plan Review**

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MEETING OF RATHFARNHAM/TEMPLEOGUE-TERENURE AREA COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

HEADED ITEM NO.2

**Litter Management Plan Review**

**Implementation/Action Plan**

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|  | **Actions** | **Responsibility**  | **Time Frame**  |
| **1** | Raise awareness of roles and responsibility of various stakeholder relating to litter management | Enforcement & Licensing | Ongoing |
| **2** | Implement all relevant legislation, regulations and bye-laws | Enforcement & Licensing | Ongoing active enforcement of all provisions of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended, Waste Management Acts & associated regulations, Control of Dogs – dog fouling**Legal Proceedings****June to August****50** cases referred for prosecution**9** cases listed for court hearing**0** appeals listed for Court Hearing  |
| **3** | Continue to operate the Customer Relations Management Systems (MembersNet, FYS, Customer Contact System, Environmental Complaints System) to track complaints/reports from initial contact to resolution  | Enforcement & Licensing | **June to August 2017** Total - 1746Membersnet - 256Fix Your Street – 301E.C.S. - 1189 |
| **4** | Maintain high profile targeted warden service with foot and drive by patrols as appropriate in towns, villages, cemeteries and allotments | Enforcement & Licensing | Ongoing foot patrols by Litter Warden service, with particular emphasis on county towns and villages**.** All incidents reported investigated for evidence**Fixed Payments Notices issued****June to August**Illegal Dumping/Litter 76Owner / occupier failure to keep land litter free   1Unauthorised Posters / Advertising /Signage**31**Failure to keep footpath/margin free of litter **1**  |
| **5** | Examine alternative Warden Service uniform  | Enforcement & Licensing | Ongoing |
| **6** | Use overt and covert CCTV cameras and technologies to monitor areas prone to illegal dumping and to support enforcement action | Enforcement & Licensing | CCTV/ Rapid Deployment Cameras provided at various locations.Purchase of additional equipment for deployment. |
| **7** | Engage on a regional basis to develop solutions to tackle dumping in the Dublin region (Smart Dublin) | Enforcement & Licensing | Smart Dublin – SBIR - Seeking low cost, innovative, technological solutions in the form of products, services or applications to tackle illegal dumping in the Dublin regionPresentations and assessment of submissions took place on 20th July 2017. Information session for the 6 winners of the SBIR Challenges on 5th September . |
| **8** | Manage and maintain Memorandums of Understanding with utility companies in relation to graffiti removal | Enforcement & Licensing | Ongoing3 Year MOU signed with ESB Networks1 Year MoU signed with Eir1 Year MoU to be signed in Q4 with Virgin Media |
| **9** | Operation of village cleaning programme including weekend service | Public Realm | Ongoing Village cleansing in all town and village centres daily (Monday to Friday) and also on Sundays and Bank Holidays.Continuous village maintenance work in Tallaght, Clondalkin, and Lucan and it’s proposed to now extend this service to other town/ village locations around the County.Litter bin and cleaning service carried out in various parks on bank holiday weekends (Sean Walsh, Tymon, Corkagh, and Griffeen Valley) and this is in addition to the village cleaning work. |
| **10** | Planned and scheduled clean-ups of identified litter blackspots in the county | Public Realm | Continuous clean-ups of litter and dumping blackspots (scheduled & planned).  A total of 1,750 of these have been carried out in the period June to August. Successful applications made under the national Anti - Dumping Initiatives under two tranches.Preparations for completion of works as approved, by end of September.  |
| **11** | Servicing and maintenance of Bring Banks to ensure that they are litter free | Public Realm | Ongoing service of textile facilities being carried out by three service providers (74 recycling/ bring centres)Arrangements being made to remove some textile facilities not covered under existing contracts due to their inappropriate use for illegal dumping.Regional contract in place for the servicing (emptying) of the glass/ can recycling banks. Tender process underway to put in place new contract . |
| **12** | Conclude review litter bin provision in Public Realm having regard to Litter Bin Placement Protocol | Public Realm | Solar(Big Belly)street bin pilot agreed for Rathfarnham – arrangements being made for procurement |
| **13** | Enforce litter control measures in Conditions of Allocation for Playing Fields | Public Realm | Ongoing |
| **14** | Targeted inspection of playing pitches with high litter issues  | Public Realm | Ongoing |
| **15** | Use of internal systems to track and manage the removal graffiti from public property.  | Public Realm | Reported Graffiti being tracked on CC system.All reports forwarded to the relevant bodies for scheduled removal. |
| **16** | Targeted programme to remove bonfire material from public places in advance of Halloween | Public Realm | Will take place in Q4 |
| **17** | Mapping of Halloween bonfires to identify trends and inform planned interventions (talk to Teresa/Leo/IT) | Public Realm | Q4 as above |
| **18** | Clean up and removal of Halloween bonfire material in timely manner | Public Realm | Q4 as above |
| **19** | Operate Laneway Maintenance programme at identified locations across the county and continue to seek solutions to issues | Public Realm | Ongoing  |
| **20** | Provide scheduled waste removal for registered local community groups engaged in community clean ups | Public Realm | 52 weekly scheduled clean up pickups.667 clean up pickups were carried out in the months of June, July and August. |
| **21** | Participation and support for National Spring Clean events | Public Realm | Q2. (April)High level of activity maintained during SCW 2017.   See above. |
| **22** | Promote Anti-Litter & Anti-graffiti (dog fouling, anti-litter, illegal dumping, anti-graffiti etc ) radio and cinema advertisement campaign | Communication & Awareness | The tackle litter advert ran in the cinema in Tallaght and Liffey Valley and also on the radio in the square Tallaght. The till receipts for June and July in Supervalu advertising tackle litter |
| **23** | Administer Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grant | Communication & Awareness | 2017 AL/AG grant has been approved and all applications have been contacted regarding the grant |
| **24** | Promote environmental schools poster and slogan competition | Communication & Awareness | The poster competition for 2017-2018 school year will be advertised on the schools page and also in the September issue of the Green times newsletter. |
| **25** | Promote the Green Dog Walkers initiative and responsible dog ownership | Communication & Awareness | GDW initiative and responsible dog ownership continue to be promoted eg, dog licences and social media.Dog Poo video / advertisement has been filmed and will be ready to air in September. |
| **26** | Promote National Gum Litter Task Force | Communication & Awareness | The Gum Litter Task Force was launched in SDCC on Tuesday 30th May with the Deputy Mayor in Clondalkin Village. The national campaign continues to be advertised on National Television and in the cinema |
| **27** | Promote and support the PURE Initiative | Communication & Awareness | PURE Awards are set for the 3rd October |
| **28** | Promote and support Tidy Towns Initiative through grant schemes eg LA21, Anti Litter and Anti Graffiti Awareness | Communication & Awareness | “Adopt a Bring Bank” continues to be promoted through the PPN, Tidy Towns and social credits groups  |
| **29** | Review and promote Social Credit Scheme | Communication & Awareness | The newly developed Social credits newsletter <http://www.sdcc.ie/news/social-credits-scheme-newsletter-june-2017> |
| **30** | Support community groups through Social Credit Scheme | Communication & Awareness | Community clean-ups:June -192July - 267August - 208Our SCS green space enhancement initiative has just started with 9 applicants taking part. |
| **31** | Provide support   and administer the Green Schools Programme | Communication & Awareness | Green Schools seminar - 21st September to encourage all schools to take part in the programmeGreen time newsletter dissemination in September outlining supports for schools |
| **32** | Promote Seasonal Campaigns | Communication & Awareness | The regional Brown Food Waste/Food waste awareness campaign is currently being advertised via social media and the SDCC site for June and July |

Following contributions from Councillors, M. Ward, F. Timmons, E. Higgins and B. Bonner, Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent and Ms. S. O’Brien, Environmental Education Awareness Officer responded to queries, and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/375/17 - (C1) Item ID: 54656 - Correspondence**

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

### **C/376/17 – (M1) Item ID: 54838 – Illegal Dumping**

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

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

"[Illegal dumping is having a detrimental effect on our communities. It is difficult to ensure that the children of today will become the adults of tomorrow that have a sense of pride in their communities when they have to pass discarded rubbish on the way to schools, clubs etc This Committee agrees to write to the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment,](http://www.dccae.gov.ie/en-ie/about-us/contact-us/Pages/default.aspx) Denis Naughten and ask him to honour the commitment made in the 2011 programme for Government and introduce a national bin waiver scheme."

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated, was **READ:**

“If the motion is passed, a letter will be issued to the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment for his attention, and when a reply is received, the Committee will be notified accordingly.”

Following contributions from Councillors M. Ward, B. Bonner and M. Johansson, the motion was **PASSED.**

## **Water & Drainage**

### **C/377/17 – (Q2) Item ID: 54783 – Flooding at Boot Road/Commons Road**

Proposed by Councillor B. Bonner

"There has been an ongoing problem with flooding at Boot Road / Commons Road.

(name and address supplied.)   Recent heavy rain on August 22  caused inundation of the property again.  There was never a problem with flooding at this location but a blockage further down the line, the addition of more properties to the line and changes to the camber of the road have probably contributed  to this problem which is causing the resident huge stress because of the fact that the property is constantly in danger.  What plans are in place to address this long standing issue?"

**REPLY:**

The SDCC Drainage Section camera surveyed the surface water pipe network downstream of Boot Road / Commons Road on the 5th September 2017 and found no evidence of a blockage.

Both the SDCC Roads and Drainage Sections have carried out an extensive examination and done works to improve the roads drainage system at this location and it is believed that the problem at the address is a private side issue.

However, we would appreciate if you can provide information regarding the issues at the property such as the route of water onto or within the property or photographs so that we might have a better understanding of the issues involved.

### **C/378/17 – (H4) Item ID: 54657 – New Works**

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

### **C/379/17 – (C2) Item ID: 54658 - Correspondence**

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

## **Public Realm**

### **C/380/17 – (Q3) Item ID: 54514 – Play spaces for the Clondalkin Area**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

'‘To ask for a report into playspaces for the Clondalkin Area and to specifically respond to agreed motions and question below in report and what progress has been made on both Balgaddy and St Marks''

Wednesday, November 18, 2015 MOTION NO.16 **Councillor F. Timmons** **Cathaoirleach’s Business**

“That this committee agrees that extra playground/playspace facilities are needed in Balgaddy for the many children with a disability in the area. That a report be brought on this to area committee.”

Wednesday, December 09, 2015 QUESTION NO. 6 **Councillor F. Timmons**

“To ask the Chief Executive if Balgaddy Family centre has been looked at for a playspace following my motion at last months area meeting? Also to ask how this issue will be progressed and what can be done to secure and improve current playground ?

Wednesday, April 20, 2016 MOTION NO. 14 **Councillor F. Timmons**

“That St Mark's Community Garden be looked at for provision of a playspace as part of the garden to increase use and provide a much needed facility in the area.”

**REPLY:**

The replies to the motions and question listed above are outlined below:

**Motion “That this committee agrees that extra playground/Play space facilities are needed in Balgaddy for the many children with a disability in the area. That a report be brought on this to area committee.”**

Response: “The play facility in Balgaddy was provided as part of the housing project some years ago. It has, regrettably been the subject of ongoing vandalism including a recent significant event where part of the playground equipment was destroyed.

The idea of providing for disabled access in play provision is one that is currently part of the design process for these facilities and that the Council does provide – and the Council has subscribed to the Barcelona Declaration in regard to disability. Indeed the aim in the design of these facilities for a number of years now is to make as much of the equipment as possible, disabled accessible.

The play space in Balgaddy will be examined to see if there is a need to enhance the existing opportunities for disabled children there.”

**Question: “To ask the Chief Executive if Balgaddy Family centre has been looked at for a play space following my motion at last month’s area meeting? Also to ask how this issue will be progressed and what can be done to secure and improve current playground?”**

Response: It has not been possible to make contact with the Balgaddy Family Centre on the location of a play space in that facility. It is intended to do this as soon as possible in the New Year. The Operations Section of Public Realm maintains the existing playground and are reviewing security arrangements as a result of a recent and significant increase in anti-social behaviour and vandalism in the area. The review will also include discussion with the Estate Management Section.

**Motion: “That St Marks Community Garden be looked at for provision of a Playspace as part of the Garden to increase use and provide a much needed facility in the area.”**

Response: “The Council is currently committed to the development and completion of the agreed Five Year Play Space programme 2014 – 2018. This project has proven to be difficult to implement and it is intended to concentrate on the completion of the construction work in the identified locations. Nevertheless, where there are other identified opportunities for the provision of a play space outside of the agreed locations they will be examined to ascertain their suitability for such a project. It is intended to examine the suggested location at St Mark’s Community Garden.”

In respect of the on-going play space programme; it will conclude at the end of 2018. The programme has been very successful to date, particularly taking into account the difficulties encountered during the early phases. With hard work and significant active involvement from elected members and local communities, and direct engagement with children; the Council can be proud to be in a position where it is now perceived to be at the vanguard of creating new play opportunities close to where children live. It can also be proud to have embraced a new type of play space delivery – using the concepts of Natural Play and where children can create their own play opportunities.

The following play spaces have been completed within the Clondalkin area:

* Quarryvale Park, Clondalkin
* Rathcoole Park
* Knockmitten Park

The completion programme for the play space programme was presented to all Area Committee meetings in June 2017 and the priority projects were designated up to end of 2018. The list proposed for the Clondalkin Area was as follows:

* Boot Road
* North Clondalkin area (Neilstown/ Collinstown Park),
* Bawnogue area
* Newcastle

It was emphasised however that the completion of the specific play space programme 2014 to 2018 does not preclude the addition of other play spaces in addition to that programme as part of the normal three year capital programme. However both funding and resources would need to be identified and allocated for any additional projects. It was also emphasised that the completion of the programme, as passed by the council, will be a challenge, particularly considering the extent of the consultation undertaken to get agreement with the local communities on the provision of such facilities in their areas. However, if the proposed locations above do not prove to be possible to implement, consideration will be given to the location of a facility at other locations elsewhere and Balgaddy Family Centre could be considered in that regard. With regard to St. Marks Community Garden; this location could be considered within the context of the play space proposed for the Neilstown area; further consideration will be made when the project consultation is being progressed.

### **C/381/17 – (Q4) Item ID: 54849 – Mini Mechanical Road Sweeper**

Proposed by Councillor M. Ward

"Can the mechanical sweeper that is used regularly in Clondalkin and Lucan Village be used to sweep the Neilstown Road from Letts Field right through to St Bernadette's School in Quarryvale as regular as both villages?"

**REPLY:**

"The mini mechanical sweeper that is currently on hire in the Corkagh District is used to sweep footpaths in Clondalkin Village, Lucan Village and cycle paths on the R136 and cycle paths connecting to the R136 between Clondalkin and Lucan. Any spare capacity is utilised within parks where the mechanical sweeper is deployed to sweep paths and other large hard standing areas. Neilstown Road is swept by the Councils Road Sweeping contractor which is currently Oxygen Environmental Ltd. A review of current routes will be undertaken to see if the cycle paths on the Neilstown Road can be added to the area swept by the mini sweeper."

### **C/382/17 – (H5) Item ID: 54659 – New Works**

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

### **C/383/17 – (C3) Item ID: 54660 - Correspondence**

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

### **C/384/17 – (M2) Item ID: 54835 – Reinforce the wall at St. Cuthbert’s Park**

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

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

"This committee agrees that the Council reinforce the wall at St Cuthbert's Park at the following locations:

Junction of Deansrath Green and Park

Junction of Melrose Green and Park

These two areas have been damaged to allow ease of access to the park for cars/bikes etc. and it is having a detrimental impact on the residents who live in this area."

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated, was **READ:**

"The section of wall at the junction of Deansrath Green and Park that requires replacing is a mass poured concrete wall measuring 15 meters in length. The section at the junction of Melrose Green and Park is a block wall with limestone facing and measures 7 meters in length.

The Public Realm Section is currently exploring options to find a suitable alternative wall that will withstand the rigours of the locations in question and other vulnerable boundaries around the park.  Once this has been identified, quotations will be invited for the construction of the wall.

Funding has been allocated to undertake these works in 2017-2019 Capital Works Programme under Minor Capital Improvement Works element."

Following contributions from Councillors M. Ward, F. Timmons and B. Bonner, Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/385/17 – (M3) Item ID: 54778 – Japanese Knotweed**

It was proposed by Councillor B. Bonner and seconded by Councillor M. Ward:

"There is concern about the problem of Japanese Knotweed in the Clondalkin area. Could a report be presented on the extent of this problem and on the plan to address it."

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated, was **READ:**

“The surveying and mapping of Japanese Knotweed and other invasive species in the County recommenced on July 10th, the public realm section have assigned 2 experienced members of staff to this exercise on a full time basis at the present time.  Surveying to date has focussed on the following areas –

Main watercourses in the County including the Owendoher River, Whitechurch Stream, Dodder River, Camac River and the river Liffey.

Public parks in the County including lakes and streams etc.

Locations which have been reported, both public and private, where Japanese Knotweed and other invasive species are believed to be present.

Surveying and mapping is continuing and good progress has been made on this exercise over the summer months.  Treatment has commenced on areas considered to be high priority and this treatment programme will continue through the months of September and October and as long as conditions permit.  Information signs have been placed on order and are expected to be delivered into stock during the current week and these will be erected at locations where it is considered necessary.

The following is data extracted from the invasive species database broken down by species type, including Japanese Knotweed, showing numbers of sites found to date across the County as well as the breakdown for the Clondalkin area.  Treatment information is being added to the database as work progresses however it cannot be made available as yet.  Future reports on the matter will include treatment information.

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| **Local Electoral Area** | **Total Number of Sites** |
| Rathfarnham | 115 |
| Templeogue - Terenure | 100 |
| Clondalkin | 16 |
| Lucan | 36 |
| Tallaght - Central | 85 |
| Tallaght - South | 15 |
| **Full County** | **11-Sep** |   |   |
| **Description:** | **Number of sites** | **Sum of site size (sq.metres)** | **Max. site size (sq.metres)** |
| Total number of sites captured: | 366 | 34,597.96 | 9,588.02 |
| Total number of Gunnera | 14 | 304.21 | 68.11 |
| Total number of Himalayan Balsam | 32 | 4,057.29 | 803.00 |
| Total number of Giant Hogweed | 5 | 9.73 | 4.94 |
| Total number of Japanese Knotweed | 96 | 14,463.81 | 4,501.89 |
| Total number of Buddleia | 240 | 14,039.68 | 3,405.26 |
| Site Details: Adjacent to Private Property | 19 | 4,206.51 | 3,405.26 |
| Site Details: Open Space | 100 | 4,800.19 | 2,591.72 |
| Site Details: Other | 60 | 16,021.11 | 9,588.02 |
| Site Details: River Bank | 131 | 7,004.15 | 803.00 |
| Site Details: Roadside | 47 | 1,747.50 | 379.49 |
| Site Details: No Details Entered | 9 | 818.50 | 517.90 |

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

### **C/386/17 – (M4) Item ID: 54779 – Camac River along Watery Lane**

It was proposed by Councillor B. Bonner and seconded by Councillor M. Ward:

"This committee resolves that a plan would be drawn up to open up the section of the Camac River along the Watery Lane.  This would involve cutting back the trees between Riversdale and Mayfield which have been causing a hazard to traffic this Summer.  It would mean that the beauty of the River at this location would become visible to Clondalkin residents."

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated, was **READ:**

“The section of the Camac River between Riversdale and Mayfield is approximately 300 meters long. The river is approximately 2 meters from the road edge and lies 2 to 4 meters below the road level. The pedestrian route on Watery Lane is via the footpath on the south side of the lane. There is no footpath along the north/river side of the lane.

The vegetation that is growing along the river consists of a hedge, brambles and trees. It is a naturally established hedgerow which would be in keeping with the vegetation associated with the setting in which it is located. The hedge is a rich biodiversity corridor and perhaps more significantly provides boundary protection to the river which as mentioned above is lower than the road level. The hedge and trees are probably also assisting to stabilise the bank. In the event that they were removed there would be a requirement to erect a boundary railing and traffic barrier along the road side. Stabilising works may also be required to prevent the bank slipping and the undermining of the road. The works involved would require significant resources and may in fact detract from the existing living boundary which currently exists. Furthermore, views of the river would not be enhanced due to its low lying position relative to the existing road and footpath.

It is therefore recommended that the existing hedge is retained.”

Following contributions from Councillors B. Bonner, F. Timmons and M. Ward, Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

## **Housing**

### **C/387/17 – (Q5) Item ID: 54523 – Housing Plans for Clondalkin**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

''To ask for an update on Housing planned for the Clondalkin area and ask when will they start - estimated times and plans ''

**REPLY:**

There are 5 social housing build projects on the social housing build programme in the Clondalkin area. Within these projects 129 units are due for completion from Q2-Q4 2018 and a further 50 units in 2019.

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| Electoral District | Schemes | No. of Units | Status | **Q4 2017** | **Q1 2018** | **Q2 2018** | **Q3 2018** | **Q4 2018** | **2019** |
| Clondalkin | St Marks Green, Clondalkin | 11 | On Site |  |  | **11** |  |  |  |
| Clondalkin | Mayfield Estate | 18 | On Site |  |  | **18** |  |  |  |
| Clondalkin | St. Cuthberts, Clondalkin | 63 | Tenders Out at Present |  |  |  |  | **63** |  |
| Clondalkin | Letts Field, Neilstown, Clondalkin | 37 | On Site |  |  |  |  | **37** |  |
| Clondalkin | Oldcastle | 50 | Feasability & Designs Being Prepared |  |  |  |  |  | **50** |
|   |   | 179 |   | **0** | **0** | **29** | **0** | **100** | **50** |

### **C/388/17 – (Q6) Item ID: 54834 – Council Depot on Greenfort Gardens**

Proposed by Councillor M. Ward

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

"The Council Depot on Greenfort Gardens is an eyesore and attracts anti-social behaviour. What plans have the Council got for this site and will the Council refurbish this site so it can be used as Council housing stock?"

**REPLY:**

It was intended to provide this former depot to a voluntary body working with vulnerable single mothers.  However they have not been in a position to find funding for their project and it is unlikely that they will be in a position to proceed with their proposal.

Meetings have been held with the Architects Department with a view to refurbishing the premises for housing stock.

### **C/389/17 – (H6) Item ID: 54661 – New Works**

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

### **C/390/17 – (C4) Item ID: 54662 - Correspondence**

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

### **C/391/17 – (M5) Item ID: 54833 – Clondalkin LEA**

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

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

"This Committee agrees that the Chief Executive provides a report for discussion identifying a number of sites in the Clondalkin LEA that have a history of problems such as anti-social behaviour and illegal dumping that could be used for infill housing, and that these sites could be combined and sent off for tender as a job lot. This report should include Council properties that could be refurbished and put back into Council housing stock such as the Council depot in Greenfort Gardens."

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated, was **READ:**

“The drawing up of a schedule as requested is ongoing.  Any specific location that you wish to have included should be communicated to the Estate Management section.

However the proposal of using these sites for infill housing is not a potential solution at present due to the necessity to get larger numbers of houses constructed at one time.  In the case of dispersed sites the costs would be extremely high due to each site being a standalone one with all the costs associated with them.  Also the Architects Department are currently concentrating on areas where we can get the most number of housing units for the same input required on smaller sites.  Given the current situation this is not a good use of resources and will if undertaken reduce the delivery of larger developments.

Apart from the above experience tells us that a number of the sites that are likely to end up on the schedule will be vehemently resisted by the local residents when the plans are published for their development.

The former depot site in Greenfort is currently being examined with a view to including it in the works programme for refurbishment as housing.”

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

### **C/392/17 – (M6) Item ID: 54686 – Fire Ants in Cappaghmore**

It was proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan and seconded by Councillor B. Bonner:

"That this committee looks into and addresses an infestation of fire ants in Cappaghmore - I understand that too many stings from fire ants could be lethal. Can the Chief Executive clarify?"

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated, was **READ:**

“The houses in Cappaghmore Estate are privately owned and accordingly none of the properties are being maintained by the Council's Housing Maintenance Section.  Pest Control issues are dealt with generally by the HSE's Pest Control Unit who may be contacted on 01 4542087/01 4571388. Your concerns have also been brought to the attention of the Council's Environmental Health Section in the event that there may be any action open to them. They have been requested to revert to the Councillor directly in this matter.”

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

## **Community**

### **C/393/17 – (Q7) Item ID: 54510 – Community Space on Orchard Lane**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

''That this committee asks for an update report into where the Community space on Orchard Lane is at, has title deed been sorted? what is estimated cost of getting space to a useable standard with a breakdown of same?  Also to ask for a comment on reports of €185,000 cost?’’

**REPLY:**

The title issue regarding the unit has not been resolved but the Council’s Law Agent has been corresponding with the solicitor and is awaiting a response.

Once the title issue is settled a costing will be carried out by Economic Development Department to establish the nature of the works required to bring the unit to a useable standard.

### **C/394/17 – (H7) Item ID: 54663 – New Works**

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

### **C/395/17 – (C5) Item ID: 54664 - Correspondence**

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

### **C/396/17 – (M7) Item ID: 54794 – Quarryvale Community Centre**

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

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

"That the Council provide a report for discussion in relation to a request from Quarryvale Community Centre to bring a portion of Quarryvale Park into the ownership of the community centre in order to provide much needed car parking spaces." (See map attached)

[Image - Quarryvale Community Centre](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=56570)

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated, was **READ:**

“Quarryvale Park is a designated local park within the County’s Development Plan. The public realm section would not be in favour of decreasing the public open space provision with incremental incursion into our parks and open spaces. Such incursion is detrimental to the green infrastructure of the county. The surfacing of permeable grass areas with hard surfacing is adding to our challenge of addressing climate change and protecting bio diversity. While on an individual scale it may seem insignificant, the incremental reduction in parks and open spaces is having a significant effect at the larger scale. It is unlikely the County Development Plan policies would support the reduction of designated parkland to provide extra parking please see relevant extracts from County Development Plan below.

It is the policy of Council to take a balanced approach to the provision of car parking with the aim of meeting the needs of businesses and communities whilst promoting a transition towards more sustainable forms of transportation.

TM7 Objective 2:

To effectively design and manage parking to ensure the efficient turnover of spaces.

TM7 Objective 3:

To ensure that car parking does not detract from the comfort and safety of pedestrians and cyclists or the attractiveness of the landscape.”

Following contributions from Councillors M. Ward, F. Timmons, E. Higgins and B. Bonner, Ms. S. Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/397/17 – (M8) Item ID: 54509 – Tidy Towns**

It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor T. Gilligan:

"That this committee congratulate and acknowledge Tidy Towns in Clondalkin , Newcastle , Rathcoole and North Clondalkin and we write to each to express our thanks on behalf of the communities we represent and we also acknowledge the assistance of SDCC in helping these voluntary groups. Tidy Towns groups make our area a better place to Live , Work and Visit’’

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated, was **READ:**

“If the motion is passed, a letter will be issued to each of the relevant bodies**.”**

Following contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, E. Higgins, T. Gilligan, B. Bonner and M. Ward, Ms. L. Leonard, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised. The motion was **PASSED.**

## **Transportation**

### **C/398/17 – (Q8) Item ID: 54784 – River Camac**

Proposed by Councillor B. Bonner

"A new group, Friends of the Camac, has been established to protect and enhance the River Camac as it flows through the Clondalkin area.  They would like an update on the plan that was formulated  several years ago at my request to build a walkway/ cycleway along the Camac at the Watery Lane from the village (Clondalkin Park/ Community Centre) to the Canal Greenway at Woodford. Has any more progress been made on securing permeability funding for this project and can our new group do anything to assist in the process of securing funding?"

**REPLY:**

Table 6.4 – Six Year Cycle Plan includes the Camac Greenway/7C.  This proposed route links Corkagh Park to Grand Canal via Clondalkin.  The route through Clondalkin is shown in the Book of Maps, and is reflective of that shown within the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan (2013) produced by the NTA.  The proposed route from Clondalkin Town Centre closely follows the Camac River (starting at Orchard Road) to the north of the Áras Chrónáin Irish Cultural Centre and adjacent to Watery Lane. This route will be included in a programme to be agreed with the National Transport Authority for inclusion in 2018 and the final route will be the subject to route section, detailed design and public consultation.

### **C/399/17 – (Q9) Item ID: 54522 – Damaged footpaths & kerbs in Clondalkin Village**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

''To ask for a report into how much is needed to fully repair the footpaths and damaged kerbs around Clondalkin Village and to ask that this be included in next year's SDCC budget.''

**REPLY:**

 The Area Engineer will inspect the location as requested. Any necessary repairs will be listed for inclusion in the 2018 Roadworks Programme which will be submitted to the Members for approval.

### **C/400/17 – (Q10) Item ID: 54850 – Traffic Calming Submissions**

Proposed by Councillor M. Ward

"In relation to the traffic calming programme and the Council advertising proposed locations for traffic calming measures can the Chief Executive inform us the amount of submissions received from the public per LEA and does the Chief Executive believe that this was a successful worthwhile procedure?"

**REPLY:**

193 submissions received in total.

No breakdown available yet per EA; the breakdown and analysis will be available in late September

The Traffic Calming measures were advertised in accordance with the Policy. 193 submissions would suggest that it was a worthwhile measure.

### **C/401/17 – (H8) Item ID: 54666 – New Works**

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

### **C/402/17 – (H9) Item ID: 54665 – Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

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

### **C/403/17 – (C6) Item ID: 54667 - Correspondence**

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

### **C/404/17 – (M9) Item ID: 54836 – Footpaths in Rowlagh Crescent**

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

It was proposed by Councillor M. Ward and seconded by Councillor T. Gilligan:

"That this Committee calls for a report on the footpaths in Rowlagh Crescent and that the Area Engineer will be requested to carry out an inspection with a view that any necessary repairs will be carried out in a timely fashion."

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated, was **READ:**

The Area Engineer will inspect the location as requested. Any necessary repairs will be considered for inclusion in the 2018 Roadworks Programme which will be submitted to the Members for approval.

Following contributions from Councillors M. Ward and F. Timmons, Ms. L. Leonard, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/405/17 – (M10) Item ID: 54521 – HGV Weight Restrictions in Newcastle and Rathcoole**

It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor T. Gilligan:

''That this committee asks for a report into HGV Weight restrictions at certain peak times in Newcastle and Rathcoole and how this can be achieved ''

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated, was **READ:**

“Newcastle village is located on the R120 (Lucan - Newcastle - Rathcoole Road). As indicated in the policy document "The Mobility and Management of Heavy Goods Vehicles on South Dublin County Road Network", the R120 is part of the existing Strategic Road Network. As there is no suitable route for accommodation of any diverted traffic it is not feasible to restrict HGV access through the village.

In relation to Rathcoole, the request will be considered in accordance with the Policy Document referred to above. This will involve a number of items such as examination and analysis of traffic data, accident data, use of the route by vulnerable road users, impact on commercial activity, alternative routes and consultation with the Garda Commissioner.

It is also subject to staff resources being available.”

Following contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, T. Gilligan, E. Higgins and M. Johansson, Ms. H. Fallon, Senior Executive Engineer responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/406/17 – (M11) Item ID: 54696 – R120 between 12th Lock / Nangor Road**

It was proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:

"That this committee agrees to address the many issues on the R120 between the 12th Lock / Nangor Road including dumping, loose horses, no street lights, no footpath, no hedges cut, no road sweeper - promised a number of years back."

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated, was **READ:**

“Adamstown Road (R120) and Nangor Road (R134) Improvement Scheme will deliver public lighting, footpaths and cycle tracks both sides of the carriageway for its entire length. The scheme is at Tender assessment stage and it is envisaged a Contractor will be appointed shortly and works will commence on site in the last quarter of 2017.

The R120, from Lucan Village to Newcastle Village, is included on the Council's road sweeping programme which is carried out on behalf of the Council by Oxigen Environmental Ltd.  It was last scheduled for sweeping on August 31st/September 1st and is next scheduled to be swept on September 26th & 27th.  The matter of sweeping of this road has been raised with the contractor and he has confirmed that it is being swept in accordance with the schedule.

The R120 between the 12th Lock and Nangor Road suffers from high levels of dumping.  There are a number of locations along this road which provide convenient pull-ins for vehicles to dispose of rubbish.  The Public Realm Section clean these locations on a weekly basis with additional clean-ups being carried out in the event that further dumping reports are received.  It is expected that the road improvement scheme will eliminate these pull-in locations. It should be noted that some of the dumping in the past was occurring on private lands.  These private lands have since been secured and the dumping has abated.

With regard to loose horses, there are no current reports regarding loose horses in the area.  To date in 2017 a total of 8 horses have been seized in the area.

Once the construction  Contract commences however, then all maintenance works within the construction site (including the carriageway) will be the responsibility of the appointed Contractor for the duration of the Contract.”

Ms. L. Leonard, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries, and the report was **NOTED.**

## **Planning**

### **C/407/17 – (H10) Item ID: 54669 – New Works**

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

### **C/408/17 – (H11) Item ID: 54668 – Planning Files**

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

1. **Large Applications Under Construction**

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| **FILE DISCUSSED:** SD17A/0036**LOCATION:** The Glebe House, Rathcoole, Co. Dublin.**COMMENTS:** Councillor E. Higgins commented on the application. |

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| **FILE DISCUSSED:** SD17A/0288**LOCATION:** Castlechurch, Newcastle, Co. Dublin.**COMMENTS:** There were no comments made on this application. |

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| **FILE DISCUSSED:** SD17A/0291**LOCATION:** Monastery Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22.**COMMENTS:** Councillor B. Bonner commented on the application. |

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| **FILE DISCUSSED:** SD17A/0318**LOCATION:** Grange Castle Business Park, Nangor Road, Clondalkin,  Dublin 22.**COMMENTS:** There were no comments on this application. |

### **C/409/17 – (C7) Item ID: 54670 – Correspondence**

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

### **C/410/17 – (M12) Item ID: 54780 – Planning Applications**

It was proposed by Councillor B. Bonner and seconded by Councillor T. Gilligan:

"This committee recommends that in considering planning applications for the building of homes, that people who grew up in the rural areas of the Clondalkin electoral area would be enabled to continue to live there and be part of their communities."

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated, was **READ:**

“This recommendation could infringe European Law as determined in the outcome of the European Court of Justice, ECJ, "Flemish Decree" case against Belgium.

The Planning Authority is awaiting a review of the 2005 planning guidelines for sustainable rural housing which is being undertaken by the Department of Housing and Planning. This review arises from a judgment of the European Court of Justice in 2013 in a case taken by the European Commission against Belgium, now referred to as the Flemish decree case. As Councillors are aware, the 2005 rural housing guidelines require planning authorities to frame the planning policies in their development plans in a balanced and measured way to ensure the housing needs of rural communities will be met, while avoiding excessive urban-generated housing and haphazard development, particularly in areas near cities and towns that are under pressure from urban-generated development. The guidelines further aim to ensure that sites being developed for rural housing are suitable with regard to vehicular access, wastewater disposal, and also from landscape and design perspectives. In this regard, the guidelines suggest a number of criteria to be taken into account in local authority development plans for the purpose of assessing whether planning applications for rural housing are intended to meet a rural generated housing need. These "local needs" criteria in the guidelines primarily relate to requiring planning applicants to have a family or an occupational tie to the rural area in question.

The European Commission originally issued an infringement notice against Ireland in respect of the rural housing guidelines in 2007 which was subsequently deferred pending the outcome of the European Court of Justice, ECJ, "Flemish Decree" case against Belgium. The decree linked the transfer of property in certain Flemish communes to the condition that there should exist a sufficient connection between the prospective property buyer and the relevant commune, which had the practical effect of precluding non-locals from purchasing property in the Flemish communes in question. The court ruled that the Flemish decree constituted an unjustified restriction on fundamental freedoms under the EU treaty, in particular that it breached Article 43 of the treaty on the free movement of citizens. The content of the motion would appear to have some similarities to the issues determined in the Flemish Decree.”

Following contributions from Councillors B. Bonner, E. Higgins and T. Gilligan, Ms. S. Duff, Senior Executive Planner responded to queries, and the report was **NOTED.**

## **Economic Development**

### **C/411/17 – (Q11) Item ID: 54782 – Brú Chrónáin**

Proposed by Councillor B. Bonner

"How much has the work at Brú Chrónáin cost the council?

What contribution has central government or the OPW made to the project?"

**REPLY:**

The overall cost estimate for the construction and the fit out of the interpretative centre, café and retail space at The Round Tower, Clondalkin - Brú Chrónáin is €4 million.

The project was funded solely by South Dublin County Council, however the Council worked very closely with the Office of Public Works and acknowledge the great contribution that the staff from the OPW made in assisting with the delivery of this project.

### **C/412/17 – (Q12) Item ID: 54511 – BCM Residents Association**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

'' To ask for a full report into how below agreed motion can be supported and developed and what supports can be offered to The BCM Residents Association  ''

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| 53276 | Councillor F. Timmons | Clondalkin Area Committee | [Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting 19th April 2017](http://membersnet.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/Agenda/1531) | Motions | 21/03/2017 |
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QUESTION NO. 12

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**Reply**

With regard to the Motion from 21/3/2017, the following reply was noted:

“The Council was recently forwarded a document from BCM Residents Association with regard to lands to the south of Rathcoole town and Rathcoole Park that are currently zoned as follows:

Roughly 50% of the lands (outlined on an enclosed map) are currently zoned RES-N: “To provide for new residential communities in line with approved area plans.”

Roughly 50% of the lands outlined (outlined on an enclosed map) are currently zoned “To preserve and provide for open space and amenities.”

The zoning of land for development is undertaken by the elected members during the review of the County Development Plan. In June 2016 South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2016-2022 (the Development Plan) was adopted by the elected members and is valid for six years.  The Development Plan was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The Development Plan contains a “Core Strategy” which sets the parameters for population growth which must be in accordance with the population targets and settlement hierarchy set down in the National Spatial Strategy and the Regional Planning Guidelines.  The “Core Strategy” ensures that there sufficient lands zoned for planned development in South Dublin to meet projected growth demands during the lifetime of the plan.

The “Core Strategy” designates Rathcoole as a “Small Town” to which seeks:

* To support and facilitate development on zoned lands on a phased basis subject to approved local area plans.
* To provide sufficient zoned lands to accommodate services, facilities retail and economic activity.

The portion of the site currently zoned RES-N, together with adjoining RES-N zoned sites require the preparation of an approved area plan. Any proposed development of the RES – N land, in the absence of an approved area plan would be deemed premature and unlikely to be granted planning permission.

The preparation of an approved area plan could be informed by the principles of “Green Infrastructure” and thus examine potential connections to the proposed Slade Valley Heritage Trail, nearby proposed Natural Heritage Areas and other areas of biodiversity importance as well as existing use and connections; as proposed by the Residents Association.

**With regard to the lands zoned to preserve and provide for open space and amenities in particular:**

The location of these lands; adjacent to Rathcoole Park, enables synergies in relation to ecology to develop; such as wildlife corridors, refuges for flora and fauna, enhanced food sources etc. As the land is zoned to preserve and provide for open space and amenities; that zoning would support the proposal by the residents group. However the majority of the lands thus zoned are not in the ownership of the council, so the scope to implement the proposals directly are not within the remit of the council.”

[Map proposal from BCM](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55586)

Following contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, E. Higgins and T. Gilligan, Mr. M. Hannon, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/413/17 – (H12) Item ID: 54671 – New Works**

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

### **C/414/17 – (C8) Item ID: 54672 - Correspondence**

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

### **C/415/17 – (M13) Item ID: 54771 – Success of Round Tower Visitor Centre**

It was proposed by Councillor M. Johansson and seconded by Councillor T. Gilligan:

"That this committee recognises the great success of the Round Tower Visitor Centre since its opening, and that in light of this agrees to write to the office of Public Works to request a new and improved sign on the Tower itself. The current one is almost illegible and looks very old and weathered."

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated, was **READ:**

“If the motion is passed, a letter will be issued to the Office of Public Works for their attention, and when a reply is received, the Committee will be notified accordingly**.”**

It was **AGREED** to take Motion 13 in conjunction with Motion 14 in the name of Councillor B. Bonner.

### **(M14) Item ID: 54781 – Round Tower Heritage Centre**

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

"This committee commends the team that was involved in the Round Tower Heritage Centre and asks for a report on the operation of the Centre during its first fabulous Summer season."

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated, was **READ:**

The Round Tower, Clondalkin, Brú Chrónáin, opened its doors to the public on 3rd July 2017 and in its first two months of operation over 25,000 people have visited the interpretive centre, restaurant and gardens.  Feedback from both visitors and the local community has been very complimentary to date for this wonderful new addition to Clondalkin Village provided by South Dublin County Council.

The Round Tower Centre, Clondalkin featured in the brochure for National Heritage Week which took place from the 19- 27th August and received widespread media coverage on RTE’s Nationwide, Evening News and Morning Ireland Radio Show during Heritage Week.

Link to audio clip below:

<http://www.rte.ie/radio/utils/radioplayer/rteradioweb.html#!rii=b9%5F21224151%5F48%5F25%2D08%2D2017%5F>

Admission to the centre is free to the public, whilst the restaurant and retail centre are managed by a private commercial operator. There are 45 volunteer tour guides who have received training and are available to provide tours of the interpretative centre and gardens.

The Council are currently preparing a marketing and sales strategy for the centre with supporting website and information brochures. The official opening of the centre by the Mayor of South Dublin County Council will take place on the 3rd of October 2017.

Following contributions from Councillors M. Johansson, F. Timmons, T. Gilligan and E. Higgins, Mr. C. Ward, Head of Local Enterprise responded to queries raised.

The reports were **NOTED.**

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **C/416/17 – (H13) Item ID: 54673 – Library News & Events**

The following report was presented by Ms. B. Fennell, County Librarian:

Library News & Events

[H-I (13)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=56700)

Following contributions from Councillors B. Bonner and M. Ward, Ms. B. Fennell, County Librarian responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/417/17 – (H14) Item ID: 54674 – Application for Arts Grants**

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

### **C/418/17 - (H15) Item ID: 54675 – New Works**

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

### **C/419/17 – (C9) Item ID: 54676 - Correspondence**

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

### **C/420/17 – (M15) Item ID: 54508 – Library Digital Hub in Rathcoole Village**

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

"Further to my previous agreed motions that this committee calls on SDCC to investigate a Library Digital Hub in Rathcoole Village to serve the areas of Rathcoole /Saggart /Newcastle and bring back a costing for same in advance of the annual budget meeting to meet the huge demand in these areas and to outline a plan into how this issue will be progressed moving forward’’

[M 15](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=56713)

This item was **MOVED** without **DEBATE.**

## **Corporate Support**

### **C/421/17 – (H16) Item ID: 54677 – New Works**

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

### **C/422/17 – (C10) Item ID: 54678 - Correspondence**

[Corr 1 Min Ross](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=56545)
[Corr 2 Sr. Kathleen Barrett](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=56547)
[Corr 3 Letter from Dept of Justice](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=56554)

### **C/423/17 – (M16) Item ID: 54512 – Clondalkin Drama Group**

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

''That this committee write to and congratulate Clondalkin Drama Group on 60 years of entertaining generations of the Community this year ’’

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated, was **READ:**

“If the motion is passed, a letter will be issued to the Clondalkin Drama Group.”

Following contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, M. Johansson and B. Bonner, the motion was **PASSED.**

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **C/424/17 – (H17) Item ID: 54680 – New Works**

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

### **C/425/17 - C11/0917 Item ID: 54681 - Correspondence**

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

The meeting concluded at 5.40pm

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