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

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE TALLAGHT AREA COMMITTEE**

**(Dealing with Water & Drainage, Environment, Public Realm, Community, Housing, Transportation, Planning, Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Performance & Change Management and Corporate Support)**

**HELD ON 31st October 2017**

**PRESENT**

 **COUNCILLORS**

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| Duff, M.  | Leech, B.  |
| Dunne, L. - Apologies | McCann, C. - Apologies  |
| Ferron, B. | Mahon, K.  |
| Genockey, M. | Murphy, M.  |
| Henndrick, E. | O’Connor, C. |
| King, C. | Richardson, D. |

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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| **County Librarian** | B. Fennell |
| **Senior Parks Superintendent** | S. Furlong |
| **Senior Executive Officer** | H. Hogan, M. Maguire |
| **Senior Executive Planner** | J. Johnston |
| **Senior Executive Engineer** | J. Kennelly |
| **Senior Engineer** | W. Purcell, L. Magee, C. Galvin |
| **Administrative Officer** | N. Lawler |
| **Assistant Engineer** | D. Ryan |
| **Senior Staff Officer** | J. Sweeney |
| **Staff Officer** | L. O’Hare Heeney |
| **Clerical Officer** | A.Hunt |

### Councillor B. Ferron presided

### Apologies were received from Councillor L. Dunne & Councillor C. McCann

### **H1/1017 CONFIRMATION AND RE-AFFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Tallaght Area Committee Meeting held on 19th September 2017 which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

 It was proposed by Councillor C. King, seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor and **RESOLVED:**

 "That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Tallaght Area Committee Meeting held on 19th September 2017 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**."

[H-I (1)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57246)

## **Community**

## It was proposed by Councillor C. King, seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor and **RESOLVED:**

## "That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Question No. 1 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

### **Q1/1017 Item ID:55254**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive to present a report to the Tallaght Area Committee on his efforts to deal effectively with the situation which developed at Brookfield Youth & Community Centre; will he appreciate the importance of the Centre to the local community and will he make a statement?"

**REPLY:**

The Brookfield Youth and Community Centre Company Limited advised the Council of its intention to cease trading as of 4.30pm on Friday the 29th of September 2017. As owner of the facility the Council, while has no involvement or responsibility in respect of the business affairs of the company, was anxious to secure first and foremost the physical structure of the building and ensure that the security of it and the status of it is maintained.

The staff in the centre following a meeting with the Directors of the Company on the 29th of September then undertook an 18 day sit in protest, which concluded on Wednesday 18th of October. All Community and Youth Services which had operated from the Building had to be suspended or relocated to other locations during this time. Alternative arrangements for the groups where possible were made by the Community Team.

Since the conclusion of the protest, SDCC has re secured the building and have been able with the assistance of the DDLETB to run minimal services from the Centre. The other local community groups which had used the building are continuing to be accommodated in neighbouring community facilities for the time being.

South Dublin County Council is committed to ensuring that a proper community resource replaces the services previously provided by the company and will proceed to take all appropriate necessary steps to provide to do this, subject to legal advice received.

### **H2/1017 Item ID:55158**

**New Works**

It was **NOTED** there was no business under this heading.

### **C1/1017 Item ID:55170**

**Correspondence**

 It was **NOTED** there was no business under this heading.

## **Housing**

## **Questions**

## It was proposed by Councillor C. King, seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor and **RESOLVED:**

## "That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Question No. 2 & 3 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

### **Q2/1017 Item ID:55300**

Proposed by Councillor C. King

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on how many houses in the Tallaght area have had their windows and doors replaced under the windows and doors programme in 2017 and to state what amount of money from the fund was used for same?"

**REPLY:**

"South Dublin County Council's Windows and Doors Replacement Programme for 2017 carried out the following works to properties in the Tallaght area.

Full window and door replacements were undertaken in 46 Council owned properties and a further 50 properties have had partial window/door replacements in the Tallaght area.  In total 96 units have had works undertaken during 2017.

The overall budget for full windows/doors replacements in 2017 is €570,000, with a further €150,000 allocated for the replacement of one off single windows/doors in urgent need of replacement.

To date, €271,736.03 of the overall budget of €570,000 has been used for full replacements in the Tallaght area, while €70,574.30 of the overall budget of €150,000 has been used for partial/one off window/door replacements in the Tallaght area."

In addition to the above the Countywide Energy Programme provides for the replacement of windows and doors where appropriate.

### **Q3/1017 Item ID:55256**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive if he will appreciate the importance of continuing to strongly support the work of the Dublin Bus/Luas Community Forum; will he note the continued challenge to the bus service to Tallaght West estates in respect of anti-social behaviour, crime and vandalism which has caused the bus service to be withdrawn in recent times; will he also note that the efforts of his management and staff to assist in the matter is appreciated?"

**REPLY:**

"South Dublin County Council support all legal initiatives in respect of combatting anti-social behaviour within the entire South Dublin County Council administrative area.

However, many of the incidents referred to in the Member's question are matters which come under Garda jurisdiction and they should in the first instance be reported to An Garda Siochana.  Where offenders can be clearly identified as Council tenants or members of tenants household they should be reported to the Estate Management Section, Housing Department for investigation.

The Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 provides for the serving of Tenancy Warnings under Section 7 in respect of anti-social behaviour by Council tenants and members of their households.  In serving a Notice under Section 7 the Council are required to specify the following:

1. Clause of Tenancy Agreement breached
2. Who breached the Clause, (tenant, member of tenant’s household, visitor to tenant’s household)
3. Date and time of breach
4. Details of breach, (specifics of the anti-social behaviour, nuisance and/or annoyance)
5. What actions the tenant is required to take to ensure that the breach does not continue.
6. Tenants right to apply for a Review under Section 10
7. Indicate that if the breach continues or is repeated within 12 months the Council may apply for a Possession Order without issuing a further Tenancy Warning.

It should be noted that the tenant who has a Tenancy Warning Notice served on them has the right to appeal internally in the first instance and can seek to give oral evidence in the appeal."

It should also be note that the Housing Department do have a representative who attends the monthly meetings of the Forum.

### **H3/1017 Item ID:55162**

**New Works**

It was **NOTED** there was no business under this heading.

### **C2/1017 Item ID:55173**

**Correspondence**

###  It was **NOTED** there was no business under this heading.

###  **M1/1017 Item ID:55293**

It was proposed by Councillor C. King, seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor and **RESOLVED**:

"That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to provide a proposed alternative to the existing laneway facing the bungalows on Donomore Park leading up to Sacred Heart Boxing Club adjacent to Killinarden Park. Local residents and NABCO reps have been in touch to close the laneway due to severe anti-social and criminal behaviour in the laneway and its use as escape routes from the Gardaí."

The following report, which had been circulated was presented by H. Hogan, Senior Executive Officer **READ:**

The Council has received a number of complaints in relation to youths hanging around this area.  It is alleged that they are both intimidating residents and dealing drugs.  The matter has been take up with the Gardaí as it is outside the remit of the Council to deal with these issues.

The closure of this walkway or its incorporating into gardens would prevent residents from parking outside their homes and would not resolve the situation as there are two big parking bays with easy escape routes into the Park at this location.

It is not clear what if any action can be taken by the Council in this case but the matter will be discussed with the Gardaí to see if any solution can be found to the problems.  If any information in relation to Council tenants being involved is available the Estate Management section will interviews them and issue warnings if appropriate.

As the laneway in question has a right of way over it the Roads Department will need to initiate a procedure to extinguish the ROW there.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor C. King & C. O’Connor.

Mr. H. Hogan responded to the members queries and agreed to meet with groups and Gardaí regarding the matter.

The motion was **AGREED**.

## **Planning**

## **Questions**

## It was proposed by Councillor C. King, seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor and **RESOLVED:**

## "That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Question No. 4 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

### **Q4/1017 Item ID:55251**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive to give details of current actions being taken in respect of Planning Enforcement issues on premises within Tallaght village and will he present an update in each case?"

**REPLY:**

"In relation to Planning Enforcement issues on premises within Tallaght Village, we have 3 files under investigation, 2 files are before the Courts and 9 files have been closed from 2014 to date. It is not possible to provide specific details of cases as it may prejudice legal action."

**Tallaght Village Files**

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| **Number** | **Date opened** | **Status** |
| 1 | 05/04/2014 | Closed 31/08/2016 |
| 2 | 07/12/2014 | Under Investigation |
| 3 | 19/03/2015 | Closed 02/12/2016 |
| 4 | 16/06/2015 | Before the Courts |
| 5 | 17/06/2015 | Closed 26/10/2016 |
| 6 | 09/07/2015 | Closed 07/09/2016 |
| 7 | 15/12/2015 | Under Investigation |
| 8 | 14/03/2016 | Before the Courts |
| 9 | 08/07/2016 | Closed 21/10/2016 |
| 10 | 27/07/2016 | Closed 22/11/2016 |
| 11 | 05/08/2016 | Closed 27/04/2017 |
| 12 | 25/04/2017 | Closed 21/09/2017 |
| 13 | 25/04/2017 | Closed 10/08/2017 |
| 14 | 31/08/2017 | Under Investigation |

### **H4/1017 Item ID:55155**

The following report, which had been circulated was presented by J. Johnston, Senior Executive Planner:

Planning Files A. Large Applications Under Consideration B. Files Requested by Members

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| **SD17A/0030** | ***Reg. Date:***02-Oct-2017***Applicant’s Name:***Conor McMahon***Submission Type:***Significant Additional Information  | ***Location:***Fortunestown Lane, Tallaght, Dublin 24.***Proposed Development:***18 two storey terraced houses including site development works, services and landscaping.***Decision Due on or before:***29-Oct-2017 |
| **SD17A/0260** | ***Reg. Date:***25-Sep-2017***Applicant’s Name:***Jackie Green Construction Ltd.***Submission Type:***Additional Information  | ***Location:***Site formerly part of St. Paul's Campus, bounded by Limekiln Lane, Greenhills Park, Temple Manor & St. Paul's School, Greenhills, Dublin 12.***Proposed Development:***Revisions to previously approved residential scheme, Register Reference no. SD15A/0005. The revisions apply to unit no's 40-61 only, comprising of a new arrangement of 22 no. 2 storey, 3 bedroom houses in a terraced and semi-detached format in lieu of the permitted 22 no. houses, together with all associated parking and site development works.***Decision Due on or before:***22-Oct-2017  |
| **SD17A/0295** | ***Reg. Date:***24-Aug-2017***Applicant’s Name:***Lidl Ireland GmbH***Submission Type:***New Application  | ***Location:***Belgard Inn, Cookstown Road & Old Belgard Road, Tallaght, Dublin 24***Proposed Development:***The demolition of the existing public house and associated units and adjacent multi-deck car park and the development of a licensed, discount foodstore including ancillary off-licence area; creation of a single vehicular entrance and exit at the Cookstown Road; free standing and building mounted signage; refrigeration and air conditioning plant and equipment; car park; short term and long term bicycle parking; trolley bay, external bin storage, hard and soft landscaping, ESB substation building with services to connect to existing connections and all other ancillary and associated site development works (including any retaining structures as required) above and below ground level to complete the development. In addition the development includes four retail units (adaptable for a variety of commercial uses) and a public house. The development also includes a new road access off Cookstown Road to service the reservoir lands located immediately south of the application site.   The proposed development also includes improvements to the footpaths an additional crossing point on the Old Belgard Road.***Decision Due on or before:***18-Oct-2017  |
| **SD17A/0337** | ***Reg. Date:***19-Sep-2017***Applicant’s Name:***Kelland Homes Ltd.***Submission Type:***New Application  | ***Location:***Elder Heath, Kiltipper, Tallaght, Dublin 24.***Proposed Development:***Construction of 10 no. 3 bed, 2 storey semi-detached and terraced houses, which will form part of an overall permitted residential development (under Reg. Ref. SD12A/0168).   The proposed development includes for all associated site development works, including proposed modifications to the previously permitted site layout, all on a site area of circa 0.345ha.***Decision Due on or before:***13-Nov-2017  |

### **FILE DISCUSSED:** SD17B/0313

**LOCATION:** 1A Fernwood Way, Springfield, Tallaght, Dublin

**COMMENTS:**  Councillor C. O’Connor noted the application

A discussion took place with contributions from Councillor C. O’Connor.

### **FILE DISCUSSED:** SD17A/0338

**LOCATION:** Lidl HQ. Main Road, Tallaght, Dublin 24, D24 W672

**COMMENTS:**  Councillor C. O’Connor noted the application

### A discussion took place with contributions from Councillor C. O’Connor & Councillor M. Duff.

### **H5/1017 Item ID:55165**

**New Works**

It was **NOTED** there was no business under this heading.

### **C3/1017 Item ID:55177**

**Correspondence**

 It was **NOTED** there was no business under this heading.

## **Transportation**

## It was proposed by Councillor C. King, seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor and **RESOLVED:**

## "That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Question No. 5 & 6 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

### **Q5/1017 Item ID:55297**

Proposed by Councillor C. King

"To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the bulb to be replaced on lamp no. 6 at 44 Kiltipper Drive and for the tree that is obscuring the light from lamp no. 11 on Kiltipper Rd to be pruned appropriately?"

**REPLY:**

"We have referred the outage on Kiltipper Drive to our maintenance contractor for repair.

The matter of tree pruning on Kiltipper Road has been referred to Public Realm."

### **Q6/1017 Item ID:55255**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive if he proposes to include the general Springfield Estate area in the Footpaths/Roads repair programme to be approved following the adoption of the 2018 Budget; will he appreciate the particular need in that regard given that the Estate was first opened in 1972 and will he make a statement?"

**REPLY:**

"All estates in the County are considered for the Roads/Footpath repair programme. Springfield Estate will be considered subject to availability of finance."

### **H6/1017 Item ID:55337**

The following report, which had been circulated was presented by D. Ryan, Assistant Engineer:

Belgard Square North to Cookstown Link Road

**REPLY:**

[H-I (6) Presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57251)
[Part 8 Drawing Draft](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57260)

### A discussion took place with contributions from Councillor B. Ferron & Councillor C. King.

### D. Ryan, Assistant Engineer responded to the members’ queries regarding the possible devaluation of land at this site and agreed to keep Councillors informed.

### **H7/1017 Item ID:55156**

The following report, which had been circulated was presented by W. Purcell, Senior Engineer:

**Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

Cookstown, Greenhills Court, Pairc Mhuire

[H-I (7a) Cookstown](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57218)
[H-I (7b) Greenhills](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57219)
[H-I (7c) Park View Pairc Mhuire](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57220)

### **H8/1017 Item ID:55167**

**New Works**

It was **NOTED** there was no business under this heading

### **C4/1017 Item ID:55179**

**Correspondence**

 It was **NOTED** there was no business under this heading.

### **M2/1017 Item ID:55291**

It was proposed by Councillor C. King, seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor **RESOLVED**:

"That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to report on progress made on motion No 14  [(Motion 14 June Meeting)](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=56384)from the June Tallaght ACM in relation to the road at Hazelgrove Estate."

**REPORT:**

"This matter has been reviewed and we report as follows:

The layout of the school site is one which does not readily support a new access point.  This and related issues were appealed as far as ABP who agreed with the SDCC decision on the application.

All the land surrounding the school is owned by SDCC and zoned for "new residential communities in accordance with approved area plans".

The school location is entirely consistent with similar schools throughout the county locate in residential areas.

If there is a problem with traffic speed on Hazelgrove this should be reported and Traffic section will consider the provision of measure to resolve this issue."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor C. King & C. O’Connor.

Mr. W. Purcell responded to the members queries.

 The motion was **AGREED**.

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **H9/1017 Item ID:55154**

**Application for Arts Grants**

It was **NOTED** there was no business under this heading.

### **H10/1017 Item ID:55157**

**Library News & Events**

The following report, which had been circulated was presented by B. Fennell, County Librarian:

[H-I (10)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57187)

A discussion followed regarding the closure of the Castletymon Library, with contributions from Councillor M. Duff, Councillor K. Mahon, Councillor C. O’Connor & Councillor M. Murphy. Councillor Duff requested that the plaque inside Castletymon Library be recovered and possibly offered to the family. Councillors to seek an alternative for the Castletymon Library whilst the new library is under construction.

B. Fennell, County Librarian responded to the members’ queries.

### **H11/1017 Item ID:55163**

**NEW WORKS**

It was **NOTED** there was no business under this heading.

### **C5/1017 Item ID:55174**

**Correspondence**

 It was **NOTED** there was no business under this heading.

## **Economic Development**

## **Questions**

## It was proposed by Councillor C. King, seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor and **RESOLVED:**

## "That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Question No. 7 & 8 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

### **Q7/1017 Item ID:55252**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline actions and supports he proposes in respect of the Industrial Estates in Tallaght, noting the need for such Estates to show a positive image and thus encourage further job creation initiatives?"

**REPLY:**

"A full [Report](http://intranet/cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=54751) on the Council's Business Support Fund and the various initiatives under the fund to support industrial estates and business generally both in Tallaght and across the County was presented at the [most recent Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism Strategic Policy Committee meeting in September](http://intranet/cmas/viewmeetingagenda.aspx?id=1597).  Following on from this, the Committee recommend the following to the full Council that:

* the Business Support Fund be retained in Budget 2018;
* the Business Support Grant to ratepayers cease in 2017;
* the Business Support Fund will support new enterprise and innovation and will also develop existing and planned projects with under the Area Improvement, Individual Unit Support and Microenterprise Development schemes.
* other initiatives including enterprise space feasibility and business supoport training in conjunction with South Dublin Chamber are also supported but with flexibility to recognise and support emerging opportunities.

In addition, a recent interim [Report](http://intranet/cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=55214) on initiatives to further address vacancy in industrial areas was presented at the [October Council meeting](http://intranet/cmas/viewmeetingagenda.aspx?id=1601) and this issue will be explored further with the SPC scheduled to consider a more detailed report at its next meeting in November.

The full range of Local Enterprise Office services are available to businesses in Tallaght and across the County to support both job creation and business development and these include financial assistance, export supports, trading online vouchers, training, mentoring and other advisory services.

These supports and measures are designed to address the visual appearance and investment potential of industrial areas in Tallaght as well as assisting local businesses to develop and create employment."

### **Q8/1017 Item ID:55253**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm what efforts are being made in respect of attracting additional use of Tallaght Stadium; will he outline discussions and the negotiations he has had to attract events to our Municipal Stadium and will he make a statement?"

**REPLY:**

"Tallaght Stadium hosts forty games a year for Shamrock Rovers Football Club, on top of these fixtures the pitch hosts on average an additional thirty–forty events.  These events have ranged from FAI Senior Women's and U21 international matches, South Dublin Schoolboy League football finals, American football games, GAA Feile finals and Leinster rugby matches amongst others as well as using the stadiums conference facilities for various business, social and community events which all bring revenue towards stadium running costs.

The pitch sees an average of nearly two events per week between February and November every year which is considerably in excess of the average number of events hosted in many of the stadia in the country. There is a balancing act that takes place to ensure the pitch usage is maximised without any detrimental effect to the playing surface.

Stadium management are tasked with actively looking for events suitable for the venue with initial steps in the entertainment sphere taken in 2015 when Nitro Circus brought their show from the US to Tallaght.  The development of the new third stand will increase seating capacity to 8,000 and we will then look to bring a concert to Tallaght Stadium with exploratory discussions underway with some promoters in this regard.  In addition, plans for festive attractions at the Stadium over the Christmas period are also advancing and should be announced in the coming weeks.

The County Promotion Unit will continue to explore sporting, entertainment and other events for the stadium."

### **H12/1017 Item ID:55160**

**NEW WORKS**

It was **NOTED** there was no business under this heading

### **C6/1017 Item ID:55172**

**Correspondence**

 It was **NOTED** there was no business under this heading.

## **Performance Change Management**

### **H13/1017 Item ID:55164**

**NEW WORKS**

It was **NOTED** there was no business under this heading

### **C7/1017 Item ID:55176**

**Correspondence**

 It was **NOTED** there was no business under this heading.

## **Corporate Support**

## **Questions**

## It was proposed by Councillor C. King, seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor and **RESOLVED:**

## "That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Question No. 9 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

### **Q9/1017 Item ID:55250**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive to write to Dublin Bus seeking an update of plans to provide further bus shelters in the area covered by the Tallaght Area Committee?"

**REPLY:**

"If the motion is passed, a letter will be issued to Dublin Bus for it's attention.  When a reply is received the Committee will be notified accordingly."

### **H14/1017 Item ID:55159**

**NEW WORKS**

It was **NOTED** there was no business under this heading

### **C8/1017 Item ID:55171**

**Correspondence**

 It was **NOTED** there was no business under this heading.

### **M3/1017 Item ID:55249**

It was proposed by Councillor C. O’Connor, seconded by Councillor M. Duff **RESOLVED**:

"That this Tallaght Area Committee strongly supports proposals by Tallaght Hospital to seek funding in respect of building further capacity at the Hospital to cover future demands particularly in relation to what is seen as the growth of the ageing population in its catchment area and calls on Simon Harris TD, the Minister for Health and HSE Management to progress the plans."

**REPORT:**

"If the motion is passed, a letter will be issued to Simon Harris TD, the Minister for Health and HSE Management. When a reply is received the Committee will be notified accordingly."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor C. O’Connor, Councillor M. Duff, Councillor C. King & Councillor M. Murphy all supporting the motion.

 The motion was **AGREED**

## **Public Realm**

## **Questions**

## It was proposed by Councillor C. King, seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor and **RESOLVED:**

## "That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Question No. 10 & 11 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

### **Q10/1017 Item ID:55269**

Proposed by Councillor M. Duff

"To ask the Chief Executive to make a report regarding the replacement of the railings at the Council owned land between Glennane Hockey Club all weather pitch, at St Marks Community School, and the Cookstown Road. This piece of land is overgrown and littered and the railings are no longer fit for purpose and need replacement to help improve the public realm?"

**REPLY:**

"Work commenced recently on the strip of land in question which lies along the Cookstown Road.  Most of the outer railing which is at the back of the public footpath has been removed and a clean up and removal of rubbish and overgrowth has now taken place on a portion of this land.  This work commenced at the entrance to the St Marks GAA complex and will continue over to the entrance to St Mark's School.  There is a palisade fence in place at the rear of this strip of land which will be examined on completion of the clean up, however it will be necessary to establish ownership of and responsibility for the palisade fence before any repairs or improvements to it can be undertaken."

### **Q11/1017 Item ID:55257**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm actions being taken to allow for a Green Flag application to be made in respect of Sean Walsh Park here in Tallaght; will he appreciate the strong support of local Councillors and the community regarding this matter and also note the importance of the Park as a Gateway to the Dublin Mountains and will he present an update in the matter?"

**REPLY:**

"South Dublin County Council entered Corkagh Park in the green flag awards scheme in 2017 and the entry was successful.  Prior to 2017 no SDCC parks had been entered into the awards scheme.  An assessment of all parks in the County took place prior to making the submission this year, to determine which location or locations best matched the qualification criteria for the scheme.  On that occasion it was decided that Corkagh Park was best placed in that regard.  It is proposed to follow the same process again for 2018 with the assessment being made before the end of 2017 it is hoped.

Having achieved the green flag for Corkagh Park in 2017 it is now necessary to retain that flag and this requires that Corkagh once again will be entered in the scheme.  It is expected that one additional park will be entered in the scheme in 2018 and that the number of entries will increase in the subsequent years.  It is clear therefore that some of the main public parks in the County will not be entered in the 2018 scheme, however it is the Council's intention to address this in the subsequent years.  The submission of the application and the implementation of the maintenance programme which the scheme requires both place a heavy demand on resources."

### **H15/1017 Item ID:55420**

The following report, which had been circulated was presented by S. Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent:

**Notice to proceed with a Part 8 for a BMX Track at Jobstown Park Tallaght**

This proposal is in accordance with C7 Objective 10 of South Dublin County Council’s Development Plan 2016-2022:

*“To include a BMX facility for consideration in the review of the Jobstown Park Masterplan".*

It is proposed to proceed with a Part 8 for a BMX track at Jobstown Park. This facility is proposed at the location of the athletics track as per the original Jobstown Park Masterplan (2011). The athletics track; should it be proceeded with at a later stage, will be re-housed elsewhere within the locality. This proposal will also necessitate the relocation within the park of the following proposals within the Jobstown Masterplan: the tone zone, the playground and the wind turbines. The BMX track will consist of a mounded earth area creating 5 track straights and 2 mounded earth end walls, some structural support of retaining areas will be required. The preliminary design is in line with the Guidance for BMX tracks published by the UCI.

A pump track for practice use / younger people / the less experienced is also proposed. A number of footpaths are proposed and a shared access route. The proposal includes for club house/ storage facilities, starter gates and other ancillaries. Fencing is proposed around the perimeter of the facility; with access gates as detailed. The proposals will involve the relocation to the southwest of one existing soccer pitch within the park. The proposal will not result in the loss of any existing pitch facilities. One existing footpath within Jobstown Park is proposed for relocation. A new shared access route is proposed to replace it at a location to the north of the existing footpath. The proposal includes for landscape works and all ancillary works. The proposals will be subject to AA screening and EIA screening

[Plan: Location](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57255)
[Plan: Proposals](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57256)
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[Section](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57257)
[Track Sections](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57258)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor C. King, Councillor M. Duff, Councillor C. O’Connor, Councillor B. Leech & Councillor M. Murphy all supporting the above project and welcome the proposal.

### **H16/1017 Item ID:55166**

**NEW WORKS**

### It was **NOTED** there was no business under this heading

### **C9/1017 Item ID:55178**

**Correspondence**

 It was **NOTED** there was no business under this heading.

### **M5/1017 Item ID:55258**

It was proposed by Councillor C. O’Connor, seconded by Councillor M. Duff **RESOLVED**:

"That this Tallaght Area Committee calls on the Chief Executive to carry out an immediate survey of Trees in the 30 acres Park, Greenhills Road, Tallaght, with a view to organising a Programme of Tree pruning and other actions in respect of the Trees which according to many in the community requires such attention and in responding to the motion, will the Chief Executive particularly note the need to deal with the overhanging Trees which are encroaching on houses in Bancroft Avenue and Bancroft Crescent and creating danger and concern for local residents."

**REPORT:**

"The trees along the boundary of Bancroft Park with Bancroft Avenue and Bancroft Crescent will be listed for inspection.  Any trees that are identified as requiring maintenance will be prioritised for action in accordance with the arising recommendations."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor C. O’Connor, Councillor K. Mahon & Councillor M. Duff all supporting the motion.

Mr. M. Keenan responded to the members’ queries and agreed to have the location inspected urgently.

 The motion was **AGREED**

### **M6/1017 Item ID:55270**

It was proposed by Councillor M. Duff, seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor **RESOLVED**:

"Following on from the recent meeting between officials from the Environment Department and the Executive Committee of St Marks, regarding issues of concern and pitch improvements, the Area Committee calls on the Chief Executive to develop a framework, such as a Local Area Plan, for Butler/McGee Park, to develop the area as a proper Park with pathways, benches, tree planting and keep fit equipment, properly covered by Bye Laws, for the benefit of the local community and St Marks GAA Club."

**REPORT:**

"A parks plan can be designed for Butler McGee Park. It is likely to require phasing and be implemented in stages in conjunction with other initiatives. There are a number of plans currently underway for the area, including the recent fencing around a section of the park. There were plans in the past for a lit walking and cycling route (shared greenway) that would connect through Butler Mc Gee Park to Jobstown Park and link to the Cookstown Luas Stop to the north. However funding was not forthcoming at that time. In relation to the programming of the design the current priority of this team is the completion of the pitch drainage works. The council has committed funding to the drainage of the pitches in this park and that work is awaiting a survey of the park. However this topographical survey can also be used to inform any design work in the future. Butler Mc Gee Park is covered by the existing Open Space Parks Bye Laws."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor M. Duff & Councillor C. O’Connor.

Mr. Leo Magee, Senior Engineer responded to the members’ queries.

 The motion was **AGREED**

### **M7/1017 Item ID:55271**

It was proposed by Councillor B. Ferron, seconded by Councillor C. King **RESOLVED**:

"That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to have the trees and shrubs removed at the lane way entrance between the Abberley Court Hotel and Westpark estate. I have received numerous complaints from residents regarding serious anti-social behaviour at this location and they believe if the trees and overgrowth were removed this would stop the problem."

**REPORT:**

The Council's Public Realm Section will remove the bushes and shrubs at the walkway from the Belgard Road into the green area at Westpark estate where there is evidence of anti-social activity taking place.  There is also growth at a low height on a number of trees on this walkway which is also providing cover for this activity, and this growth will also be removed.  It is proposed to leave the trees in place at this location however, once the low level growth has been removed.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor B. Ferron and Councillor C. King.

Mr. Leo Magee, Senior Engineer responded to the members’ queries and agreed to possibly removing the hedging and pruning the lower branches of the trees.

 The motion was **AGREED**

### **M8/1017 Item ID:55272**

It was proposed by Councillor B. Ferron, seconded by Councillor C. King **RESOLVED**:

"That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to provide a date when the bottle banks will be finally removed on the Avonbeg Road. Myself and several other Councillors have raised this in the Committee yet the problems with dumping persist."

**REPORT:**

"The Council's Environment Section has given a commitment in the past to remove the bottle banks on Avonbeg Road if an alternative location can be found for them, a large quantity of glass is recycled at this site each year and the removal of the facility without replacing it would have a detrimental effect on the efforts of the local community to recycle glass in a responsible manner.  It has proven to be very difficult over the years to obtain any new sites for bottle banks and this is the case in relation to Avonbeg.

The land adjacent to the Bolbrook Enterprise centre has been suggested in the past as a possible alternative site.  The proposal has now been examined with the Council's traffic section in relation to the access and parking that would be required at this location, and it is felt that no issues arise in this regard that cannot be overcome.  The placing of a recycling bring bank facility at this location would potentially have an impact on both the Bolbrook Enterprise Centre and on the residents of Avonmore Avenue and Bolbrook Avenue which lie closest to the site.  Consultation with any resident, property owner or tenant within 50 metres of the proposed site will be required before the facility can be relocated.  Once that consultation has been carried out it will then be possible to determine how to proceed on this matter and to establish a timeframe for the work involved."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor B. Ferron and Councillor M. duff, Councillor K. Mahon, Councillor M. Murphy and Councillor C. O’Connor.

Mr. Leo Magee, Senior Engineer responded to the members’ queries and requested more time to source an alternative site.

Committee asked that this be a headed item in the January 2018 meeting.

 The motion was **AGREED**

## **Environment**

## **Questions**

## It was proposed by Councillor C. King, seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor and **RESOLVED:**

## "That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Question No. 12 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

### **Q12/1017 Item ID:55054**

Proposed by Councillor B. Leech

"To ask the Chief Executive what number of fines and prosecutions have been issued to tenants who continue to dump domestic waste on our parks and green spaces?"

**REPLY**:

It is not possible to provide the specific detail as requested (fines issued to tenants).

To date in 2017 a total of **262** fines have issued in respect of illegal dumping / littering.

**121** files were referred through our Law Department and **52** cases have been listed for court.  **31** cases were heard, of which **19** were successful.

### **H17/1017 Item ID:55161**

**NEW WORKS**

### It was **NOTED** there was no business under this heading

### **C10/1017 Item ID:55169**

**Correspondence**

###  It was **NOTED** there was no business under this heading.

### **M9/1017 Item ID:55053**

It was proposed by Councillor B. Leech, seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor **RESOLVED**:

"That this Council should put stronger procedures in place to prevent the illegal dumping of domestic refuse in Jobstown Park."

**REPORT:**

To date in 2017 South Dublin County Council have received 27 complaints regarding illegal dumping in Jobstown Park, this figures includes all membersnet and Fix Your Street enquiries.

All complaints of illegal dumping is investigated by Litter Warden service.

In many cases it is believed that the identity of those responsible for illegal dumping is known. However, in the absence of clear and substantive evidence, or witness statement and the presence of such witnesses in court, it is not possible to bring successful prosecutions.

To this end we continue to examine the suitability of areas for signage and surveillance technology to assist in the detection of culprits. Jobstown Park will be examined.

We also continue to encourage residents and the public at large to support the Council in efforts to identify culprits where/if known, and to provide the necessary information to assist in getting more cases of illegal dumping into court.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor B. Leech and Councillor M. Murphy.

Ms. M. Maguire, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members’ queries.

 The motion was **AGREED**

## **Water and Drainage**

### **H18/1017 Item ID:54854**

The following report, which had been circulated was presented by Mr. C. Galvin, Senior Engineer:

Update on the Draft River Basin Management Plan

[H-I (18)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57056)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor M. Murphy and Councillor K. Mahon.

Mr. C. Galvin, Senior Engineer replied to the members queries.

### **H19/1017 Item ID:55168**

**NEW WORKS**

It was **NOTED** there was no business under this heading

### **C11/1017 Item ID:55180**

**Correspondence**

###  It was **NOTED** there was no business under this heading.

### The Meeting concluded at 5.05pm.

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