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

**Rathfarnham/Templeogue - Terenure Area Committee Meeting**

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Rathfarnham/Templeogue - Terenure Area Committee Meeting dealing with Transportation, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management, Water & Drainage, Public Realm, Environment, Housing and Community held on 14th November 2017

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| **Present** |
| **Councillors** |
| P. Donovan |
| F.N. Duffy |
| P. Foley |
| S. Holland |
| P. Kearns |
| B. Lawlor |
| D. Looney |
| R. McMahon |
| C. McMahon |
| E. Murphy |
| D. O’Donovan |
| R. Russell |

Cathaoirleach Councillor Dermot Looney presided.

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Senior Engineer T. O’Grady, W. Purcell, L. Magee

Senior Executive Engineer H. Fallon

Senior Executive Planner J. Johnston

Senior Parks Superintendent S. Furlong

Senior Executive Officer S. Deegan

County Librarian B. Fennell

Communications Manager N. Noonan

Administrative Officer S. Kelly

Staff Officer B. Reilly

Clerical Officer B. Keenan

**RTT/459/17 HI1 Item ID: 55372 - Confirmation and re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 10th October 2017**

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Rathfarnham/Templeogue - Terenure Area Committee, dealing with Community, Housing, Planning, Transportation, Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Performance & Change Management, Corporate Support, Public Realm, Environment and Water & Drainage held on 10th October 2017, which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor D. Looney and seconded by Councillor P. Foley and RESOLVED: “That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the 10th October 2017 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**

[HI1 Minutes](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57402)

**RTT/460/17 – Questions**

It was proposed by Councillor D. Looney and Seconded by Councillor D. O’Donovan and **RESOLVED:**

“That pursuant to Standing Order No.13, Question 1 - 22 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**Transportation**

### **RTT/461/17 - Q1 Item ID: 55482 - Junction at Our Lady's School Templeogue Road**

Proposed by Councillor P. Foley

"For over a year, the principal and Board of Management of Our Lady’s school have been requesting a review of the junction outside the school on Templeogue Road in terms of its safety for all road users.  The junction is in the jurisdiction of Dublin City Council.

Could the Traffic section, on behalf of this area committee, write to their counterpart in Dublin City Council to request an update and could a report be provided on the matter?"

**REPLY:**

"If the Board of Management can supply the name of contact person in Dublin City Council that they have written to, South Dublin County Council will contact them in this regard to seek an update on behalf of the school."

### **RTT/462/17 - Q2 Item ID: 55215 - Allenton Drive**

Proposed by Councillor B. Lawlor

"To ask the Chief Executive to repair both speed ramps on Allenton Drive, which have totally disintegrated and causing a safety hazard for all road users?"

**REPLY:**

"These ramps and the road in Allenton Drive will be repaired as part of the 2018 Roadworks Programme."

### **RTT/463/17 - Q3 Item ID: 55590 - Ballycullen Woodstown area**

Proposed by Councillor D. Looney

"To ask the Chief Executive to consider a new traffic management/congestion plan, including cycle routes, bus services and commuting traffic, for the Ballycullen/Woodstown area in light of already heavy congestion which will be further compounded by the new development adjacent to Gunny Hill, and to make a statement on the matter?"

**REPLY:**

"Such matters are considered at Planning Application stage and all mitigation measures possible are included by way of design and condition. We will continue to add cycle ways on publicly owned lands where required.

We are in discussion with Dublin Bus about continued improvements in their network; they too await the outcome of the expert review of the entire Dublin Bus operation for recommendations and alterations."

### **RTT/464/17 - Q4 Item ID: 55591 - Walkinstown Roundabout**

Proposed by Councillor D. Looney

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on proposals for the Walkinstown Roundabout, and to make a statement on the matter?"

**REPLY:**

"We are still awaiting the results of a Bus Corridor Study which is being undertaken by the National Transport Authority. At a meeting with the NTA on the 6th Nov 2017 we discussed the progress of this scheme. They stated that the study is nearly finalised and the scheme should be going for public consultation in the first quarter of 2018."

### **RTT/465/17 - Q5 Item ID: 55335 - Cattle Grids**

Proposed by Councillor R. McMahon

"To ask The Chief Executive for an update on the Livestock Grids for the Glenasmole Valley - that the Council agreed to investigate alternatives and have they progressed this issue?"

**REPLY:**

"At the last SPC where the matter was discussed the DOS stated that the Council would not be installing livestock grids and as yet no alternatives have been identified."

### **RTT/466/17 - H2 Item ID: 55400 - Winter Maintenance Plan**

Mr. T. O’Grady, Senior Engineer presented the following report:

[HI2 - Winter Maintenance Plan](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57324)

Following contributions from Councillors P. Donovan, D. O’ Donovan, R. McMahon and E. Murphy, Mr. T. O’Grady, Senior Engineer responded to the queries raised and the report was **NOTED**

### **RTT/467/17 - H3 Item ID: 55655 - Wellingtonn Lane Cycle Scheme**

Ms. H. Fallon, Senior Executive Engineer presented the following report:

[HI3 - Wellingtonn Lane Cycle Scheme](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57420)

Following contributions from Councillors P. Kearns, P. Foley, R. McMahon and D. Looney, Ms. H. Fallon, Senior Executive Engineer responded to the queries raised and the report was **NOTED**

### **RTT/468/17 - H4 Item ID: 55373 - Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads** (No Business)

### **RTT/469/17 - H5 Item ID: 55374 - New Works** (No Business)

### **RTT/470/17 - C1 Item ID: 55375 - Correspondence** (No Business)

### **RTT/471/17 - M1 Item ID: 55494 - NTA Invitation**

Proposed by Councillor P. Donovan and seconded by Councillor E. Murphy

"That this Area Committee invites the National Transport Authority/Transport Infrastructure Ireland to our next Area Committee meeting to address their solutions to the growing concerns (plus evidence of increased traffic congestion) as a result of planned and imminent house building within our area that is increasingly having an impact on movement within the wider area."

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

"Following motions passed at previous Area Committee Meetings, invitations have been extended to the NTA to make a presentation to the Committee on ongoing transport needs.  The most recent invitation was sent in April 2017.  Responses are still awaited.  A further invitation can be issued to the NTA if the motion is passed."

**M2 taken in conjunction with M1**

### **M2 Item ID: 55495 - Transport Assessment & Strategy for the Rathfarnham - Ballycullen area**

Proposed by Councillor P. Donovan and seconded by Councillor P. Foley

"That this Area Committee calls for this Council to engage with TII  to undertake a Transport Assessment & Strategy for the Rathfarnham - Ballycullen area to compliment the forward plan traffic assessment currently under development by the Council.  This movement plan would serve to address gaps in public transport and highlight opportunities for junction upgrades."

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

"SDCC engages with the NTA (not TII) on an ongoing basis in relation to transport movement and developing the effective management of traffic and public transport demand.

The report presented at the March 2017 Area Committee meeting (HI 4) outlines what governs transport and mobility policy in South Dublin.

Following motions passed at previous Area Committee Meetings invitations have been extended to the NTA to make a presentation to the Committee on ongoing transport needs including a possible Metro link. Responses are still awaited to these invitations."

Following contribution from Councillors P. Donovan, S. Holland and P. Foley, Mr. W. Purcell, Senior Engineer and Ms. Helena Fallon, Senior Executive Engineer responded to the queries raised and the report was **NOTED**

**Planning**

### **RTT/472/17 - Q6 Item ID: 55371 - Planning Enforcement Issues**

Proposed by Councillor B. Lawlor

"To ask the Chief Executive how many complaints have being received about planning enforcement issues with the building of the two schools in Firhouse?"

**REPLY:**

"2 Complaints were received together with 3 public representations in relation to noise levels because of working outside of permitted hours."

### **RTT/473/17 - H6 Item ID: 55376 - Planning Files**

Mr. J. Johnston, Senior Executive Planner presented the following report:

**A. Large Applications Under Consideration**

**FILE DISCUSSED**: SD17A/0359

**LOCATION**: Lands located to the south of, Stocking Avenue, Woodtown, Dublin 16

**COMMENTS**: There were no comments made on this application.

**FILE DISCUSSED**: SD17A/0360

**LOCATION**: Lands Adjoining 'Somerton', Ballyboden Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14

**COMMENTS**: There were no comments made on this application.

**FILE DISCUSSED**: SD17A/0364

**LOCATION**: Vista Montana, Firhouse Road, Knocklyon, Dublin 16

**COMMENTS**: There were no comments made on this application.

**B. Files Requested by Members** (No Business)

### **RTT/474/17 - H7 Item ID: 55377 - New Works** (No Business)

### **RTT/475/17 - C2 Item ID: 55378 - Correspondence** (No Business)

**Economic Development**

### **RTT/476/17 - Q7 Item ID: 55589 - Proposed Dublin Mountains Visitor Centre**

Proposed by Councillor D. Looney

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Dublin Mountains Project, and to make a statement on the matter?"

**REPLY:**

"The proposed Dublin Mountains Visitor Centre is a joint development by South Dublin County Council, Coillte and the Dublin Mountains Partnership to create a new “gateway” to the Dublin Mountains located at the combined Massy’s Wood /Estate and Montpelier Hill incorporating the Hell Fire Club site.

The Application and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report in relation to this project were submitted on South Dublin County Council’s behalf to An Bord Pleanála (ABP) on Monday 31st July 2017 (Ref: JA0040).

All interested parties were able to view and download the application on the An Bord Pleanála Website [http://www.pleanala.ie/](http://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=6600&amp;d=-6z52eh3bWfFuYixYavWtmk6qs-zpyXDzXoJcgu5eQ&amp;s=344&amp;u=http%3a%2f%2fwww%2epleanala%2eie%2f)  and the Council’s dedicated project information pages [http://www.sdcc.ie/services/parks-and-recreation/dublin-mountains-project](http://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=6600&amp;d=-6z52eh3bWfFuYixYavWtmk6qs-zpyXDzXFddVu4Kw&amp;s=344&amp;u=http%3a%2f%2fwww%2esdcc%2eie%2fservices%2fparks-and-recreation%2fdublin-mountains-project).

The documents were also available for inspection at the offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 and South Dublin County Council’s headquarters at County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 and Ballyroan Library, Rathfarnham until the closing date which was the 25th September 2017.  Members of the public had to make their submissions directly to An Bord Pleanála. 84 submissions were received and these can be viewed at County Hall, Tallaght and on the Council's [website](http://www.sdcc.ie/services/parks-and-recreation/dublin-mountains-project/dublin-mountains-project-an-bord-plean%C3%A1la-application-ref-ja0040) together with details of additional information requests from ABP and replies to date.

An Bord Pleanála have advised on their website that the case is due to be decided on or before the 6th February 2018."

### **RTT/477/17 - Q8 Item ID: 55247 -** **Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamha**

Proposed by Councillor R. McMahon

"To ask the Chief Executive can he give an update on the situation regarding the land for Gaelscoil Knocklyon please?  Has all the legals been completed and when can the site be assigned to the Department of Education for the building of the Gaelscoil?"

**REPLY:**

"The conveyancing process in relation to the disposal of lands to the Department of Education and Science for Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamha is currently ongoing between the Chief State Solicitors Office and South Dublin County Council's Legal Department."

### **RTT/478/17- H8 Item ID: 55600 - Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamha**

Mr. S. Deegan, Senior Executive Officer presented the following report:

**Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna Knocklyon**

"The conveyancing process in relation to the disposal of lands to the Department of Education and Science for Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamha is currently ongoing between the Chief State Solicitors Office and South Dublin County Council's Legal department."

Following contribution from Councillors D. O’Donovan and R. McMahon the report was **NOTED**

### **RTT/479/17 - H9 Item ID: 55379 - New Works**

(No Business)

### **RTT/480/17 - C3 Item ID: 55380 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

**Libraries & Arts**

### **RTT/481/17 - Q9 Item ID: 55595 - Heritage Walk**

Proposed by Councillor D. Looney

"To ask the Chief Executive if, through the Library Services, he will arrange for a Heritage Walk in the Greenhills/Tymon area following substantial expressions of interest locally; if he would be willing to provide similar services in other areas not covered during Heritage Month, and to make a statement on the matter?"

**REPLY:**

"As part of the South Dublin County History and Heritage series of walks and talks this year, a very successful 7km looped walk took place, taking in Tallaght Village, the site of Tymon Castle, the City Weir and the Dodder Valley Park among other varied walks around the county. Planning for the next series of walks and talks will take place around February 2018 and the Library service are happy to take on board suggestions that could be included for next year. The more historical content attached to the site or area proposed makes for an exciting educational talk or walk. Suggestions could be made to the local studies department of the library service."

### **RTT/482/17 - H10 Item ID: 55381 – Libraries News & Events**

Ms. B. Fennell, County Librarian presented the following report:-

[HI10 - Library News & Events](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57352)

Report was **NOTED**

### **RTT/483/17 - H11 Item ID: 55382 - Application for Arts Grants (**No Business)

### **RTT/484/17 - H12 Item ID: 55383 - New Works**

(No Business)

### **RTT/485/17 - C4 Item ID: 55384 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **RTT/486/17 - M3 Item ID: 55593 - Whitechurch Library**

Proposed by Councillor D. O'Donovan and seconded by Councillor E. Murphy

"That the Chief Executive presents a report on the possibility of opening Whitechurch Library as a Library Hub, similar to the Palmerstown Hub."

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

"The current position regarding the Carnegie Library at Whitechurch was outlined at the Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries SPC meeting in September 2017. It was emphasised at the meeting that there was no justification to restore the former part time library given the proximity to the state of the art Ballyroan Library. The library at Whitechurch continues to be used as a community space and the WEB project continues to meet there. Members discussed ideas of using the space for music generation performance/rehearsal space and or Arts/Libraries exhibitions. In addition the idea of a small book library exchange programme was suggested. At the SPC meeting there was some discussion around other community groups who might use the space. There is no provision for a digital library hub in Whitechurch in current budgets."

Item **MOVED** without **DEBATE**

**Corporate Support**

### **RTT/487/17 - H13 Item ID: 55385 - New Works**

(No Business)

### **RTT/488/17 - C5 Item ID: 55386 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **RTT/489/17 - M4 Item ID: 55592 - Special Needs - Firhouse Educate Together**

Proposed by Councillor D. Looney and seconded by Councillor S. Holland

**Cathaoirleach’s Business**

"That this Committee urges the Minister for Education and Skills to take into account the pressing and unique special educational needs at Firhouse Educate Together National School and to restore the teacher numbers as they were during September and October of this year."

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

"If the motion is passed a letter will be written to the Minister for Education and Skills in this regard."

Following contribution from Councillors D. Looney and D. O’Donovan, the Cathaoirleach requested the motion be voted on and following a show of hands the motion was **PASSED** unanimously

### **RTT/490/17 - M5 Item ID: 55480 - Firhouse Educate Together**

Proposed by Councillor P. Foley and seconded by Councillor R. McMahon

"Firhouse Educate Together National School (FETNS) is losing two teachers at the end of October as the school do not meet the required pupil teacher ratio set out by the Department of Education. Forty four per cent (44%) of the children, or 76 out of the 171 children enrolled in this school, require additional attention. This is a hugely disproportionate number compared to other schools.

Firhouse Educate Together new National School building has a Special Needs Unit but cannot be opened as the Department of Education has requested that Firhouse Educate Together National School use this space to accommodate pupils from the neighbouring Gaelscoil Na Giúise for most of the remainder of the 2017/18 academic year.

As this school has a special set of circumstances, an exception needs to be made, we request that the Chief Executive write to the Department of Education asking for a review of the particulars of this case."

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

"If the motion is passed a letter will be written to the Department of Education and Skills in this regard."

Item **MOVED** without **DEBATE**

### **RTT/491/17 - M6 Item ID: 55594 - Mayor's Reception for Ibrahim Halawa**

Proposed by Councillor D. Looney and Councillor S. Holland and seconded by Councillor P. Foley

"That the members of this Committee call on the Mayor to host a Mayor's Reception for Ibrahim Halawa and his family following his release from an Egyptian prison and his return to Firhouse, given the support shown by this Council for Ibrahim and our collective involvement in the campaign to have him freed, and the work of his family members, who have met with us on several occasions, in the campaign."

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

"If the Motion is approved, the request will be progressed for consideration in accordance with the Protocols for the Awarding of Civic Honours."

[Protocol for the Awarding of Civic Honours](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57426)

Following contribution from Councillors D. Looney, S. Holland, R. McMahon, P. Foley, E. Murphy, B. Lawlor and P. Kearns, Mr. N. Noonan, Communications Manager responded to queries raised and the Cathaoirleach requested the motion be voted on and following a show of hands there were 8 in FAVOUR, 3 AGAINST and 1 ABSTAINED and the motion was **PASSED**

**Performance & Change Management**

### **RTT/492/17 - H14 Item ID: 55387 - New Works**

(No Business)

### **RTT/493/17 - C6 Item ID: 55388 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

**Water & Drainage**

### **RTT/494/17 - H15 Item ID: 55389 - New Works**

(No Business)

### **RTT/495/17 - C7 Item ID: 55390 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

**Public Realm**

### **RTT/496/17 - Q10 Item ID: 55490 - Clean out of Rathfarnham Castle Park lake**

Proposed by Councillor P. Donovan

"Please can dates for the clean out of the lake in Rathfarnham Castle Park be published?"

**REPLY:**

"A commitment has been given in the past to clean out the lake at Rathfarnham Castle Park, to remove litter and debris as well as silt and sludge, and it is intended to proceed with these works at the earliest possible date.  It is felt that the equipment required to desludge the lake is not readily available to the Council and therefore a tender process will be required to procure the necessary plant.  This tender process will be run now with the intention of carrying out the works early in 2018."

**RTT/497/17 - Q11 Item ID: 55496 -** **Ballyroan cycle and walking route**

Proposed by Councillor P. Donovan

"To ask the Chief Executive to please advise when the outstanding Public Realm pruning etc will be undertaken on the recently completed Part 8 Improved walking scheme at Ballyroan adjacent to 162 Ballyroan Road?"

**REPLY:**

"The area in question has been recently examined and no pruning was found to be required at this time.  The area will be monitored in the coming year and will be included in the Council's hedge cutting programme as required in future years."

### **RTT/498/17 - Q12 Item ID: 55022 - Ballycragh Park rodent issue**

Proposed by Councillor P. Foley

"To ask the Chief Executive, further to the reply to my question on the baiting of Ballyragh Park at a previous ACM, could the mentioned progress report from the contractor be provided?"

**REPLY:**

"The Council's pest control specialist contractor has been treating Ballycragh Park for rodent infestation since the start of the current year.  Reports submitted by the contractor show that while there was an increased level of rodent activity in the early part of 2017 that following regular visits by him throughout the year to lay bait the situation is now under control.  Routine monitoring of the situation is continuing and bait is being replenished as required.  This will remain to be the case for the moment, pending further advice from the contractor."

### **RTT/499/17 - Q13 Item ID: 55484 - Footpath at Tymon astro pitch**

Proposed by Councillor P. Foley

"As part of the Public Realm Improvement Works Programme, a capital spend was agreed for a new path at the Astro Turf pitches in Tymon Park.  Could we have an update on when this is likely to be done?"

**REPLY:**

"It is expected that work to construct a footpath alongside the astro-turf pitch in Tymon Park will commence during the week commencing Monday November 13th."

### **RTT/500/17 - Q14 Item ID: 55370 - Firhouse Village Park**

Proposed by Councillor B. Lawlor

"To ask the Chief Executive to landscape and remove excess growth of shrubs and hedges in Firhouse Village Park?  The area was to be maintained and cleaned up in early 2017."

**REPLY:**

"The work which is outstanding to cut back shrubs and hedging in Firhouse Village Park will be carried out by staff from the Council's Public Realm Section before the end of the current month."

### **RTT/501/17 - Q15 Item ID: 55588 - Benches etc. for Tymon dog run**

Proposed by Councillor D. Looney

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the plans for benches, a shelter and a standpipe for water in the dog run in Tymon Park, as previously requested; to ask if drainage work has been carried out at this location in advance of the winter season; and to make a statement on the matter?"

**REPLY:**

"The need for benches, a shelter and a water supply at the Tymon Park dog run will be examined.  These items will be costed and considered for inclusion in the 2018 Public Realm Improvement Works Programme.  The requirement for drainage works to address the ponding of water at the entrance to the dog run will also be considered for inclusion."

### **RTT/502/17 - Q16 Item ID: 55596 - Playspace Programme 2014 - 2018**

Proposed by Councillor D. Looney

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the playspaces planned for Perrystown, Tymon Park (Limekiln) and Greenhills Park, and to make a statement on the Playspaces Programme in general?"

**REPLY:**

**Playspace Programme 2014 - 2018**

**Introduction**

"The playspace 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.

**Delivery to date**

17 play space projects have been constructed to date with the following delivered in the Rathfarnham Templeogue Terenure area:

Templeogue-Terenure

* Kilnamanagh (Tree Park and Park Hill)
* Kingswood
* Beechfield Park

Rathfarnham

* Ballycragh Park
* Glendoher Park

**Planned Programme to the end of 2018**

In July of 2017 a completion programme was presented to the Councillors and the following playspaces are programmed for the Rathfarnham, Templeogue Terenure area for delivery in 2018:

Templeogue-Terenure

* Perrystown
* Delaford
* Limekiln, Tymon
* Greenhills Park

Rathfarnham

* Longwood Park / Stone Park Abbey/ Aranleigh
* Marian Road
* Whitechurch

With regard to Perrystown, Limekiln and Greenhills proposals in particular; some contact has been made with residents in the Perrystown area and it would appear that there is a very strong demand for a playspace in that locality in particular. The Council intends to progress with the formal consultation in this area as soon as possible."

### **RTT/503/17 - Q17 Item ID: 55248 - Bohernabreena Cemetery**

Proposed by Councillor R. McMahon

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report on Bohernabreena Cemetery regarding the following - Total Graves/Plots - Total Graves not yet opened. Please break the figures down between the old part of the cemetery and the new.  Also how many plots have been booked/sold in the Old Cemetery which have not been opened?  Also is there any way that plots sold in the middle of the last century, not used can be brought back in under the control of the Council?  Or are they to be left idle forever?  Also based on the available plots left, how many years/months is left before these are all taken?"

**REPLY:**

**"Bohernabreena Cemetery** (St. Joseph’s) was established in 1943 and is situated on the edge of the suburban area of Tallaght on the R113 Bohernabreena Road.   It is the largest Cemetery under the control of South Dublin County Council.  The cemetery consists of Angels Plots, a Lawn Cemetery and the more traditional Kerbed Cemetery Layout.

On average 363 burials of all and non-denominations take place in this Cemetery annually, with 211 of them involving the re-opening of an existing plot. *(Based on figures from 2008 – 2015)*

There are approximately thirteen thousand plots of which, eleven thousand are developed/used and two thousand are undeveloped.

The Council is currently carrying out a project of digitizing all the purchase books for Bohernabreena Cemetery, which had been envisaged to be completed by Q3 2017. However, due to the condition of books, cross referencing and staff resources, the completion of this project will most likely be in 2019.

Until this project is complete the exact number of plots booked/sold/not yet opened between the old and new sections of the cemetery cannot be given.

**Figures shown in table below are based ONLY on data that has been digitized.**

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| **Description** | **NEW** | **OLD** |
| No of Plots in Cemetery Sold | 1,861 | 3,756 |
| Purchased but unused | 223 | 418 |

**Based on the available plots left, how many years/months is left before these are all taken?**

The Council cannot give specifics, however it is estimated that there is circa 10 plus years of available plots.

**Is there any way that plots sold in the middle of the last century, not used can be brought back in under the control of the Council?  Or are they to be left idle forever?**

Presold burial plots, which have not yet been used, remain in the ownership of the purchaser and the Council has no legal recourse in this matter.

However, grave spaces cannot now be purchased in advance, and can only be purchased at the time of death."

**RTT/504/17 - Q18 Item ID: 55443 - Footpath at Scoil Treasa, Firhouse**

Proposed by Councillor R. McMahon

"To ask the Chief Executive what is the situation regarding the proposed footpath along by Scoil Treasa from the shopping centre to Woodlawn and Carrigwood. The funds were allocated earlier this year and work was to commence in the 3rd quarter.  It is important that it be completed before the weather and ground gets too wet. Please let us know when work is proposed to begin?"

**REPLY:**

"It is expected that work on the construction of the footpath from Firhouse Village to Woodlawn and Carrigwood will commence before the end of November and that the works will be completed and the path surfaced before the end of the current year."

### **RTT/505/17 - Q19 Item ID: 55063 - Solar bins for Rathfarnham**

Proposed by Councillor E. Murphy

"To ask the Chief Executive can the Council please provide an update on the timeframe for the commencement of the Big Belly Solar Bin pilot scheme in Rathfarnham Village?"

**REPLY:**

"A tender process to procure solar powered smart bins for Rathfarnham Village will be required and it is intended that this tender process will commence in the coming weeks.  It is hoped that these bins can be procured and installed before the end of the year."

### **RTT/506/17 - Q20 Item ID: 55069 - Tree Maintenance Whitechurch**

Proposed by Councillor E. Murphy

"To ask the Chief Executive to please clarify the timescale for Whitechurch Estate in Ballyboden in relation to the Tree Management Programme?"

**REPLY:**

"In line with the Council's Tree Management Policy 2015-2020 "Living With Trees", the focus of the Tree Maintenance Programme is on entire roads or whole estates increasing efficiency and productivity of the tree maintenance.

Whitechurch Way is listed on the 2017 Tree Maintenance Programme for maintenance of all trees on the road. In advance of any works being carried out, a full survey of all trees in the Whitechurch Way, will be carried out to inform the scheduling of tree pruning and removal works.

The remainder of the tree maintenance in Whitechurch Estate will be scheduled as considered necessary in future Tree Maintenance Programmes."

### **RTT/507/17 - Q21 Item ID: 55004 - Bohernabreena Cemetery illegal dumping**

Proposed by Councillor D. O'Donovan

"To ask the Chief Executive how much has been spent on clearing away illegal dumping within the 'alcoves' at Bohernabreena Cemetery over the past five years?"

**REPLY:**

All expenditure relating to the removal of illegal dumping within South Dublin County Council's administrative remit is costed to one Job code. Expenditure associated to the 'alcoves' within Bohernabreena cemetery cannot be isolated.

The below table sets out expenditure (as a whole) over the past five years for removal of illegal dumping within South Dublin County Council's remit.

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| **YEAR** | **AMOUNT** |
| 2013 | €2,764,971.85 |
| 2014 | €1,350,232.57 |
| 2015 | €1,306,254.86 |
| 2016 | €1,378,200.92 |
| 2017 - **to date** | €878,147.77 |

The following outlines the number of complaints received in relation to this issue over the past few years

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| **YEAR** | **Queries Received** |
| 2013 | 2 |
| 2014 | 2 |
| 2015 | 0 |
| 2016 | 2 |
| 2017 | 1 |

Dumping activity within Bohernabreen Cemetery appeared to stall for a period post the provision of CCTV at the carpark. Anecdotally, this appears to have recommenced and it is now intended to examine options to manage this problem.

### **RTT/508/17 - H16 Item ID: 55391 - New Works**

(No Business)

### **RTT/509/17 - C8 Item ID: 55392 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **RTT/510/17 - M7 Item ID: 55587 - Orwell roundabout**

Proposed by Councillor D. Looney and seconded by Councillor E. Murphy

**Cathaoirleach’s Business**

"That this Committee receive a full report on the works at the Orwell Roundabout, including the full schedule of work, costs and future plans."

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

"A budget of €50,000 was included in the Public Realm Improvement Works Programme for an upgrade of the Orwell roundabout, as approved by the elected members of the Council.  Work commenced on site clearance in June followed by hard landscaping works and these works were substantially completed by the end of August.  A large quantity of subsoil and topsoil was required for the site so as to achieve the correct ground levels in accordance with the landscaping design however a delay occurred in September/October whereby the source of subsoil and topsoil which had been identified for the job subsequently fell through and alternative sources had to then be found.  This problem was overcome and the hard and soft landscaping works have now been substantially completed, a small portion of hard landscaping is required to close off gaps which had been left for access to the centre of the roundabout for the placing of soil.  The planting of trees, shrubs and bulbs is due to commence in the current week.

Expenditure to date on the project is just over €50,000 and is expected to finish at around €55,000 once the job is complete and all costs have been included.  Once upgrade works are completed the roundabout will be included in the Council's roundabout sponsorship programme and will be scheduled for regular routine maintenance from the date of completion."

Following contributions from Councillors D. Looney, P. Kearns and P. Foley, Mr. L. Magee, Senior Engineer responded to the queries raised and the report was **NOTED**

### **RTT/511/17 - M8 Item ID: 55003 - Dolly's Field**

Proposed by Councillor D. O'Donovan and seconded by Councillor E. Murphy

"That the Chief Executive includes a full upgrade of the area known as 'Dolly's Field' in the Moyville Estate in the Public Realm Expenditure Budget for 2018.  Members of the Residents Assoc have met with SDCC officials to outline a list of proposed works, including a perimeter path and adult exercise equipment."

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

"A meeting took place earlier in the year between Moyville Residents and the Council's Public Realm Section at which these matters were discussed.  A number of items were requested which can be included in the maintenance programme for 2018, such as the cutting back of hedgerows for example.  The larger items such as the development of a perimeter path and the installation of outdoor exercise equipment would involve substantial expenditure and in any case should be the subject of a detailed design for the area in question.  The need for such a design has been raised with the staff responsible for the planning and design of capital projects within the Public Realm Section.  The matter will be considered further in the context of the improvement works programme for 2018, to determine if any element of the desired improvements can be included as a stand-alone item in that programme."

Item **MOVED** without **DEBATE**

### **RTT/512/17 - M9 Item ID: 55268 - Playspace in Whitechurch**

Proposed by Councillor S. Holland and seconded by Councillor E. Murphy

"That the Chief Executive consider bringing the consultation for installing a playspace in Whitechurch forward. There is strong support among the community for installation of play facilities."

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

"The playspace completion programme, as presented to Councillors at the Rathfarnham Templeogue Terenure ACM in June 2017, includes a proposal for a playspace at Whitechurch. The programme is planned for completion by the end of 2018. The support of the local community and elected representatives is very much appreciated in the delivery of the playspace programme and it is intended to re-commence the consultation processes for the playspaces as soon as possible."

Following contributions from Councillors S. Holland, E. Murphy, D. O’Donovan, Ms. S. Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent responded to the queries raised and the report was **NOTED**

**Environment**

### **RTT/513/17 - Q22 Item ID: 55478 - Social Credits Scheme**

Proposed by Councillor P. Foley

"To ask the Chief Executive, in the most recent replies to my representations, I’ve noticed that a lot more emphasis is being put on the Social Credit Scheme and I am looking for some clarity.

I understand the scheme in principle but am looking for a bit more guidance on it.   I would like to know how credits will be administered.  Also, areas that don’t have a Residents’ Association, or a Residents Association that is not registered, may struggle to amass credits.  I am wondering how the Social Credit system will affect them?"

**REPLY:**

"The Social Credits Scheme (SCS) rewards community groups and individuals who take ownership of their environment and improve their local area by carrying out pro-environmental actions such as community clean-ups, maintenance of community gardens, graffiti removal and weeding of footpaths.

The scheme was first developed within South Dublin County Council in 2010, and from 2011 to 2012 was promoted nationally and supported by the Dublin Regional Authority as part of the Carbon Social Credit Scheme. The scheme continues within South Dublin County Council and has proved very successful since.

Non-monetary rewards offered to communities through the scheme are continuously reviewed and are further developed having regard to demonstrated need and available resources. The following support materials are available, litter pickers, bags, hi-vis vests, shovels and brushes, paint and paint brushes, in addition green space enhance supports has been recently been added to the social credits scheme. A full review of the scheme was provided to the [May 2017 Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change SPC Meeting](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55795)

From January – October (inclusive) 2017 over 2200 applications were received and assistance provided through the Social Credit Scheme.

Any group who wish to enhance their local environment/carry out pro-environmental action can make an application to the social credits scheme by contacting the Environmental Awareness section at [envawareness@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:envawareness@sdublincoco.ie) or by calling (01) 4149000."

### **RTT/514/17 - H17 Item ID: 55393 - New Works**

(No Business)

### **RTT/515/17 - C9 Item ID: 55394 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

**Housing**

### **RTT/516/17 - H18 Item ID: 55395 - New Works**

(No Business)

### **RTT/517/17 - C10 Item ID: 55396 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **RTT/518/17 - M10 Item ID: 55481 - Lands in Templeogue Village**

Proposed by Councillor P. Foley and seconded by Councillor R. McMahon

"That the Chief Executive provide an update on the architects report for the possible development of lands in Templeogue Village including, but not limited to, the public car park and area known as the piggery."

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

"The lands in question are in at least three separate ownerships including lands owned by South Dublin County Council including the Piggery site and the public car-park. Architects Department were requested to evaluate the development capacity of the sites combined and with a number of road/access options. The development capacity was to be costed and viability and return on investment reviewed. A team of consultants including Duffy Mitchell O'Donoghue Architects and Stewart Chartered Surveyors Ltd were procured and have carried out the study as requested. The Chief Executive will brief the Elected Members of Terenure-Rathfarnham in a separate meeting to be arranged in the short term on the results of the study and will also update them on the developing design for the Templeogue Village Initiative."

Following contributions from Councillors P. Foley, P. Kearns, R. McMahon and D. Looney the report was **NOTED**

**Community**

### **RTT/519/17 - H19 Item ID: 55401 - Deputations**

[HI19 - Stocking Wood Residents Association](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57422)

Report was **NOTED**

### **RTT/520/17 - H20 Item ID: 55397 - New Works**

(No Business)

### **RTT/521/17 - C11 Item ID: 55398 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

The meeting concluded at 4.23pm

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