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SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Rathfarnham/Templeogue - Terenure Area Committee Meeting dealing with Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Performance & Change Management, Corporate, Environment, Water & Drainage, Public Realm, Community, Housing, Planning and Transportation held on Tuesday 12th December 2017

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| **Present** |
| **Councillors** |
| P. Donovan |
| 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**

County Librarian B. Fennell

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

Senior Parks Superintendent S. Furlong

### Senior Executive Parks Superintendent M. Keenan

### Senior Executive Planner J. Johnston

### Senior Executive Officer M. Maguire

### Administrative Officer M. Kavanagh

Staff Officer B. Reilly

### Clerical Officer B. Keenan

### **RTT/522/17- H1 Item ID: 55920 - Confirmation and re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 14th November 2017**

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It was proposed by Councillor D. Looney and seconded by Councillor P. Foley and RESOLVED: “That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the 14th November 2017 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**

[HI1 Minutes](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57782)

**RTT/523/17 - Questions**

It was proposed by Councillor D. Looney and Seconded by Councillor P. Foley and **RESOLVED:**

“That pursuant to Standing Order No.13, Question 1 - 10 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**Libraries & Arts**

**RTT/524/17 - H2 Item ID: 55921 - Library News & Events** Ms. B. Fennell, County Librarian presented the following report:-

[HI2 Library News and Events](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57777)

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

**RTT/525/17 - H3 Item ID: 55922 - Application for Arts Grants** (No Business)

**RTT/526/17 - H4 Item ID: 55923 - New Works** (No Business)

**RTT/527/17 - C1 Item ID: 55924 - Correspondence** (No Business)

**Economic Development**

### **RTT/528/17- Q1 Item ID: 55961 - Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamha**

Proposed by Councillor R. McMahon

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the situation regarding the land for Gaelscoil Knocklyon please?

Has all the legals been completed at this stage and when would he expect the transfer of the site to the Department of Education for the building of the Gaelscoil?"

**REPLY:**

"The disposal of this site to the Department of Education and Skills is currently ongoing with both Legal teams endeavouring to complete the conveyancing process."

**RTT/529/17 - H5 Item ID: 55925 - New Works** (No Business)

**RTT/530/17 - C2 Item ID: 55926 - Correspondence** (No Business)

**Performance & Change Management**

**RTT/531/17 - H6 Item ID: 55927 - New Works** (No Business)

**RTT/532/17 - C3 Item ID: 55928 - Correspondence** (No Business)

**Corporate Support**

**RTT/533/17 - H7 Item ID: 55929 - New Works** (No Business)

### **RTT/534/17 - C4 Item ID: 55930 - Correspondence**

**Cor 4a HSE Presentation - Update**

Following issues raised at the RTT ACM, requests have been sent to the HSE to make a presentation to the members of the committee.  As a result, the Health Service Executive have confirmed that they would be in a position to meet with the committee in the New Year.  However, they have requested that members supply a list of items/issues they would like to be addressed as part of the presentation in advance of any such meeting.

**Cor 4b Firhouse Educate Together NS - Reply Department Education & Skills**

[C4b - Firhouse Educate Togehter NS - Reply Dept. Education Skills](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57823)

Correspondence was **NOTED**

**Environment**

### **RTT/535/17 - H8 Item ID: 55969 - Litter Management Plan Review**

Ms. M. Maguire, Senior Executive Officer presented the following report:

[HI - Litter Management Plan Review](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57860)

Following contributions from Councillors P. Donovan, E. Murphy, P. Foley, D. O’Donovan and D. Looney, Ms. M. Maguire, Senior Executive Officer and Mr. L. Magee, Senior Engineer responded to the queries raised and the report was **NOTED**

**RTT/536/17 - H9 Item ID: 55931 - New Works** (No Business)

**RTT/537/17 - C5 Item ID: 55932 - Correspondence** (No Business)

**Water & Drainage**

### **RTT/538/17 - Q2 Item ID: 55603 - Owendoher**

Proposed by Councillor S. Holland

"To ask the Chief Executive whether waste water or sewage enters the Owendoher anywhere within our county boundary?"

**REPLY:**

"There are no licensed sewage or wastewater outfalls to the Owendoher River within the county. The river is very infrequently affected by foul sewer overflows and pollution incidents and more frequently affected by domestic misconnections discharging to the surface water drainage network. The Council collects water quality samples from three locations along the river each month and the results show that the river is at moderate status.

SDCC is currently monitoring for foul odours at Ballyboden Way/Taylors Lane roundabout as part of a compliant resolution investigation."

**RTT/539/17 - H10 Item ID: 55933 - New Works** (No Business)

**RTT/540/17 - C6 Item ID: 55934 - Correspondence** (No Business)

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**Public Realm**

### **RTT/541/17 - Q3 Item ID: 55978 - Recycling and waste over Christmas**

Proposed by Councillor P. Foley

"To ask the Chief Executive if an infographic could be created outlining the Christmas opening times for the Ballymount recycling centre and an infographic created outlining the locations for Christmas tree shredding in the Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure area?"

**REPLY:**

"The arrangements in place for opening over Christmas at the Ballymount recycling centre as well as the Christmas tree recycling locations have been advertised through the citizen's newsletter which has been delivered to all households in the County.  The arrangements have also been posted on the Council's website.  It is not considered necessary to arrange for any further advertising of these arrangements.

The Ballymount Recycling Centre is now privately operated and the Christmas Opening hours as published are as follows:

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| December 24th | 9.00 – 15.00 |
| December 25th and 26th | Closed |
| December 27th | 9.30 – 17.00 |
| December 28th 29th & 30th | 9.00 – 17.00 |
| December 31st | 9.00 – 15.00 |
| January 1st | Closed |
| January 2nd | Normal opening hours |

**Christmas Tree Recycling 2017 / 2018**

South Dublin County Council has made arrangements for Christmas Tree recycling at 21 locations in the county from Wednesday, 3 January 2018 to Friday, 12 January 2018.

This service is free and is for domestic household trees only. One tree per household / vehicle will be accepted.

The Christmas Tree recycling locations for 2017 / 2018 are as follows are have been circulated to households in the recent publication of South Dublin County Today, our Citizen’s Newsletter.

**Lucan**

* Beechpark open space
* Sarsfield Park open space
* Haydens Lane Car Park in Griffeen Valley Park
* Foxborough open space

**Palmerstown**

* Glenaulin Park
* Woodfarm Acres

**Clondalkin**

* Corkagh Park (St Johns Road car park)
* Corkagh Park (Green Isle car park at Caravan Park entrance)
* Collinstown Park
* Quarryvale Park
* Foxdene open space
* Grand Canal open space (junction of Bawnogue and Lockview roads)

**Tallaght**

* Raheen open space (opposite Raheen Shopping Centre)
* Seán Walsh Park – Storage area (behind Old Bawn Community College) near Parks Depot off Whitestown Way.

**Greenhills**

* Tymon Park (Limekiln car park)
* Tymon Park (Tymon North Road car park)

**Old Bawn**

* Church car park (beside shopping centre)

**Firhouse**

* Car park at Cherryfield (off the link road between Firhouse Road and Spawell Roundabout)
* Car park at Dodder Valley Park, Firhouse Road opposite Woodlawn Estate

**Rathfarnham**

* Rathfarnham Castle Park – Car Park

**Saggart**

* Parks Depot on Mill Lane

Full details are published in our website here:

<http://www.sdcc.ie/services/recycling-and-waste/christmas-2017>

### **RTT/542/17 - Q4 Item ID: 55982 - Laneway cleaning schedule**

Proposed by Councillor P. Foley

"To ask the Chief Executive is there a Laneway Cleaning Schedule in place for 2018 and if so could we be provided with the details?"

**REPLY:**

"The laneway cleaning schedule for 2018 will not be available until the new year.  It is proposed that laneway cleaning will continue as in previous years.  The commitment given in the past to clean the laneways in the Dublin 12 area on a twice yearly basis will continue.  All other laneways will be examined routinely by both the Public Realm and Litter Warden Sections and will be cleaned as found to be necessary."

### **RTT/543/17 - Q5 Item ID: 55693 – Tymon Park**

Proposed by Councillor R. McMahon

"Residents are concerned about unsocial behaviour in Tymon Park

* Quad bikes being driven on the green space either side of the approach road to the National Basketball Arena and crossing footpaths
* Scrambler bikes been driven on the Rugby Pitch to the left of the footbridge near the National Basketball Arena and crossing footpaths
* Obvious drug dealing \*location provided\*

To ask the Chief Executive is there any steps that the Council can take to address these issues and are there any steps which South Dublin County Council are taking?"

**REPLY:**

"The public realm section is aware that scramblers and quad bikes are gaining access to Tymon Park outside of normal park opening hours at the entrance to the basketball arena.  Reports have been received regarding damage done by these to playing pitches, as well as other park users being intimidated by them at times.  Reports have also been received of stolen cars being driven to the basketball arena car park and being burned out.

While the main gate to the basketball arena closes in the evening the access to the cycle track and walkway remains open at all times.  The Council's public realm section will examine this matter and in the new year will put in place measures to prevent this from continuing.  It may be the case that other access points in other areas of the park are open for access to motorbikes and quads as well.  All accesses to the park will be examined now to determine what further action is required in order to keep these out.  It should be noted that during normal park opening hours access to the open spaces and playing pitches is generally unrestricted.  Tymon Park is patrolled by 4 park rangers whose duties are, among other things, to deal with those who are vandalising the park in such a way.

With regard to the problem of drug dealing, An Garda Siochana have been made aware of this issue and they patrol the park on a regular basis in response to it.  Information regarding action taken by them on the matter has been requested and is currently awaited."

### **RTT/544/17 - Q6 Item ID: 56025 - Bonfire incidents**

Proposed by Councillor E. Murphy

"To ask the Chief Executive can the Council please detail how many bonfire incidents were recorded in the Rathfarnham area and what was the cost of cleaning up after these incidents?"

**REPLY:**

"The number of bonfire incidents recorded for the Rathfarnham area over the 2017 Halloween period was 20.

All clean-ups have now taken place and reseeding (as appropriate) will commence in spring 2018.

Interesting statistics to note County wide:

* From mid-October to 31st October, through reports made directly through the offices and through our out of office hours service, the Council was notified of **c 300** locations (excluding duplicate locations) advising of stockpiling.
* A total of **55 tonnes** of bonfire materials was collected by the staff and prevented from being placed on bonfires over the Bank Holiday weekend and including Tuesday 31st October 2017.
* In the two week period prior to Halloween a further quantity of waste materials totalling **156 tonnes** was collected by SDCC staff and it is estimated that the vast majority of this was material intended for bonfires.
* Post Halloween **201** tonnes of waste was removed
* The cost of Halloween 2017 was c €**87,000** including payroll, plant /machinery and waste disposal costs."

### **RTT/545/17 - H11 Item ID: 55947 - Report on Tree Management Programme 2017**

Ms. M. Keenan, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent presented the following report:

**Report on Tree Management Programme 2017**

In the period January 1 – November 30 2017, tree maintenance involving tree pruning and removal, was carried out on just over 2,500 trees across the county. This figure includes tree maintenance works completed on over 1,000 trees in the Terenure, Templeogue, Rathfarnham areas.

Throughout 2017 to date, the Council has had two full-time tree crews in operation with one primarily carrying out tree maintenance north of the N7 and the other operating south of the N7.  Recruitment of 5 new staff to enable the formation of a third full-time tree crew took place in May and June of this year.  These staff are currently deployed within the existing tree crew structures in order to gain practical experience while undergoing the necessary training and skills development to advance the formation of a third full-time tree crew.  During the period January to March, two additional seasonal tree crews were also deployed in the delivery of the tree maintenance service across the county. Seasonal tree crews are again being deployed in accordance with staff availability over the ongoing winter and forthcoming early spring period.

In line with the Council's Tree Management Policy 2015-2020 "Living With Trees", the focus of the 2017 Tree Maintenance Programme has been on a planned programme of works for entire roads or whole estates. The objective of this approach is to enable efficiency and productivity of the tree maintenance crews and advance a proactive programme of cyclical pruning targeting priority locations where intervention is most needed and where it will yield greatest community benefit.

The following is a list of estates in the Terenure, Templeogue, Rathfarnham areas where a complete programme of tree maintenance involving removal or pruning of all trees that were identified as requiring works was carried out during 2017. In advance of commencing works within an estate or road, a full survey of all trees at the location is carried out to inform the programme and scheduling of tree pruning and removal works for all trees in the estate or road that are identified as requiring tree maintenance.

Some of these locations surveyed are noted as having trees in close proximity or in conflict with overhead electricity wires. In such locations, the schedule of tree maintenance works require to be undertaken by an ESB approved arborist suitably qualified in the specialist skills of utility arboriculture. The Council has recently completed the tender process to seek the services of a suitably qualified arborist to undertake these works which is scheduled for completion in early 2018.

**Tree Inspections & Maintenance of Whole Estates Completed during 2017**

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| **Estate / Road** | **Status**  |
| Boden Wood | Work complete |
| Brookwood | Tree survey complete.   Tender in preparation for required works |
| Delaford Park | Work complete |
| Dodder Road Lower | Tree survey complete. Overhead ESB wires in conflict with trees. Works scheduled to be completed by contract in early 2018. |
| Fonthill Park | Tree survey complete. Overhead ESB wires in conflict with trees. Works scheduled to be completed by contract in early 2018. |
| Hillside Park | Tree survey complete. Overhead ESB wires in conflict with trees. Works scheduled to be completed by contract in early 2018. |
| Idrone | Work complete |
| Knocklyon Avenue | Work complete |
| Muckross estate | Tree survey complete. Overhead ESB wires in conflict with trees. Works scheduled to be completed by contract in early 2018. |
| Rathfarnham Wood | Work complete |
| Rossmore Road | Tree survey complete.   Work scheduled to commence Saturday, December 16th and to be completed over a sequence of Saturdays and off-peak periods |
| The Glen, Boden estate | Work complete |
| Willbrook Lawn | Work complete |
| Willbrook estate | Tree survey complete.   Meeting arranged with residents on 13.12.17 to discuss proposed programme of works |
| Monalea Grove & Wood | Tree survey complete and work scheduled to commence week beginning 11.12.17 |
| Dargle Wood | Tree survey complete. Works scheduled to be completed winter 2017/spring 2018 by seasonal tree crew |

**Emergency Tree Works**

In addition to the planned whole estate and road programme, reactive and emergency works are carried out on individually located trees as necessary in order to manage risks to the public. This service is for dangerous trees such as trees with large hanging branches, where a tree is in danger of falling, or where a tree has actually fallen. If a tree is identified as posing an immediate and present danger, action will be taken to make the tree safe. Emergency works are also carried out where a tree is rendered hazardous as a result of severe weather conditions.

Arising from storm Doris in February this year, the Council’s tree maintenance crews removed 28 trees from across the county. Storm Ophelia on October 16th last necessitated the removal of 58 trees across the county and remedial tree pruning works were carried out on a further 32 trees. The clean-up operation post storm Ophelia, which took precedence over the Council’s planned Tree Maintenance Programme for a period of approximately 3 weeks, also involved removal of fallen branches and other debris from over 90 reported locations.

Emergency and reactive tree works will normally take priority over the planned programme of tree maintenance works in estates and it must be recognised that there is consequent impact on progress with the planned programme. Emergency tree works were carried out on a total of over 150 trees during 2017.

**Tree Planting**

A programme of tree planting is currently in progress which will involve the planting of c.230 trees in the Terenure, Templeogue, Rathfarnham areas over the coming weeks in fulfilment of tree planting commitments under the 2017 tree planting programme.  Locations for this tree planting include Rathfarnham Wood, Whitecliff, Beverly, Hillsbrook Avenue & Drive, Dangan Park, Shelton Park & Gardens, Whitecliff, Orwell Park - Green, Drive, Crescent, Way, Lawn, Glade, Heights, Dale, View, Rise, Avenue and Close.

The tender process is currently in progress to procure a further 240 trees for planting in the Terenure, Templeogue, Rathfarnham Areas during spring 2018. Locations for this tree planting include Butterfield District area, Cremorne, Glendown, Osprey, Templeogue Wood, Whitechurch, Whitehall Road and Willington.

A design proposal is in currently in preparation in conjunction with the Council’s Roads Section for a scheme of tree planting at St. Joseph’s Road. The design proposal seeks to present a solution that addresses the significant constraints placed on tree planting in the area by a proliferation of overground and underground services along with residential access.

Following contributions from Councillors E. Murphy, D. O’Donovan, P. Kearns, S. Holland, P. Donovan, C. McMahon, P. Foley and D. Looney, Ms. M. Keenan, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the queries raised and the report was **NOTED**

### **RTT/546/17 - H12 Item ID: 55968 - Japanese Knotweed**

Mr. L. Magee, Senior Engineer presented the following report:

**Japanese Knotweed & Other Invasive Species**

This matter was last reported on to this area committee at the September meeting this year, that report is copied below. The current position is as follows.

The surveying and mapping exercise has continued and is well advanced, but not yet completed.  Some areas along the Dodder when visited were found not to be accessible to the surveyors.  These areas, mostly upstream of Old Bawn Bridge, will be addressed and surveyed/mapped in the Spring of 2018.

The surveying and mapping of areas along the Owendoher River and Whitechurch Stream has been successfully completed, and all of these areas have now been treated.  Signage has been erected at 10 of the sites where it was considered necessary to inform the public of the matter.

The number of sites in the Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure area affected by Japanese Knotweed has risen from 30 in September to 43 currently, and as stated above it has not been possible as yet to complete the survey so that number will rise further.

Two staff continue to be assigned to this project on a full time basis and this will remain the case in 2018, with additional staff to be assigned as required.  Based on the information gathered over the past 6 months it is expected that this will be sufficient to complete the survey and treat all areas twice during 2018.  The programme to survey, map and treat Japanese Knotweed will continue until such time as we are satisfied that the matter is under control.

**September 2017 report**

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 Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure 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 |

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| **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 |

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| **Rathfarnham** | **11-Sep** |   |   |
| **Description:** | **Number of sites** | **Sum of site size (sq.metres)** | **Max. site size (sq.metres)** |
| Total number of sites captured: | 115 | 5,443.31 | 2,591.72 |
| Total number of Gunnera | 3 | 64.75 | 48.72 |
| Total number of Himalayan Balsam | 11 | 181.67 | 72.79 |
| Total number of Giant Hogweed | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total number of Japanese Knotweed | 30 | 1,310.27 | 331.99 |
| Total number of Buddleia | 77 | 4,474.03 | 2,591.72 |
| Site Details: Adjacent to Private Property | 5 | 90.60 | 37.07 |
| Site Details: Open Space | 27 | 3,163.17 | 2,591.72 |
| Site Details: Other | 4 | 37.42 | 27.09 |
| Site Details: River Bank | 70 | 1,782.45 | 331.99 |
| Site Details: Roadside | 7 | 313.74 | 179.08 |
| Site Details: No Details Entered | 2 | 55.92 | 55.73 |

[HI12 - Japanese Knotweed photos](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57824)

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

**RTT/547/17 - H13 Item ID: 55935 - New Works** (No Business)

**RTT/548/17 - C7 Item ID: 55936 – Correspondence** (No Business)

### **RTT/549/17 - M1 Item ID: 55005 - Kiltipper Park**

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

"That the Chief Executive provide an update on Kiltipper Park, given funding has recently been allocated to upgrade it to Regional Park status."

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

"Kiltipper Park is a well located park in the foothills of the Dublin Mountains. It is viewed as one of South Dublin's hidden gems; situated at the edge of the Dublin Mountains with panoramic views of the city. It is host to both the Dublin Mountains Way and the future Dodder Greenway. The recent grant of funding for Kiltipper Park is in relation to the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Grant Scheme. Rather than being a general grant for the purposes of upgrading the park; it was granted for specific works within the park such as: new entrances, new car parking, upgrade of the access from the park to Bohernabreena Resevoir and signage and branding through Kiltipper Park. The grant is very welcome and will provide funding towards these vital initial works, which will increase the access to and profile of the park. Due to its position close to the Dodder and the uplands areas of the county, as well as being at the interface between city and country the design is likely to be low key and less 'intensive' than many of the more urban parks. A Part 8 will be developed for the park that incorporates these works and will be brought to the ACM prior to public consultation."

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

### **RTT/550/17 - M2 Item ID: 55611 - Tymon Park**

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

"That this Committee call on the Chief Executive to address the increase in anti-social behaviour in Tymon Park"

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

"The Council's Public Realm Section receives complaints from time to time regarding anti-social behaviour in Tymon Park.  The main issues of concern are as follows -

* Scramblers and quad bikes gaining access to Tymon Park outside of normal park opening hours and damaging playing pitches and open spaces.
* Stolen cars gaining entry to the park outside of park opening hours and being driven to the basketball arena car park and being burned out.
* Drug dealing in the park.

The public realm section is aware that scramblers and quad bikes are gaining access to Tymon Park outside of normal park opening hours at the entrance to the basketball arena.  Reports have been received regarding damage done by these to playing pitches, as well as other park users being intimidated by them at times.  Reports have also been received of stolen cars being driven to the basketball arena car park and being burned out.

While the main gate to the basketball arena closes in the evening the access to the cycle track and walkway remains open at all times.  The Council's Public Realm section will examine this matter and in the new year will put in place measures to prevent this from continuing.  It may be the case that other access points in other areas of the park are open for access to motorbikes and quads as well.  All accesses to the park will be examined now to determine what further action is required in order to keep these out.  It should be noted that during normal park opening hour’s access to the open spaces and playing pitches is generally unrestricted.  Tymon Park is patrolled by 4 park rangers whose duties are, among other things, to deal with those who are vandalising the park in such a way.

With regard to the problem of drug dealing, An Garda Siochana have been made aware of this issue and they patrol the park on a regular basis in response to it.  Information regarding action taken by them on the matter has been requested and is currently awaited."

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

### **RTT/551/17 - M3 Item ID: 55613 - Wall at Ellensborough**

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

"That the Area Committee requests the boundary wall at Ellensborough Meadows be repaired and that a fence be erected at the location."

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

"In response to a representation received on this matter earlier this year the following position was outlined.

* The Council's Public Realm Section will repair the boundary wall and remove the loose stones from the area in front of the wall, adjacent to the main road.  This work will be done early in the new year.
* The Public Realm section does not propose to erect a fence or railing on top of the wall in question.

The resident affected and on whose behalf the representation was made has since requested that the repairs to the wall do not go ahead as proposed, as it will likely lead to the wall being vandalised once again.  There is no urgent need to repair the wall as it is not unstable and therefore the proposed repairs can be put on hold as requested.   The removal of the loose stones and debris will go ahead as planned however.

With regard to the request for a railing to be erected on top of this wall, the following should be noted.

* The Council has received only one request, from one resident in the area, for this work to be carried out.
* There is no indication that such an action would be supported by other residents in the area.
* The Council has not been notified of any anti-social activity in the area that would justify the work being carried out.
* The estimated cost to erect a railing as requested is expected to be in the region of €20,000 if the railing were to continue to the end of the Ellensborough boundary wall.  At this time the Council is not aware of any issues or circumstances that would justify the expenditure of such a large portion of the limited budget on this single item.  There is no provision in the current budget for this work to be done."

Following contributions from Councillors E. Murphy, S. Holland and D. O’Donovan, Mr. L. Magee, Senior Engineer responded to the queries raised and the report was **NOTED**

### **RTT/552/17 - M4 Item ID: 55988 - Firhouse Carmel**

Proposed by Councillor B. Lawlor and seconded by Councillor D. O’Donovan

"That this Council replaces the temporary fencing with permanent fencing around Firhouse Carmel new pitches."

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

"In relation to the new pitches at Firhouse; the construction is completed and the establishment stage for the grass is well underway. The Council looks forward to the pitch being available for play once the current settling-in period is completed.

The council do not support fencing-off pitches on open space, as this effectively limits the amenity value of the area to a selected number of people. The value of fencing in preventing access is limited and the resultant repairs to breached fences is an on-going cost to the council.  The design of the pitch has incorporated banks on 3 sides of the pitch with the 4th side facing the well overlooked section of the park. It is envisaged that this will limit unauthorised access.

It is the Councils intention to develop an overall plan for the park. With some small and phased interventions the park could be improved significantly. The design for the park will ensure desire lines divert pedestrians away from the pitch and interventions can be incorporated to deter unauthorised access at various locations. Some of the work would be low cost; such as planting etc. but other items may need to be costed and phased such as linking footpaths / extension of the shared route etc.

The Council plans to kick off this process with a meeting with the local club in the new year; with whom they have discussed incorporating some tree planting along the banks around the pitch; which in terms of decreasing access and providing some shelter seemed to be well received."

Following contributions from Councillors B. Lawlor, R. McMahon, P. Foley, P. Kearns and D. Looney, Ms. S. Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent informed the members that this is not provided for in the budget as adopted on 16th November 2017.  Councillor B. Lawlor called for a vote.  By a show of hands the motion was **PASSED** unanimously

### **RTT/553/17 - M5 Item ID: 55277 - Dolly's Field**

Proposed by Councillor D. O'Donovan and seconded by Councillor R. McMahon

"That the Chief Executive include the upgrade of the site known as Dolly's Field within the Moyville Estate in the next Public Realm upgrade Works Budget."

**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 this matter was discussed.  A number of items were requested by the residents which can be included in the maintenance programme for 2018, such as the cutting back of hedgerows for example.  The larger items suggested by the residents such as the development of a perimeter path in the field as well as the installation of outdoor exercise equipment would involve substantial expenditure and this should be the subject of a detailed design or plan 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 of the perimeter footpath will be considered further in the context of the public realm improvement works programme for 2018 as it may be possible to develop this as a stand-alone item of work that can be included in that programme.  It is proposed that the installation of the perimeter path will be costed and proposed for inclusion in the 2018 programme of works which will be presented to the area committee early in the new year.  This will then go to the full Council meeting in March for approval by the elected members."

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

### **RTT/554/17 - M6 Item ID: 56018 - Tymon Park dog run**

Proposed by Councillor P. Kearns and seconded by Councillor D. O’Donovan

"That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to carry out remedial work on the dog run in Tymon Park so that park users can avail of the service."

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

"The dog run in Tymon Park was inspected recently and was being well used at the time of inspection.  A number of maintenance issues were noted that require attention, as follows.  The inner entry gate has been damaged and appears to be hanging off at present, and this matter needs to be addressed.  Also at the entrance the ground is waterlogged and requires some measures to resolve this matter, including the installation of a drainage pipe and soak away to drain the area and also the placing of some gravel to provide a dry and firm entrance.  These matters will be attended to before the end of the year."

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

**Community**

**RTT/555/17 - H14 Item ID: 55970 - Deputations Meeting Report** (No Business)

**RTT/556/17 - H15 Item ID: 55937 - New Works** (No Business)

**RTT/557/17 - C8/1217 Item ID: 55938 - Correspondence** (No Business)

**Housing**

### **RTT/558/17 - Q7 Item ID: 55671 - RTB Inspections**

Proposed by Councillor S. Holland

"To ask the Chief Executive how many inspection of private rented dwellings have been carried out year to date in Rathfarnham to ensure that they are meeting minimum standards, how many enforcement notices have been issued as a result?"

**REPLY:**

A total of 37 private rented property inspections were carried out in the Rathfarnham Local Electoral Area between 1/01/2017 and 06/12/2017.

Of the 31 properties which failed on the day of inspections 29 related to insufficient carbon monoxide detectors and/or insufficient window restrictors and landlords were issued with improvement notices to comply with the minimum standards requirements. 2 of the failed inspections were referred to Environmental Health Officers for reinspection. No enforcement notices were issued in this period.

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| Total inspections carried out | 37 |
| Inspections Passed on date | 6 |
| Failed on date | 31 |
| Improvement letters | 29 |
| Environmental Health Officer referrals | 2 |

**RTT/559/17 - H16/1217 Item ID: 55939 - New Works** (No Business)

**RTT/560/17 - C9/1217 Item ID: 55940 - Correspondence** (No Business)

### **RTT/561/17 - M7/1217 Item ID: 55604 - Part 8 Fast Tracking**

Proposed by Councillor S. Holland and seconded by Councillor D. O’Donovan

"That this Area Committee write to the Minister for Housing and ask for a fast-track planning procedure to expedite the part 8 process for the Stocking Wood site.  Progress on building social houses is painfully slow and mired in bureaucracy."

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

"In June 2017 Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government advised Local Authorities of the commencement of certain planning related provisions of the Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016, which was signed into law by the President on 23 December 2016.

The Minister has brought into operation revisions to the Part 8 process for local authority own development proposals i.e. social housing, infrastructure servicing both public and private developments, libraries, fire stations, swimming pools etc. These revisions set a maximum timeframe within the process for the determination of local authority own development proposals and will mean that such proposals must be decided on by elected members within a maximum period of 20 weeks of being first issued for public consultation. Until now no such maximum timeframe existed resulting in delays in the progression of Part 8 projects including social housing developments.

All Part 8’s brought to Council for consideration from June 2017 will be affected by these timelines. Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) includes provision for the following important timelines in preparing and processing Part 8’s:

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| **Section** | **Requirements** |
| **179(3)(a)** | The manager of the Local Authority must prepare a written report within **8 weeks** of the expiration of the submission/consultation period and submit the report to the Elected Members. |
| **179(4)(a)** | The Elected Members shall within **6 weeks** of the receipt of the report of the manager, consider the proposed development and the report of the manager.  |
| **179(4)(c)** | For resolution of a Part 8 to have effect, it has to be passed not later than **6 weeks** after the receipt of the manager’s report, and in the case of a resolution not to proceed with the proposed development, it shall state the reasons for such resolution. |

A report in respect of future sites for social housing was presented to the Housing SPC in November 2017. A countywide review is being carried out at present on suitable sites for the next phase of social housing construction and proposed locations will be brought forward to the respective Area Committees early in 2018 for further consideration."

Following contributions from Councillor S. Holland, Ms. M. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer responded to the queries raised and it was agreed that a Headed Item would be brought to the Rathfarnham/Templeogue - Terenure Area Committee Meeting in the New Year and the report was **NOTED**

**Planning**

### **RTT/562/17 - H17 Item ID: 55941 – Planning Files** Mr. J. Johnston, Senior Executive Planner presented the following report:

**A. Large Applications under Consideration**

**FILE DISCUSSED**: SD17A/0407

**LOCATION**: Edmondstown Mill, Edmondstown Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16

**COMMENTS**: Councillors P. Foley and P. Donovan noted on the application.

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

**RTT/563/17 - H18 Item ID: 55942 - New Works** (No Business)

 **RTT/564/17 - C10 Item ID: 55943 - Correspondence** (No Business)

###

**Transportation**

### **RTT/565/17 - Q8 Item ID: 55981 - Ballymount Road**

Proposed by Councillor P. Foley

"A resident (details supplied) on Ballymount Road raised a question with me in relation to the installation of Bollards on the pavement outside their house. The resident reported that the new bollards make it difficult to access their driveway by car.

In the response that I received from the Council, I was informed that the engineers had considered the entrance and egress to the adjacent houses when installing the bollards. The resident disagrees.

To ask the Chief Executive could it be arranged for an engineer to contact this resident?"

**REPLY:**

"SDCC have satisfactorily resolved this matter with both concerned residents."

### **RTT/566/17 - Q9 Item ID: 55605 - NTA in planning for traffic**

Proposed by Councillor S. Holland

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on what progress has been made with the NTA in planning for traffic reductions and public transport solutions for the greater Rathfarnham LEA, given the increase in population expected on completion of construction projects?"

**REPLY:**

"We await a reply from the NRA regarding sending an employee to make a presentation on NTA plans for the local area."

### **RTT/567/17 - Q10 Item ID: 56028 - Ballycullen Road Pedestrian Crossing**

Proposed by Councillor D. O'Donovan

"To ask the Chief Executive what plans are in place for a pedestrian crossing on the Ballycullen Road?"

**REPLY:**

"A survey (Traffic count and Pedestrian count) is due to take place this week and the results will determine if there is a warrant for such a provision at this stage.

If there has been significant growth since our last count (about 14 months ago), the provision will be prioritised. Otherwise it will stay on the list of requests."

**RTT/568/17 - H19 Item ID: 55944 - Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public** **Roads** (No Business)

### **RTT/569/17 - H20 Item ID: 55945 - New Works** (No Business)

### **RTT/570/17 - C11 Item ID: 55946 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **RTT/571/17 - M8 Item ID: 55614 - Grit boxes**

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

"That the Council carry out an inspection of all of the grit boxes in the Rathfarnham area and to carry out repairs to all of the boxes where necessary. Furthermore can the Council please ensure that all of the grit boxes are fully restocked as we enter into the winter period."

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

"The Area Engineer has been requested to survey and repair the grit boxes and they are being refilled with salt."

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

### **RTT/572/17 - M9 Item ID: 56026 - Edmondstown Road**

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

"In light of the unforeseen emergency closure of Edmondstown Road that this Area Committee requests that the Council develop and enact a multidisciplinary emergency protocol system to manage such instances going forward."

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

"As soon as the works were discovered close to the road, the Road Maintenance, Traffic and Planning Department immediately met at the behest of the Director of Transportation and arranged for structural engineers to examine the site, serve enforcement notices etc."

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

### **RTT/573/17 - M10 Item ID: 55983 - White triangle for yield on cycle lanes**

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

"The standard marking of a white triangle for yield on cycle lanes is confusing and should be clarified.  Younger cyclists, who are not of a driving age and not familiar with the rules of the road, may not be accustomed to this road marking.

I would like to suggest that the word 'Yield' is used instead of the white triangle marking (or added to the white triangle marking) to eliminate any confusion and improve overall safety on cycle lanes.  If this motion is passed at Area Committee, it should be forwarded to the relevant SPC for their consideration."

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

"This is a national standard and one county could not be seen to implement a non-standard policy. Our Road Safety Officer will be circulated on this matter and he may prepare a list of standard symbols for inclusion in the school’s curriculum."

Following contributions from Councillors P. Foley, R. McMahon, P. Kearns and P. Donovan, Mr. W. Purcell, Senior Engineer responded to the queries raised and it was agreed that a Headed Item would be brought to the Rathfarnham/Templeogue - Terenure Area Committee Meeting in the New Year and the report was **NOTED**

**RTT/574/17 - M11 Item ID: 56017 - Osprey gates**

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

"That the Chief Executive install dishing on the footpath near the Osprey Road gates."

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

"This entrance is not used by public vehicles and dishing will only affect the pedestrian path."

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

### **RTT/575/17 - M12 Item ID: 56030 - Developers working along Stocking Lane**

Proposed by Councillor D. O'Donovan and seconded by Councillor P. Foley

"That the Chief Executive reports on what communication he has had with the developers working along Stocking Lane to deal with the shocking state of the roads in the area as a result of building works."

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

"There has been prolonged discussions with the developer.  They are due to install a site specific vehicle cleaner at the entrance to the site to remove all traces of muck prior to exit onto public roads."

Following contributions from Councillor D. Looney the report was **NOTED**

### **RTT/576/17 - M13 Item ID: 55912 - Rosemount Car Park**

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

"At the Rathfarnham Templeogue Terenure Area Committee meeting on April 11 2017 a motion was passed in relation to the proposed development of Rosemount Car Park. The motion agreed that costings were to be prepared and presented to the ACM. Therefore I request that the Chief Executive present a report and proposed costings to next meeting of the Area Committee.

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

"The costs for the car park re-development and extension are likely to be in the order of €100,000 and this would be subject to Environment Department approval as part of the proposal is on existing open space."

Following contributions from Councillors E. Murphy, D. O’Donovan, P. Foley, and P. Donovan, Mr. W. Purcell, Senior Engineer responded to the queries raised and the report was **NOTED**

The meeting concluded at 5.15pm

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