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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting dealing with Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management, Public Realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Transportation, Planning, Economic Development and Libraries & Arts held on 17th January, 2018.

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

 Councillor B. Bonner

 Councillor K. Egan

 Councillor T. Gilligan

 Councillor E. Higgins

 Councillor M. Johansson

 Councillor F. Timmons

 Councillor M. Ward

Cathaoirleach, Councillor M. Ward presided.

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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

Senior Engineer Mr. T.O’Grady, Mr. W. Purcell

Senior Planner Mr. N. O’Byrne

Senior Parks Superintendent Ms. S. Furlong

County Librarian Ms. B. Fennell

Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Mr. D. Fennell

Senior Executive Librarian Ms. M. Bentley

Senior Community Officer Mr. P. McAlerney

Area Community Officer Mr. J. Morrissey

RAPID Co-Ordinator Mr. A. Lane

Staff Officer Ms. P. O’Reilly

Clerical Officer Ms. A. Carmody

Prior to commencement of the meeting, Cathaoirleach, Councillor M. Ward on behalf of the Members and Staff present, expressed condolences to Ita Kenny on the recent passing of her mother, Anne Kenny.

### **C/001/18 – (H1) Item ID: 56225 - Confirmation & re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting of 13th December, 2017**

The Minutes of the December meeting of the Clondalkin Area Committee dealing with Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Performance & Change Management, Corporate Support, Environment, Water & Drainage, Public Realm, Community, Housing, Planning and Transportation, held on 13th December, 2017 which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED.**

[H-I (1) Minutes of 13th December 2017](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=58034)

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

“That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of 13th December, 2017 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

## **C/002/18 - Questions**

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

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

## **Corporate Support**

### **C/003/18 - (Q1) Item ID: 56343 – Corporate Social Responsibility**

Proposed by Councillor E. Higgins

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report on corporate social responsibility activities in our local electoral area carried out with the support of the Council?"

**REPLY:**

SDCC is an active participant in the South Dublin County CSR Committee which is at the early stages in development with a potential corporate stakeholders. Initially, CSR training offered to South Dublin businesses in August 2017. Following this a Presentation of the CSR concept was made to  South Dublin County Council and Economic SPC. Currently the CSR Committee is engaged in the design of CSR training with Business in the Community to roll out in 2018. They are also meeting with a number of multinationals and local charities on their current CSR strategies.

### **C/004/18 – (H2) Item ID: 56199 – New Works**

It was **NOTED** that there was **NO** Business under thus heading.

### **C/005/18 – (C1) Item ID: 56200 - Correspondence**

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

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **C/006/18 – (H3) Item ID: 56201 – New Works**

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

### **C/007/18 – (C2) Item ID: 56202 - Correspondence**

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

## **Public Realm**

### **C/008/18 – (Q2) Item ID: 56319 – Playspace for Newcastle**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"To ask for a full update report on a playspace for Newcastle to include what options have been looked at and what other options are available?"

**REPLY:**

With regard to Newcastle there is currently no public land available to construct a suitable play space. The Council has made contact with the Department of Education in relation to the provision of an interim site for a play space in Newcastle within Department of Education owned lands. The Department has indicated it is willing to consider such a proposal and the Council is progressing a draft design for their consideration.

In the meantime the firm that has recently acquired the future building lands within the Newcastle LAP area has expressed an interest in providing a play space ahead of the LAP housing construction. The firm has engaged a Landscape Architect to pursue this idea and when proposals are available they will be discussed with the Council.  The Elected Members will be updated on progress.

Please note the delivery of the above options have been subject to a hiatus in recent months as the delivery team is currently undergoing a recruitment drive to replace a number of staff.

### **C/009/18 – (Q3) Item ID: 56328 – Outdoor Exercise Equipment**

Proposed by Councillor M. Ward

"Have the Council got plans to introduce exercise machines in parks in the Clondalkin LEA , such as Quarryvale, Collinstown, Knockmitten, St Cuthberts etc?"

**REPLY:**

Outdoor Exercise Equipment was installed in eleven parks around the county in 2012. The parks within the Clondalkin Electoral Area where the equipment was installed are Corkagh Park and Rathcoole Park. While there are no current plans to implement similar projects at other locations within the county, this will be reviewed in the event that funding becomes available.

### **C/010/18 – (H4) Item ID: 56203 – New Works**

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

### **C/011/18 – (C3) Item ID: 56204 - Correspondence**

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

### **C/012/18 – (M1) Item ID: 56325 – Tree of Hope**

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

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

"This Committee congratulates the "Tree of Hope" on winning a special recognition award at this year’s Social Endeavour Awards and asks that the Council identify a public location for the planting of a Tree of Hope in North Clondalkin."

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

“The 'Tree of Hope' initiative was presented with a Special Recognition Award by Mayor Paul Gogarty on November 25th last at the Community Endeavour Awards.  There are a number of 'Tree of Hope' plantings at locations across the Clondalkin area including Clondalkin Community Centre, Deansrath Community College, Bawnogue Parish, Church of the Sacred Heart at Sruleen, Beacon of Light and Corkagh Park.  The Council will liaise with the 'Tree of Hope' team to identify a suitable public location and facilitate any required assistance for the planting of a 'Tree of Hope' in North Clondalkin.”

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

### **C/013/18 – (M2) Item ID: 56143 – Mount St. Joseph Graveyard**

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

''That this committee agrees with Clondalkin Tidy Towns group and asks that due to ongoing anti-social behaviour and vandalism At Mount St. Joseph Graveyard that the wall facing onto Monastery road is heightened to prohibit access and that SDCC endeavour to do the work or get Kelland Homes to carry out this much needed work before the Local historic site is taken in charge  . also to ask for an update on where the taking in charge process is at in relation to Mount St Joseph Graveyard, It should also be acknowledged that Kelland Homes have been very accommodating to date - they gave CTT their keys to St.Josephs as well as allowing us to clear the cemetery and they themselves in consultation with SDCC have done a tremendous amount of restoration work to date.''

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

“Works to heighten the wall at Mount St. Joseph’s Graveyard would result in a material change, would not be appropriate and would not be conservation and repair works. Furthermore, given the presence of 2 existing opes in the boundary wall; raising the height of it would do little to restrict access to the graveyard. The existing fence serves to restrict access to the graveyard.

The open space and graveyard are now under the maintenance of the Public Realm Section.”

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

## **Environment**

### **C/014/18 – (H5) Item ID: 56205 – New Works**

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

### **C/015/18 – (C4) Item ID: 56206 – Correspondence**

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

### **C/016/18 – (M3) Item ID: 56322 – Clondalkin Leisure Centre Car Park**

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

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

"This Committee agrees that the front car park of the Clondalkin Leisure Centre just off the Old Nangor Road is in a serious state of disrepair and calls on the Council to resurface the car park."

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

“The re-surfacing of Clondalkin Leisure Centre northern car park is included within the public realm capital works programme 2018-2020. A survey of the area is being carried out prior to the work being designed. It is hoped to complete the survey in January- February 2018 with a view to tendering for construction thereafter.”

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

### **C/017/18 – (M4) Item ID: 56142 – ESB Substations**

The following motion was submitted by Councillor F. Timmons:

''That this committee agrees to write to the ESB about the substations on the 9th Lock Road and Newlands and ask that a regular schedule of Litter picking is carried out at both sites and a plan by the ESB to address the litter issues is sent back to this committee, an option could CTT be given access to these two sites which at the moment are inaccessible)."

The following **AMENDED** motion was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor M. Ward:

''That this committee agrees to write to the ESB about the substations on the 9th Lock Road and the Management of Newlands Business Park and ask that a regular schedule of litter picking is carried out at both sites and a plan by the ESB to address the litter issues is sent back to this committee, an option could CTT be given access to these two sites which at the moment are inaccessible)."

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

“The current MoU which is in place provides for the maintenance of these locations.

If the motion is passed, a letter will be issued to the ESB for their attention, and when a reply is received, the Committee will be notified accordingly.”

The motion, as amended, was **PASSED.**

### **C/018/18 – (M5) Item ID: 56341 – Litter Wardens Service in Baldonnel Area**

It was proposed by Councillor E. Higgins and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:

"That this committee gets a further update on litter, illegal dumping and litter warden services for the Baldonnel Area given the ongoing persistent dumping in the area as discussed again and again at this committee."

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

“Generally, patrols are carried out in the Baldonnel area at least twice a week by the Litter Warden Service.

Any incidents of illegal dumping in this (and any other) area is investigated / examined to determine if there is any incriminating evidence, and thereafter reported to our Public Realm crew for removal.

In 2017 there were **eleven** instances of littering / dumping  recorded for the Baldonnel area, which resulted in **four** fines being issued.

As part of the Council's commitment to deliver on the objectives of the Corporate Plan 2014-2019 and Litter Management Plan 2015-2019, there has been an increased targeted focus on known litter generator areas.  Similarly, there has been a raised visibility of our Warden Service through branded vehicles, and a number of structured routes have been identified for continuous patrol, as well as ad hoc patrols and investigations as required.

As always, the Council is grateful for assistance and support from local residents or others in their investigations of such incidents as they arise.  In the absence of substantive evidence / witness statements and the presence of such witnesses in court it is not possible for us to bring successful prosecutions.”

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

## **Water & Drainage**

### **C/019/18 – (H6) Item ID: 56207 – New Works**

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

### **C/020/18 – (C5) Item ID: 56208 - Correspondence**

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

## **Housing**

### **C/021/18 – (Q4) Item ID: 56326 – “Coffee Shop” on Greenfort Gardens**

Proposed by Councillor M. Ward

"Can I have an update on my previous motion that called on the Council to refurbish and bring into housing stock the Council depot known locally as the "coffee shop" on Greenfort Gardens?"

**REPLY:**

The Councils Architects department are currently working on design drawings for this premises with a view to developing this unit for housing.

### **C/022/18 – (Q5) Item ID: 56353 – Restoration of Dartry Pump**

Proposed by Councillor B. Bonner

"Notwithstanding the fact that Irish Water might have some involvement, could the restoration of the Dartry Pump adjacent to the Pipe Band Hut on the Old Nangor Road be considered by the council as a small heritage project.  This is one of the few remaining water pumps in the county and it is in a very poor state.  Several similar pumps were removed from the village and residents would very much like to see this remaining pump restored?"

**REPLY:**

The Architectural Conservation Officer will be requested to examine the pump in question and establish if it is within the remit of the Council and if a funding mechanism can be established to restore the pump.

### **C/023/18 – (H7) Item ID: 56209 – New Works**

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

### **C/024/18 – (C6) Item ID: 56210 - Correspondence**

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

### **C/025/18 – (M6) Item ID: 56321 – Vacant lands surrounding the Mill Centre**

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

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

"This Committee agrees that the Chief Executive should enter into discussions with the Department of Housing and the owner(s) of the vacant lands surrounding the Clondalkin Mill Centre with a view to developing a mixed tenure development with up to 20% social housing."

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

“This site is currently under the remit of the Council's Planning Department in relation to the Vacant Sites' Register in accordance with the requirements under the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015.  Upon completion of this statutory process, the Housing Department will review it.”

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

### **C/026/18 – (M7) Item ID: 56258 – Direct Provision**

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

"That this Committee once again condemns the system known as Direct Provision and the Centre known as the Towers in Clondalkin. We recognise the dignity and rights of every human being to a home and safe place to live and work.  **We call for the end of the 'Direct Provision' system and the introduction of a humane reception system in line with international best practice**. We commit again to write to the Minister for Justice."

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

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

Following contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, M. Ward, M. Johansson, B. Bonner and E. Higgins, Mr. H. Hogan, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised. The motion was **PASSED.**

## **Community**

### **C/027/18 – (Q6) Item ID: 56249 – Clondalkin Swimming Pool**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline for the repair of the movable floor in the swimming pool in Clondalkin?"

**REPLY:**

It is expected that the Clondalkin pool will be fully functional in 4 to 6 weeks time.

### **C/028/18 – (H8) Item ID: 56226 - Deputations**

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

### **C/029/18 – (H9) Item ID: 56211 – New Works**

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

### **C/030/18 – (C7) Item ID: 56212 - Correspondence**

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

### **C/031/18 – (M8) Item ID: 56323 – Clondalkin Swimming Pool**

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

It was **AGREED** by the Cathaoirleach in consultation with the Members, to consider Motion 9 and Motion 10 in tandem with this item, as they were all of a similar subject matter:

It was proposed by Councillor M. Ward and seconded by Councillor E. Higgins:

"This Committee agrees that the moveable floor in the Clondalkin Swimming Pool is fixed as a matter of urgency and furthermore asks the Chief Executive to provide a report for discussion in relation to the reasons why the moveable floor in the Clondalkin Swimming Pool is not working since May, what is the delay in getting this fixed and what timeframe do the Council expect the situation to be resolved."

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

It is expected that the Clondalkin pool will be fully functional in 4 to 6 weeks time.

### **(M9) Item ID: 56121**

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

"Any update on repairs of the Clondalkin Swimming Pool."

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

It is expected that the pool will be fully operational in 4 -6 weeks. Replacement parts are being fabricated and will be installed by the UK dive team.

### **(M10) Item ID: 56127**

It was proposed by Councillor E. Higgins and seconded by Councillor M. Ward:

"That this ACM receives a full update on the replies to Clondalkin swimming pool including projected timelines for the restoration of the full pool for public use."

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

It is expected that the pool will be fully operational in 4-6 weeks. Replacement parts are being fabricated and will be installed by the dive team.

Following contributions from Councillors M. Ward, E. Higgins and B. Bonner, Mr. J. Morrissey, Area Community Officer responded to queries raised, and it was **AGREED** that a further report would be brought back to a future meeting should the timeline outlined not be adhered to. The reports were **NOTED.**

### **C/032/18 – (M11) Item ID: 56330 – Clondalkin Mental Health**

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

"That a report is issued to this committee for discussion into what SDCC can do in regards to the Clondalkin areas mental Health.  There is an ongoing high Suicide rate in this part of the county. What additional supports can SDCC provide and what statutory agencies can this committee write to get action for the people in need and their families that are left devastated."

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

*“Connecting for Life Dublin South* is a local suicide prevention action plan based on the same vision, goals, objectives and measurable outcomes as outlined in *Connecting for Life,* Ireland’s National Strategy to Reduce Suicide 2015 – 2020.  *Connecting for Life* sets out a vision where fewer lives are lost through suicide, and where communities and individuals are empowered to improve their mental health and wellbeing. HSE Community Healthcare- Dublin South, Kildare and West Wicklow are launching *Connecting for Life Dublin South* on January 23rd 2018 at 7pm in the Louis Fitzgerald Hotel, Newlands Cross, Dublin 22. Details on the consultation for *Connecting for Life Dublin South* can be found here: <http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/4/Mental_Health_Services/connecting-for-life/Strategy-Implementation/Local-action-plans/Connecting-for-Life-Dublin-South.html>

This is the link to the National Strategy: [*Connecting for Life, Ireland’s National Strategy to Reduce Suicide 2015-2020*](http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/4/Mental_Health_Services/NOSP/preventionstrategy/connectingforlife.pdf)

When the Action Plan is made public it will be assessed for how it complements actions within the Local Economic and Community Plan and whether there are actions that should be incorporated into the Plan as part of the annual review of the LECP, which will be considered at the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC). It is also appropriate to consider how *Connecting for Life Dublin South* relates to other strategies like the South Dublin County Joint Policing Committee Strategic Plan 2016-2022 and the Age Friendly County Strategy. The South Dublin Children and Young Peoples Services Committee, CYPSC, will also be considering the Action Plan in terms of the Children and Young People’s Plan of that committee.

In terms of Greenfort in North Clondalkin and Glenshane in West Tallaght, following representations from the Children’s and Young People’s Services Committee an inter-agency meeting was established by Tusla in order to support the communities impacted by suicide, this meeting took place on the 21st September 2017 a follow up meeting is to be held. At this meeting a number of actions were discussed including the extension of the MOJO programme for men to the Clondalkin area <http://www.mojo.ngo/>

Community Action on Suicide (Clondalkin) (CAS) has been working in the Clondalkin area since 2005 and was instrumental in bringing Jigsaw to the county in 2012 and more recently has supported the formation of Clondalkin Young Minds in 2016. Clondalkin Young Minds works to address the mental health needs of young people up to 25 years of age particularly those who are below the threshold for CAMHs but have significant or complex needs that are difficult to address through existing services. CAS continues to explore different ways of addressing the incidences and impact of suicide in Clondalkin.

South Dublin County Council has and does support local community based initiatives like CAS and Clondalkin Young Minds. It is represented on the Children’s and Young People’s Services Committee and its subcommittees that are looking at responses to suicide and the development and implementation of Critical Incident Protocols to respond to communities who may become overwhelmed by an incident or death.”

Following contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, B. Bonner, M. Ward, T. Gilligan and Mr. A. Lane, RAPID Co-ordinator responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/033/18 – (M12) Item ID: 56329 – Teenagers Needs in Disadvantaged Areas**

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

"That a report is issues to this committee for discussion into what is the proposed format for talking and engaging with community centres and disadvantaged communities in relation to teenager’s needs?  I am aware of survey what else will be happening? Also mental health and addiction issues are considered as part of this research."

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

“A consultation process with teenagers commenced in 2017. This is being led by the Dept of Environment Water and Climate Change and the Community Department is also involved in the research.

The research is defined as a study of the facilities for teenagers in South Dublin County and examines both active and passive recreational requirements. Background research is on-going over the period to assess current level of provision for this group. Consultation is also on-going with regard to the facilities for teenagers with particular focus on:

* facility providers
* relevant interest groups
* teenagers

Contact was made with clubs and recreational providers to assess current level of provision. A focus group with teenagers from the Ballycragh, Firhouse area was carried out early in 2017.  The Community Development Team also engaged with Comhairle na Nog in the consultation process.

The SDCC Communication Unit commenced a social media consultation process on Teen Spaces. Content was targeted at the relevant demographic and this multi-media campaign will close on January 19th 2018. 457 submissions have been received to date and a detailed report will issue following analysis of same.

Paid advertisements are targeted within the SDCC region and aimed at 13-19 year olds. It is also intended to utilise the public participatory budgetary process and the proposed implementation of the ball wall in the Lucan area in 2018 to engage with teenagers on this new type of facility provision in our parks.

Once the surveys are completed they will be examined (with the addition of focus group discussion if required), findings reported on and these findings will also inform what next steps maybe required, which may include engagement of existing Community and Youth Services, Local Sports Partnership, Local Drugs Task Force, Mental Health Support Agencies, etc. The final results will also inform the provision of facilities into the future and a report will be made to the Committees in that regard.

The capital budget 2018-2020 has included an allocation for teenage facilities to commence in 2019. The consultation process as outlined above is intended to feed into decisions about the type of facilities that will be provided and also give information where current need is greatest. The provision of outdoor recreational facilities specifically for teenagers will serve to promote physical and mental health.”

Following contributions from Councillors F. Timmons and M. Ward, Mr. P. McAlerney, Senior Community Officer responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/034/18 – (M13) Item ID: 56342 – Congratulations to all volunteers on Christmas Events**

It was proposed by Councillor E. Higgins and seconded by Councillor T. Gilligan:

"That this Council congratulates all volunteers across Clondalkin, Rathcoole, Newcastle who made the fantastic array of Christmas events possible this year in particular all those involved in lighting up our villages for Christmas and events that brought the festive spirit to life throughout our communities."

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

“A wide range of local Christmas Celebration events where organised by local community groups in the Clondalkin, Rathcoole and Newcastle areas and also right across the different local villages and communities throughout the County. The local Community Development Teams worked with these local groups to provide advice and assistance including some financial assistance to help cover some of the costs of these events.

All local events were found to be very successful, very well attended and demonstrated great community spirit within the local communities in the county.”

Following a contribution from Councillors E. Higgins, Mr. P. McAlerney, Senior Community Officer responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

## **Transportation**

### **C/035/18 – (Q7) Item ID: 56146 – Village Signage**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"To ask for a report into how Tidy Towns can apply for village signage to enhance their area and who they contact re same with any proposed signage?"

**REPLY:**

Architects and Transportation departments are investigating different types of village signage.

Contact should be made with the Senior Engineer, Road Maintenance.

### **C/036/18 – (Q8) Item ID: 56270 – Newcastle Village**

Councillor F. Timmons

"In regard to the 3 questions below what can SDCC do to assist the people of Newcastle?"

1- Why are there no bus route from Rathcoole and Newcastle to Hazel Hatch train station?. The station its self is 3.5km from the centre of Newcastle village to the station.

2 - Why are there no footpaths connecting Newcastle to Hazel Hatch train station?

3 - Why are there no Cycle Paths connecting Newcastle to Hazel Hatch train station?

With all of the above, it would certainly ease traffic in the Newcastle / Rathcoole area.

**REPLY**

The main route for pedestrians and cyclists from Main Street in Newcastle is via the R405 to Hazelhatch. This a distance of approximately 3.55km. There are no dedicated cycle routes along this route and cyclists share the carriageway with other vehicles. There is a footpath close to Newcastle on one side of the road. There are no footpaths along the majority of the rest of the route as far as the Grand Canal overbridge. A footpath is in place on one side of the road north of the Grand Canal. Closer to Hazelhatch a footpath is on both sides of the road and there is a good pedestrian link to the train station close to the railway overbridge.

Bus routes are determined by the NTA. Bus route No.68 connects Newcastle Village to the Luas at the Red Cow Depot.

In order to provide standard footpaths and cycle tracks on both sides of the road it would require the road to be widened by up to 8m. This would require a CPO. A similar scheme is  currently being constructed for the R120. It consists of the widening of the existing road in order to provide footpaths and cycle tracks. This is estimated at costing nearly €20m, including CPO and design costs. It is likely that similar costs would be incurred on the Hazelhatch Road if such a scheme were to be implemented. As this road has only been designated as an inter-urban route in the NTA’s proposed cycle network for the greater Dublin Area, it is unlikely it would receive any funding from them.

### **C/037/18 – (H10) Item ID: 56213 - Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

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

### **C/038/18 – (H11) Item ID: 56214 – New Works**

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

### **C/039/18 – (C8) Item ID: 56215 - Correspondence**

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

### **C/040/18 – (M14) Item ID: 56324 – Dedicated Bus Stop at Red Cow LUAS Stop**

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

The following motion was submitted by Councillor M. Ward:

"With the onset of the cross city LUAS, this committee agrees to write to both Dublin Bus and Transdev and ask them to reroute appropriate bus services to a dedicated bus stop within the grounds of Red Cow LUAS stop."

The following **AMENDED** motion was proposed by Councillor M. Ward and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:

"With the onset of the cross city LUAS, this committee agrees to write to Dublin Bus, Transdev, Department of Transport and the NTA, and ask them to reroute appropriate bus services to a dedicated bus stop within the grounds of Red Cow LUAS stop."

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

“If the motion is passed, a letter will be issued to both Dublin Bus and Transdev for their attention, and when a reply is received, the Committee will be notified accordingly.”

The motion, as amended, was **PASSED.**

### **C/041/18 – (M15) Item ID: 56083 – Redundant Poles**

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

"That the Chief Executive agrees to remove the redundant/headless poles around the village. There are a number of these poles on the footpath on Old Nangor Road close to junction with Fonthill Road. There are also similar poles at the top of Monastery Road close to the Woodford roundabout."

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

“The Area Engineer will be requested to survey the area and arrange for the removal of any unnecessary poles.”

Following a contribution from Councillor T. Gilligan, Mr. T. O’Grady, Senior Engineer responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/042/18 – (M16) Item ID: 56086 – Speeding issues on Hazelhatch Road**

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

"That the Chief Executive addresses the speeding issues on the Hazelhatch Road."

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

“This road is in a 60kph zone and is rural in nature.   Speeding enforcement is a Garda matter. The road would not be suitable for ramps or other traffic calming measures.”

Following contributions from Councillors T. Gilligan, E. Higgins and F. Timmons, Mr. W. Purcell, Senior Engineer responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/043/18 – (M17) Item ID: 56355 – Hazardous paths in front of the Credit Union**

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

"In spite of the work that was carried out in the Clondalkin Village area to address real hazards on the footpaths, the area in front of the Credit Union at the junction of Tower Road and Main Street remains in an extremely hazardous condition and was not worked on at all.  This committee requests that this work would be done as a matter of urgency."

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

“The paths in front of the Credit Union were laid in 2009 on completion of the building. On a recent inspection it was noted that a small number of the slabs have become loose. In addition, some settlement has occurred adjacent to an Eircom chamber. The Area Engineer will be requested to arrange for the re-setting of the damaged slabs.”

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

### **C/044/18 – (M18) Item ID: 56354 – New Nangor Road**

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

"This committee agrees that there is a need for a continuous footpath on both sides of the New Nangor Road from its junction with the ninth Lock Road to the Fonthill Road Roundabouts. At present the footpath on the left hand side of the road as one proceeds from the ninth lock road ends abruptly after the bus stop near to the ninth lock road.  This is a real safety issue."

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

“There is a continuous footpath on the North side of the New Nangor Road with signalised pedestrian crossings at the school / Mill Park Estate and at Ninth Lock Road. There are no residences or businesses on the southside of this 450m long stretch of road. There is no funding for a path at this location which would entail significant earthworks, fencing and streetlighting. It is anticipated that a path will be provided in the future at part of the future development of the site to the south of the New Nangor Road.”

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

## **Planning**

### **C/045/18 – (Q9) Item ID: 56345 – Housing Planning Permissions**

Proposed by Councillor E. Higgins

"To ask the Chief Executive how many one off housing planning permission applications were granted, and how many were refused, across our local electoral area in 2017?"

**REPLY:**

2017 applications granted 8

2017 applications refused 16

### **C/046/18 – (H12) Item ID: 56216 – Planning Files**

### **A. Large Applications Under Consideration B. Files Requested by Members**

The following Planning Files were presented by Mr. N. O’Byrne, Senior Planner

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| **FILE DISCUSSED:** SD17A/0188**LOCATION:** Clonlara Avenue, Baldonnell Business Park, Baldonnell,  Dublin 22**COMMENTS:** Councillor E. Higgins commented on this application.  |

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| **FILE DISCUSSED:** SD17A/0404**LOCATION:** Unit 42, Liffey Valley Shopping Centre, Fonthill Road,  Clondalkin, Dublin 22.**COMMENTS:** Councillors M. Ward and F. Timmons commented on this  application.  |

The report was **NOTED.**

### **C/047/18 – (H13) Item ID: 56217 – New Works**

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

### **C/048/18 – (C9) Item ID: 56218 - Correspondence**

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

### **C/049/18 – (M19) Item ID: 56352 – Mount St. Joseph Cemetery**

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

"This committee agrees that the raising of the boundary wall at Mount St Joseph Cemetery should be considered for a grant under the Built Heritage Scheme."

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

“Works to heighten the wall at St. Josephs (Mount St. Joseph’s Graveyard, RPS Ref. 427) would result in a material change, would not be appropriate, would not be conservation and repair works and therefore would not meet the criteria for qualify works under the BHIS.”

Following contributions from Councillors B. Bonner and F. Timmons, Mr. N. O’Byrne, Senior Planner responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

## **Economic Development**

### **C/050/18 – (H14) Item ID: 56219 – New Works**

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

### **C/051/18 – (C10) Item ID: 56220 - Correspondence**

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

### **C/052/18 – (M20) Item ID: 56331 – Letter to OPW – Sign on Tower Road**

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

"In regards to Tower Road, has there been a response from the OPW to have the existing sign replaced/removed? [Last Motion 13 20th Sept] I have raised the issue several times Could SDCC write again to OPW  - almost 3 months since OPW were written to & over 2 years since SDCC were notified of this issue?"

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

“A letter was issued to the Office of Public Works on 29th September, 2017 and an acknowledgement dated 3rd October, 2017 was received. No further correspondence has been received. A reminder has now issued.”

[1st Letter](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=58031)
[2nd Letter](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=58049)

Following a contribution from Councillor F. Timmons, the motion was **PASSED.**

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **C/053/18 – (Q10) Item ID: 56340 – North Clondalkin Library**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"To ask for an update on North Clondalkin Library when it will start and details of planning for same, what is being done to address parking concerns and will a playspace be provided for same?"

**REPLY:**

"The tender for the North Clondalkin Library project is scheduled to issue in February 2018 with construction likely to commence in March. The construction period should be approximately 15 months. Public consultation advised against the provision of car parking on adjoining streets and the inclusion of two speed ramps. Car parking on Collinstown Avenue is under review. A playspace for small children is included in a realigned garden attached to the children’s' space in the library. Public consultation  recommended against the inclusion of a public playground in the existing open space to avoid anti-social behaviour".

### **C/054/18 – (H15) Item ID: 56221 – Library News & Events**

The following report was presented by Ms. M. Bentley, Senior Executive Librarian.

[H-I (15) Library News & Events](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=58009)

### The report was **NOTED.**

### **C/055/18 – (H16) Item ID: 56222 – Application for Arts Grants**

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

### **C/056/18 – (H17) Item ID: 56223 – New Works**

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

### **C/057/18 – (C11) Item ID: 56224 - Correspondence**

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

The meeting concluded at 5.30pm

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