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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 Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management, Water & Drainage, Public Realm, Environment, Housing, Community, Transportation and Planning held on Tuesday 8th May 2018

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| **Present** |
| **Councillors** |
| P. Foley |
| P. Kearns |
| D. Looney |
| C. McMahon |
| E. Murphy |
| D. O’Donovan |
| R. Russell |

Cathaoirleach Councillor Dermot Looney presided.

## Apologies were received from Councillor Paula Donovan

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Senior Planner B. Keaney

## Senior Engineer L. Magee

County Librarian B. Fennell

## Administrative Officer S. Kelly

Staff Officer B. Reilly

Clerical Officer B. Keenan

**RTT/200/18 H1 Item ID: 58050- Confirmation and re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 10th April 2018**

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Rathfarnham/Templeogue - Terenure Area Committee, dealing with Planning, Transportation, Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Performance & Change Management, Corporate Support, Public Realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community and Housing held on 10th April 2018, 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 E. Murphy and RESOLVED: “That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the 10th April 2018 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**

[H1 - Minutes](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=59807)

**RTT/201/18 - 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 - 9 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**Economic Development**

**RTT/202/18 - H2 Item ID: 58051 - New Works** (No Business)

**RTT/203/18 - C1 Item ID: 58052 - Correspondence** (No Business)

**Libraries & Arts**

### **RTT/204/18 - H3 Item ID: 58055 - Library News & Events**

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

[H3 - Library News & Events](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=59781)

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

### **RTT/205/18 - H4 Item ID: 58056 - Application for Arts Grants**

(No Business)

**RTT/206/18 - H5 Item ID: 58053 - New Works** (No Business)

**RTT/207/18 - C2 Item ID: 58054 - Correspondence** (No Business)

**Corporate Support**

**RTT/208/18 - H6 Item ID: 58057 - New Works** (No Business)

**RTT/209/18 - C3 Item ID: 58058 - Correspondence** (No Business)

### **RTT/210/18 - M1 Item ID: 57867- Opening Hours St. Enda's Park, Rathfarnham**

Proposed by Councillor S. Holland

"That this Area Committee write to the OPW and ask them to recommend that the Pearse Museum Management reinstate the former park opening hours - the gates are not now open until 9am which discommodes early joggers and dog walkers as well as all the schoolchildren who make their way to school through the park in the mornings."

[St Enda's opening hours](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=59586)

In the absence of Councillor S. Holland, this item **FELL**

**Performance & Change Management**

**RTT/211/18 - H7 Item ID: 58059 - New Works** (No Business)

**RTT/212/18 - C4 Item ID: 58060 - Correspondence** (No Business)

**Water & Drainage**

**RTT/213/18 - H8 Item ID: 58061 - New Works** (No Business)

**RTT/214 /18 - C5 Item ID: 58062 - Correspondence** (No Business)

**Public Realm**

### **RTT/215/18 - Q1 Item ID: 58030 - Greenhills Park pathway**

Proposed by Councillor P. Foley

"A provision was made in the 2017 Public Realm Improvement Works budget to construct a new footpath along the northern perimeter of Greenhills Park.  To ask could the Chief Executive give an update on this matter?"

**REPLY:**

"A design layout for the scheme has been completed and it is planned to issue a map showing this to the elected members of the RTT Area Committee in the near future.  The proposed new pathway will also be discussed with the club using the pitches nearby.  Once these matters have been attended to it is intended to proceed with construction, and it is hoped that this will commence in June."

### **RTT/216/18 - Q2 Item ID: 57767 - Firhouse Village**

Proposed by Councillor P. Foley

"To ask the Chief Executive what the maintenance schedule is for the green space beside Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Firhouse?  I would suggest that the area needs more regular maintenance because it is consistently comes up as an issue in member’s representations."

**REPLY:**

"All roads around Firhouse Village, including adjacent green spaces, are cleaned by the Council's road sweeping contractor on a monthly basis.  During the grass cutting season which commences in March/April the Council's Public Realm Section clean the grass areas in question ahead of grass cutting taking place and this is done on a fortnightly basis.  The maintenance of planted areas is carried out as required and typically this is twice per year.  The maintenance arrangements in place in Firhouse will be examined to determine if improvements to the schedule of work are required."

### **RTT/217/18 - Q3 Item ID: 58118 - Muckross Green**

Proposed by Councillor D. Looney

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the complaints made regarding Muckross Green, including damage to the green, a skip blocking the right of way of a laneway, dumping/littering and the opening of access to a cul de sac from the Shelton side, and to make a statement on these matters?"

**REPLY:**

"The issue of the opening of an access from a development onto a laneway at Muckross/Shelton was examined by the Council's Planning section in April.  The development of the access was deemed by Planning to be exempted development and therefore not a matter for the Planning Authority to pursue.  A response was issued in this regard to the complainant in the matter.

The location has been inspected recently in relation to the skip which had been reported blocking a laneway and it was found that the skip has now been removed.  The green space at Muckross Green was also examined and no damage could be found.  The issue of illegal dumping in the area has been referred to the Council's litter enforcement section for examination."

### **RTT/218/18 - Q4 Item ID: 58121 - Greenhills Park**

Proposed by Councillor D. Looney

"That this Committee requests a clean up of the entrances, perimeter and pathways around Greenhills Park, and asks the Chief Executive for an update on path upgrades and maintenance work?"

**REPLY:**

"A design layout for the new pathway for Greenhills Park has been completed and it is planned to issue a map showing this to the elected members of the RTT area committee in the near future.  The proposed new pathway will also be discussed with the club using the pitches nearby.  Once these matters have been attended to it is intended to proceed with construction, and it is hoped that this will commence in June.

Arrangements will be made to clean the entrances and boundary areas of the park as requested."

### **RTT/219/18 - Q5 Item ID: 57983 - Firhouse Schools**

Proposed by Councillor E. Murphy

"Can the Council please outline when the planting of the hedges, trees and shrubs around the area of the new schools in Firhouse is due to commence?"

**REPLY:**

"The completion of planting around the new schools at Firhouse is the responsibility of the developer there.  This matter has been referred to the Council's Economic Development Dept for their attention and for liaising with the developer on the matter."

### **RTT/220/18 - Q6 Item ID: 57785 - Firhouse Village**

Proposed by Councillor Rob Russell

"To ask the Chief Executive how regularly Firhouse Village Park is tended to in terms of litter picking and general upkeep?"

**REPLY:**

"All roads around Firhouse Village, including adjacent green spaces, are cleaned by the Council's road sweeping contractor on a monthly basis.  During the grass cutting season which commences in March/April the Council's Public Realm Section clean the grass areas in question ahead of grass cutting taking place and this is done on a fortnightly basis.  The maintenance of planted areas is carried out as required and typically this is twice per year.  The maintenance arrangements in place in Firhouse will be examined to determine if improvements to the schedule of work are required."

**RTT/221/18 - H9 Item ID: 58063 - New Works** (No Business)

**RTT/222/18 - C6 Item ID: 58064 - Correspondence** (No Business)

### **RTT/223/18 - M2 Item ID: 58117 - Tymon Park dog run**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

"That this Committee requests an update on the proposed works to the dog run in Tymon Park."

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

"A commitment was given in response to a question on the January 2018 agenda of this area committee that drainage works would be carried out to address the ponding of water at the entrance to the dog run, and that there is a need to relocate the entrance to the dog run to the highest point of the site and away from its current location where ponding of water occurs.  It was agreed that works to address these issues would be carried out early in 2018.  A new entrance to the dog run has now been constructed and this now provides an alternative to entering the run through the area which is wet and soft.  It has not been possible as yet to carry out the drainage works due to the extremely wet winter and the fact that the ground has remained saturated as a result.  It is hoped that these drainage works will commence before the end of May."

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

### **RTT/224/18 - M3 Item ID: 57710 - Marley Park Concerts**

Proposed by Councillor S. Holland

"That the Chief Executive agree in advance a cleaning schedule, working alongside DLR County Council, to cover Taylors Lane and Ballyboden Road and Way as well as other areas covered during and following this years Marlay Park concerts."

In the absence of Councillor S. Holland, this item **FELL**

### **RTT/225/18 - M4 Item ID: 57968 - Parks ByeLaws & Dog Foul Signs**

Proposed by Councillor P. Kearns

"That the Chief Executive ensures that the **Dogs on Leashes Bye Laws** within Tymon Park are adhered to and that **No Dog Fouling Signs** are placed in area of high visibility at all entrances into the park."

In the absence of Councillor P. Kearns, this item **FELL**

### **RTT/226/18 - M5 Item ID: 57709 - Gardening classes, Social Enterprise**

Proposed by Councillor S. Holland

"Former Cllr Enda Fanning submitted a motion last year detailing a social enterprise in Marlay Park whereby gardening classes are given and funds raised from these are used to provide gardening training to people with additional needs who benefit greatly from the social interaction and outdoor pursuits. It was agreed to look into developing or supporting a similar scheme in our parks - the members would like an update on this."

In the absence of Councillor S. Holland, this item **FELL**

### **RTT/227/18 - M6 Item ID: 57966 - Tymon Park bridges**

Proposed by Councillor P. Kearns

"That the Chief Executive carry out a Health and Safety Inspection on all the bridges in Tymon Park and that he prioritises the bridge at Osprey, beside the big lake. I have previously requested that the surface be covered in a non- slip material and that some form of a barrier /netting is placed at the bottom of the rails on either side in order to prevent young children from falling through."

In the absence of Councillor P. Kearns, this item **FELL**

**Environment**

### **RTT/228/18 - Q7 Item ID: 57969 - Control of Dogs**

Proposed by Councillor P. Kearns

"To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that dogs that should be wearing muzzles are doing so particularly in our county parks?"

**REPLY:**

"The primary legislation pertaining to dogs is the [Control of Dogs Act 1986](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1986/act/32/section/9/enacted/en/html#sec9). It is a legal requirement under the Control of Dogs Act 1986 that a dog must be under effectual control at all times when outside of the premises of the owner/person in charge of the dog.

The [Control of Dogs Regulations 1998](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1998/si/442/made/en/print) set out specific rules for certain breeds of dogs. In this regard, the following breed of dogs must be muzzled at all times when out in public:

American Pit Bull Terrier, Bull Mastiff, Doberman Pinscher, English Bull Terrier, German Shepherd, Japanese Akita, Japanese Tosa, Rhodesian Ridgeback, Rottweiler, Staffordshire Bull Terrier and any cross breed of the aforementioned.

These regulations also provide that any of the aforementioned breeds must be led by a person over the age of 16 and kept on a strong short chain or lead not longer than 2 metres in length and wear a collar bearing the name and address of their owner at all times.

It is not a legal requirement to muzzle any other breed of dog.

Any person who is found to be in charge of a dog that is not under effectual control is liable for a fine in the sum of €100. Failure to pay the fine can result in prosecution with a maximum fine of €2500 and /or up to 3 month imprisonment if convicted.

Section 4.1 of the South Dublin County Council's Parks and Open Spaces Bye Laws provide as follows in relation to Dogs**:**

**4.1       Dogs:-**

**4.1.1    No person:**

**a) Shall take into or allow to remain in a Park any dog unless it is under effective control on a leash other than in areas designated (dog runs) or at times specified by the County Council.**

**b) In charge of a dog in a Park shall engage it in coursing or permit it to be engaged in coursing in a Park.**

**4.1.2** Persons in charge of a dog in a park shall

**a)** Take reasonable care to prevent it from causing annoyance to any person using the Park or worrying, chasing, injuring or disturbing any animals, birds or other creatures in the Park.

**b)** Be liable for any damage or injury which may be caused by the dog.

**c)** Remove it from the Park if so directed by an Employee of the Council or an Authorised Person.

The Council operates under an approved Work Force Plan staff compliment, and currently there is an approved number of Park Rangers (14).

Because of the large size of many of our parks and open spaces it is not always possible for personnel to be at that particular location as an incident arises. To ensure that our parks and open spaces (as provided as public amenities) are used by members of the public to the maximum extent in safety and comfort, we are committed to activation of a promotion campaign to provisions of the Bye Laws in relation to dogs."

**RTT/229/18 - H10 Item ID: 58065 - New Works** (No Business)

**RTT/230/18 - C7 Item ID: 58066 - Correspondence** (No Business)

**Housing**

### **RTT/231/18 - Q8 Item ID: 58119 - Social Housing in RTT area**

Proposed by Councillor D. Looney

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the social housing plans and works underway in the area under the remit of this Committee, and to make a statement on the matter?"

**REPLY:**

Under the current housing construction programme there are two projects on site at Ballyboden, Rathfarnham and Killininny, Co. Dublin to deliver a total of 64 housing units between Q3 2018 and Q1 2019.

On the next tranche of social housing construction projects there are three projects within this local electoral area proposed to deliver housing units out to 2021. The first project at Homeville, Knocklyon commenced the Part 8 public consultation process on the 26th of April 2018 which will continue until the 25th of June 2018. The proposed development at Knocklyon, Ballycullen is currently with the Office of Government Procurement which is the government framework to appoint a design team. It is proposed to schedule this scheme in early 2019 for Part 8 public consultation. Lastly the proposed development at Stocking Lane, Rathfarham is being considered for suitable design and it is proposed to publish the Part 8 in quarter 4 2018.

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| Provider | Electoral District | Schemes | No. of Units | Status |
| SDCC | Rathfarnham/Templeogue/Terenure | Killininny, Co Dublin | 24 | On site January 2018 |
| SDCC | Rathfarnham/Templeogue/Terenure | Ballyboden, Rathfarnham | 40 | On Site October 2017 |
| SDCC | Rathfarnham/Templeogue/Terenure | Homeville | 16 | Part 8 Published 26th April 2018 |
| SDCC | Rathfarnham/Templeogue/Terenure | Knocklyon, Ballycullen | 40 | With OGP for design team |
| SDCC | Rathfarnham/Templeogue/Terenure | Stocking Lane | 40 | Suitable scheme being designed |

**RTT/232/18 - H11 Item ID: 58067 - New Works** (No Business)

**RTT/233/18 - C8 Item ID: 58068 - Correspondence** (No Business)

**Community**

**RTT/234/18 - H12 Item ID: 58079 - Deputation** (No Business)

**RTT/235/18 - H13 Item ID: 58069 - New Works** (No Business)

**RTT/236/18 - C9 Item ID: 58070 - Correspondence** (No Business)

**Transportation**

### **RTT/237/18 - Q9 Item ID: 58029 - NTA Correspondence**

Proposed by Councillor P. Foley

"My understanding is that a number of invitations have been sent to the National Transport Authority to make a presentation to this Area Committee.  To ask the Chief Executive is this information correct?  If so, how many invitations were sent and what answers were received from the NTA?"

**REPLY:**

"Correspondence was issued to the NTA on the following dates from the RTT ACM:-

15/02/16, 06/04/17, 28/04/17, 28/11/17, 07/12/17, 18/04/18(including reminders of previous).

One response received 07/12/2017 confirming that the matter would be referred to the Director for response."

**RTT/238/18 - H14 Item ID: 58074 - Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads** (No Business)

**RTT/239/18 - H15 Item ID: 58071 - New Works** (No Business)

**RTT/240/18 - C10 Item ID: 58073 - Correspondence** (No Business)

### **RTT/241/18 - M7 Item ID: 58028 - Wellington Lane Roundabout**

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

"That the Chief Executive arrange for a report to be presented to this Area Committee on the Wellington Lane Roundabout.  People are understandably annoyed.  When will the works be completed and what is the plan for maintenance going forward? That this Council maintains the roundabout to the highest standard."

**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 2017 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 in November and the hard and soft landscaping subsequently continued.

Extensive planting of this large roundabout which is almost 3,000 square metres in size, includes specimen trees, almost 2,000 shrubs and grasses, almost 14,000 ground cover plants and 35,000 bulbs.

The specimen tree, grass and shrub planting was complete in December.

Planting of the ground cover Ivy plants and Daffodil bulbs commenced in January and had to be postponed due to the very poor weather and ground conditions on site.

The period of poor weather conditions, including snowfall and Storm Emma, continued until April this year. The Met Eireann, Weather Summary for January 2018 states that ‘*All rainfall totals were above their Long-Term Average (LTA) for the month’*. The Met Eireann, Farming Weather Analysis, dated Thursday 12th April states ‘ *rainfall totals for the past seven days have been well above normal’* and that ‘*not only has it been a wet Spring but it's also been cold, the mean temperatures for the month of March were between 1.7 and 2.7 degrees below average.* In addition ‘most soils are currently saturated’.

The prolonged period of very poor weather finally gave way to milder, dryer more spring like conditions at the end of April. Planting and landscaping works then resumed at the end of April when weather and ground conditions on site were suitable. Works are continuing on site and are due for completion this month.

Once the works are complete 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 P. Foley, C. McMahon and D. Looney, Mr. L. Magee, Senior Engineer responded to the queries raised and the report was **NOTED**

**Planning**

**RTT/242/18 - C11 Item ID: 58072 - New Works** (No Business)

**RTT/243/18 - H16 Item ID: 58075 - Correspondence** (No Business)

### **RTT/244/18 - M8 Item ID: 58120 - Ballymount Local Area Plan**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

"That this Committee notes that under CS6 SLO1 of the current County Development Plan, a Ballymount Local Area Plan is to be prepared and the process concluded by the end of 2018; this Committee notes with frustration that despite our requests for updates and for the process to begin over the past three years, that the statutory process has not even begun; this Committee notes that staffing issues may cause delays, but that no part of the County should be left behind in proper planning and development; and that this Committee calls for this process to begin immediately."

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

"It is part of the Planning Department Work Programme to review of the Ballymount Local Area Plan. It is anticipated that work will commence on the preparation of the Ballymount Local Area Plan in Q3 of 2018."

Following contributions from Councillors D. Looney, P. Foley and P. Kearns, Mr. B. Keaney, Senior Planner responded to the queries raised and the report was **NOTED**

The meeting concluded at 3.37pm

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