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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Tallaght Area Committee Meeting held on 21 May 2018

**COUNCILLORS**

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

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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| **Head of Local Enterprise** | C. Ward |
| **Senior Executive Librarian** | R. Hand |
| **Senior Executive Officer** | C. Benson, H. Hogan, M. Staunton |
| **Administrative Officer** | E. Leech, C. Purdy |
| **Senior Engineer** | L. Magee, T. O’Grady |
| **Staff Officer** | E. Leonard |
| **Clerical Officer** | Margaret Dagg |

The Chair, Councillor L. Dunne, presided.

Apologies were received from Councillor M. Murphy.

### **T/238/18 H1/0518 Item ID:58273**

### CONFIRMATION AND RE-AFFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of Tallaght Area Committee Meeting held on 23rd April 2018 which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor D. Richardson, seconded by Councillor C. King and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Tallaght Area Committee Meeting held on 23rd April 2018 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**."

[H-I (1)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=59957)

## **QUESTIONS**

## It was proposed by Councillor D. Richardson, seconded by Councillor B. Ferron and RESOLVED:

## "That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Question Nos. 1 to 16 be ADOPTED and APPROVED.”

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **T/239/18 H2/0518 Item ID:58281**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/240/18 C1/0518 Item ID:58293**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Corporate Support**

### **T/241/18 Q1/0518 Item ID:58310**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the CEO will he contact Richard Bruton TD, Minister for Education and Skills asking for confirmation of the schedule now to be followed in respect of the recently announced 2nd level School at Citywest?"

**REPLY:**

"If the question is passed, a letter will issue to the Minister.  Should a reply be received, it will be circulated to the Members."

### **T/242/18 Q2/0518 Item ID:58311**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the CEO to contact Eoghan Murphy TD, Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, asking him to confirm what supports he is offering our Council in respect of the clear need to provide affordable housing in Tallaght?"

**REPLY:**

"If the question is passed, a letter will issue to the Minister.  Should a reply be received, it will be circulated to the Members."

### **T/243/18 H3/0518 Item ID:58276**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/244/18 C2/0518 Item ID:58288**

Correspondence

[Referendum Comm](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=59977)  
[Renal Unit](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=59929)  
[St. Patrick's Day](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=59962)

## **Environment**

### **T/245/18 Q3/0518 Item ID:58331**

Proposed by Councillor D. Richardson

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the amount of illegal signs removed and fines sent out to businesses and other offenders?"

**REPLY:**

"[Section 19 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1997/act/12/section/19/enacted/en/html), as amended prohibits the placing of articles and advertisements on, and the defacement of certain structures.  Such structures relate to land, door, gate, window, tree, pole, or post which is visible from a public place.

Way-Finding signs of a temporary nature e.g. signs advertising a particular event require the approval of the Council’s Environment Department under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997-2003.

To date (30/4/2018) a total of 25 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued in respect of illegal signage under Section 19 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended.

In 2017 a total of 100 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued in respect of illegal signage under Section 19 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended.

Under [Section 71 of the Roads Act 1993](https://www.google.com/search?q=Section+71+of+the+Roads+Act+1993&amp;sourceid=ie7&amp;rls=com.microsoft:en-IE:IE-Address&amp;ie=&amp;oe=) (as amended) any person who without lawful authority or the consent of a Roads Authority erects, places or retains on a public road any structure or thing used for the purpose of advertising, the sale of goods, the provision of services or other similar purpose shall be guilty of an offence.

A Local Authority has power to remove an unauthorised structure from the public road under Section 71 of the Roads Act 1993 and there are penalties for the removal of such signage.

Also under [Section 254(9) of the Planning & Development Act 2000](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2000/act/30/section/254/enacted/en/html) (as amended), it is an offence to erect, construct, place or maintain an appliance, apparatus or structure on, under, over or along any public road without having a licence to do so.

If any way-finding structure has not been authorised by the Local Authority, it is an unauthorised structure.

The Roads Department are currently carrying out an analysis of all illegally installed signage and writing to the owners in this regard informing them of their obligations under the Planning and Development Act  (Section 254) as amended and Planning and Development Regulations 2000 (S.I. No. 600) as amended."

### **T/246/18 H4/0518 Item ID:58278**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/247/18 C3/0518 Item ID:58286**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **T/248/18 M1/0518 Item ID:58318**

It was proposed by Councillor L. Dunne and seconded by Councillor M. Genockey

"That this Area Committee calls on the Chief Executive to install a bin outside the gates of St Aidan's Community School and to liaise with the principle for the purpose of supporting her & the staff's continued work with the students about the impacts of the environment and on the community when they are involved in littering."

**REPORT:**

"The Green Schools programme is very successful with 134 schools in the County involved.

Litter and waste is the first theme in the Green schools programme and all schools can avail of talks, workshops and information in relation to Litter. This flag theme highlights the ongoing effects of litter in the community. Schools carry out waste audits and litter picks and Green Flag schools create anti-litter awareness campaigns as part of this first flag. This in general results in a reduction of waste and litter in the environment. St Aidan’s Community School have achieved their Litter, Energy and Water Flag and are currently working on achieving their 4th Flag for travel.

Many communications are disseminated to all schools throughout the year addressing litter issues, for example :

* Green times School newsletters - circulated twice yearly
* Litter & Waste work-shops
* Anti-litter poster competition.
* Christmas recycling competition
* Halloween workshops to encourage recycling
* ReUse month events including workshops for schools
* European Week for Waste Prevention
* Tackle Litter Video shown in schools.

Schools are also informed of projects in the wider community.

* National anti- Gum litter campaigns.
* Anti Litter /Graffiti grant
* LA21 grants
* Social credits system

In addition National Spring Clean is an annual event and takes place in April each year - schools are encouraged to participate. Eco-week organised by the Council each year has many events including those on the of litter and waste topic - many of the events target schools." Contact will be made with the school in relation to the provision of supports.

The Litter Management Plan 2015-2019 sets out the Council's Litter Bin Provision and Replacement Protocol and locations where requests for bins should receive priority include main routes to schools.  The location will be examined having regard to the criteria set out in the LMP including whether there is an existing bin nearly ie within 400m.

This location will be examined in order to select a suitable location for the installation of a litter bin as requested.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor M. Genockey. L. Magee, Senior Engineer responded to the members queries.

The motion was **AGREED**.

### **T/249/18 M2/0518 Item ID:58043**

It was proposed by Councillor K. Mahon and seconded by Councillor L. Dunne

"That this Area Committee ask the Chief Executive to proceed with the removal of the bottle bank from Avonmore Road in Tallaght.  The A.C acknowledges and thanks the Council for their commitment to continue the regular clean ups of the surrounding public realm."

**REPORT:**

A commitment was given previously to remove the bottle banks from their present location on Avonbeg Road and it had been agreed that they could remain in place while an alternative location was sought.  A site along Avonmore Road close to the entrance road to the Bolbrook Enterprise Centre was identified as a possible alternative site in this regard.  Consultation with residents whose properties lie within 50 metres of the proposed location has now been carried out.  Of the 9 properties consulted submissions were made by 3 of them, and all of these submissions were regrettably in objection to the proposal.  One of the submissions contained a petition signed by 25 other residents all of whom were also in opposition to the proposal.  A number of representations have also been received on behalf of those objecting.  It has regrettably now been decided that the proposed alternative site will not proceed and that the existing site at Avonbeg Road will be removed.  Instructions have now been issued to the service provider to empty and remove the glass containers at this site as soon as possible.

Efforts will continue to seek an alternative bring bank site in this general area.  The bring banks at Avonbeg Road account for approximately 100 tonnes of recycled glass each year and the loss of this site will have a major impact on the achievement of improved recycling rates in the County as has been targeted in the Waste Management Plan for the region.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors K. Mahon and B. Ferron.

L. Magee, Senior Engineer responded to the members queries.

The motion was **AGREED**.

## **Water & Drainage**

### **T/250/18 H5/0518 Item ID:58285**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/251/18 C4/0518 Item ID:58297**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Public Realm**

### **T/252/18 Q4/0518 Item ID:57997**

Proposed by Councillor M. Duff

Following on from a meeting held in County Hall between the Committee of St Mark's GAA Club and staff from the Environment, Water and Climate Dept and attended by Cllr O'Connor and myself, to ask the Chief Executive to make a report regarding the proposed plans for the pitch drainage and other issues that were raised at that meeting?

**REPLY:**

"Preparatory works as well as design and tendering for the drainage works to the St Mark's GAA pitch at Butler McGee Park have taken place in the early part of this year.  It is expected that works will commence on site over the summer months once the tendering process has been completed.

The first phase or fencing works, at Drumcairn Parade, was completed in 2017 however this was vandalised in places and required substantial repairs and strengthening works which have now also been completed.  Modifications which were requested by the club and local residents have been incorporated into this including changes to access points to the park.  The Council is awaiting confirmation from the fencing contractor of a start date for the second phase of the fencing which is from Drumcairn Avenue to meet the existing wall and railing at the Outer Ring Road/Fettercairn Road.  This will complete the proposed fencing works to the park.

All damaged areas on pitches in Butler McGee Park were repaired by the Council's contractor late in 2017/early in 2018 and this included any repairs necessary to goal mouths and around goal posts.  The pitches will be examined once again to determine if further repairs are required.  If so the contract remains in place and can be utliised for this again."

### **T/253/18 Q5/0518 Item ID:58324**

Proposed by Councillor L. Dunne

"To ask the Chief Executive who is responsible for cutting the grass on the greenfield in Corbally, West Brook, Citywest?  To also ask, if the Council is responsible, to provide a schedule for grass cutting in this area."

**REPLY:**

"The green area in question at Corbally Estate has not been taken in charge by the Council and therefore the Council's Public Realm Section does not cut the grass there.  This is the responsibility of the residents of the estate or a residents committee if one has been formed there."

### **T/254/18 Q6/0518 Item ID:58020**

Proposed by Councillor B. Leech

To ask the Chief Executive that due to the serious amount of litter that is discarded in Jobstown Park after activities such as Football matches can two litter bins be installed?

**REPLY:**

"The Litter Management Plan 2015-2019 sets out the Council's Litter Bin Provision and Replacement Protocol, and parks less than 16 hectares in size, are not generally considered suitable for litter bins, unless some demonstrated need exists that cannot be met by bin placement on street.

Following the April 2018 Tallaght ACM sentiments raised by the members in relation to litter was noted.  Pitches are currently being monitored post matches and the level of litter created as a direct consequence of playing activity there is being established to determine if bins will be required.

In recent reports received it appears that problems with Jobstown Park are not with litter from matches but rather with dumping and drinking by youths / teenagers congregating near goalmouths".

### **T/255/18 Q7/0518 Item ID:58313**

Proposed by Councillor C. McCann

"To ask the Chief Executive that with reference to motion 56463 on 9/11/18, when will bollards be replaced at the greenspace where works were carried out?  The residents of Landale Lawns are extremely happy with the new footpath, however there are still some bollards missing at the greenspace in question.

**REPLY:**

"Arrangements will be made to complete the installation of bollards at Lanndale Lawns within the coming week."

### **T/256/18 Q8/0518 Item ID:58312**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the CEO to present an update on the N81 Improvement Scheme and in responding will he outline plans to provide appropriate signage highlighting the merits of Tallaght and will he make a statement?"

**REPLY:**

"A report on the Part 8 public consultation process for the N81 Landscape Improvement Scheme was presented to the meeting of South Dublin County Council on March 13, 2017.  The project is spilt into a number of phases:

* Phase 1 is the section from M50 eastwards to Whitestown Way.
* Phase 2 commences at Whitestown Way and runs westwards
* Phase 3 is from the Templeogue area to M50.

In the detailed design and construction stage; each phase will be broken into a number of smaller phases for operational and traffic management purposes.

The detailed design and tender for construction is currently in preparation for Phase 1 of the N81 Landscape Improvement Scheme scheme. Phase 1 extends from the M50 interchange to the junction with Whitestown Way and Cookstown Way; any items contained within the Part 8 for further consideration are being included within the design process by the consultants. N81 site investigations are just being completed and will further inform the design process. Some further liaison with Transport Infrastructure Ireland is also required; which will also to be taken into consideration.

The Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development Directorate are currently working with Fáilte Ireland and the other Dublin Authorities on a tourist orientation project, including signage. They report that it is expected that the consultants will complete their report shortly and this will provide guidance on the implementation of the Village Signage Programme throughout the County. The Public Realm section will liaise with the Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development Directorate to ensure the plans for the N81 comply with any guidance they develop in relation to signage and will faciltiate the roll out of the Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development Directorate's proposed heritage signage scheme."

### **T/257/18 H6/0518 Item ID:58300**

**Springbank Access Gate**

The Chair, with the agreement of the Members, deferred this item to the June Meeting.

### **T/258/18 H7/0518 Item ID:58283**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/259/18 C5/0518 Item ID:58295**

Correspondence(No Business)

### **T/260/18 M3/0518 Item ID:58319**

It was proposed by Councillor L. Dunne and seconded by Councillor C. King

"That this Area Committee calls on the Chief Executive to immediately remove the boulder that was damaged by a robbed car at the Bridge at the stream in Jobstown and to look at alternative measures to stop robbed cars from accessing the area."

**REPORT:**

"The location in question here at Jobstown has been examined and a number of similar locations have also been identified where boulders are currently being used to control access in the area.  It is essential that such control measures remain in place however.  An alternative solution to the use of boulders will be identified and implemented in the area.  It may be possible to replace the existing boulders with large precast concrete bollards. This proposal is currently being considered as an alternative to the existing boulders."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors L. Dunne and C. King.

L. Magee, Senior Engineer responded to the members queries.

The motion was **AGREED**.

### **T/261/18 M4/0518 Item ID:58321**

It was proposed by Councillor L. Dunne and seconded by Councillor D. Richardson

"After previous commitments from the Management on numerous occasions that the Jobstown playground would be opened and locked every day and after the recent fires being lit on the grounds of the playground, that this Area Committee calls on the Chief Executive to give a renewed commitment that the playground will be locked every evening."

**REPORT:**

"Following recent vandalism to playground equipment and safety surfacing the Jobstown playground has been temporarily closed and will remain closed until repairs have been completed and the playground has been made safe once again.

Arrangements for opening and closing of Jobstown playground were previously in place a number of years ago, but unfortuately these have been discontinued.  These arrangements involved community centre staff taking charge of opening and closing of the playground gates.  The staff involved in this were not prepared to continue to perform this task due to ongoing anti-social behaviour at the time.  The Council's Community Dept have been contacted about this matter however they have responded that it will not be possible to reinstate the arrangements with community centre staff.  Regrettably the Council's Public Realm Section is not in a position to close the playground in the evenings as it would involve assigning staff on overtime to do this outside of normal work hours."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors L. Dunne and C. King.

L. Magee, Senior Engineer responded to the members queries.

The motion was **AGREED**.

### **T/262/18 M5/0518 Item ID:57965**

It was proposed by Councillor K. Mahon and seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor

“That this Tallaght Area Committee requests that the CEO conduct a survey on the perimeter of Killinarden Park and report back to the committee as to how vehicular access can best be restricted to protect the recreational value of the park.”

**REPORT:**

"As reported previously the boundary treatment at Killinarden Park varies from one location to another.  Some areas have only a low stub wall in place and appear to be vulnerable however do not suffer from vandalism and anti-social behaviour.  Other areas have a railing erected on top of a stub wall and should be well protected however some of these locations are targeted repeatedly for access to the park.  It may be the case that when some of the current problematic areas are resolved that other areas will then be targeted.  The perimeter of Killinarden Park has been surveyed recently and over 600 metres of boundary has been identified as being in need of additional measures.  It will not be possible to address all these locations at the one time, the proposed works will require to be phased over a peiriod of time. The following areas have been noted to be in need of attention -

1. Donomore Avenue - Approx 140 metres of low stub wall. This requires a 1.2m high railing erected on top of it.
2. Donomore Park - 2 missing fence panels, arrangements are being made to have these replaced.
3. Donomore Park - Approx 75 metres of low stub wall.  this requires a 1.2m high railing to be erected on top of the wall.
4. Knockmore park - approx 30 metres of low wall with studs on top.  A 1.2m high railing is required to be fitted on top of the stud wall.
5. Knockmore Drive and Crescent - approx 230 metres of low stab wall.  The wall needs to be raised to a height of 1.2m with a 1.2m high railing erected on top (similar to work done in the past at Knockmore Avenue).
6. Killinarden Estate - a total of 3 locations have been identified where a 1.2m high railing needs to be erected on top of the existing stub wall, approx 180m length in total.

In response to requests from elected members it is proposed that item 5 on the list above will be attended to as a priority at an estimated cost of €110,000.  Item 2 on the list will also be dealt with as soon as possible, the cost related to this item is not significant. The combined cost of the remaining items 1, 3, 4 & 6 is estimated to be approximately €95,000.  These works will be examined in conjunction with other park locations requiring boundary treatment to determine the full extent and likely cost of boundary treatment works required around the County.  Once all this information is available and has been examined decisions can then be made as to how to proceed."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors K. Mahon and C. King.

L. Magee, Senior Engineer responded to the members queries.

The motion was **AGREED**.

### **T/263/18 M6/0518 Item ID:58304**

It was proposed by Councillor C. McCann and seconded by Councillor B. Ferron

"That this Area Committee look at the possibility of raising the wall and access gate in Bancroft Close.  This area is a hotspot for quad bikes and scramblers and the machines are being lifted over the gate and wall.  Bancroft has a high number of elderly residents and they are concerned there will be a serious accident if these works are not carried out."

**REPORT:**

"The entrance to Bancroft Park at Bancroft Close/Castle Park has been examined.  The short length of park boundary at this location is made up of a low stone wall with a low railing erected on top.  Arrangements will be made to remove the existing railing and replace it with a 1.2m high railing which should resolve this issue.  The 'kissing gate' entrance will also be replaced with an alternative type entrance which will be capable of restricting access for motorbikes and quads."

The Motion was moved without debate.

### **T/264/18 M7/0518 Item ID:58314**

It was proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor and seconded by Councillor L. Dunne

"That this Tallaght Area Committee calls on the CEO to prioritise actions for appropriate works in Sean Walsh Park to facilitate an application for a Green Flag; will he appreciate the importance of this issue to the community and note the ongoing strong support of Tallaght Councillors and will he also outline the schedule being followed in respect of establishing Sean Walsh Park as a candidate park for a 2018 Green Flag."

**REPORT:**

"The Council is making an application to enter Sean Walsh Park in the 2018 Green Flag Award.

A Green Flag applicant is assessed under the following 8 criteria:

* A welcoming Place
* Health, Safe and Secure
* Well maintained and Clean
* Environmental Management
* Biodiversity, Landscape and Heritage
* Community Invovlement
* Marketing and Communication
* Management

 The process encourages a planned approach to management and maintenance of the area, identification of park users, knowledge of all aspects of site including history, biodiversity, landscape and social and physical setting. Included in the application is the outline of future plans for the park. The shorterm actions include:-

* Path construction in the extension of the park to link paths within the park and to facilitate walkers on the Dublin Mountain Way (provision made in the 2018 improvement works budget/programme).
* Examination of the fountain in the lake in the park in order to get it working again
* Repairs to benches
* Launch of tree trail in Autumn
* Replacement of signs"

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor C. O’Connor. L. Magee, Senior Engineer and M. NiDhomhnaill, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the members queries.

The motion was **AGREED**.

### **T/265/18 M8/0518 Item ID:58320**

It was proposed by Councillor B. Ferron and seconded by Councillor C. King

"That this Area Committee calls on the CEO to arrange to have all unused containers located in Dodder Park removed at the earliest opportunity."

**REPORT:**

"There are two containers in Dodder Valley Park which are not in use and are to be removed.  Specialist lifting equipment is required to carry out this task and arrangements are being made to tender for the hire of this equipment.  Once the plant hire has been arranged the containers in question will be removed."

The Motion was **Moved without Debate**.

### **T/266/18 M9/0518 Item ID:58325**

It was proposed by Councillor B. Ferron and Councillor C. King

"That this Committee notes with concern the increased amount of anti-social behaviour happening at the Old Bawn end of Dodder Park.  This Committee calls on the CEO to actively work with the local Gardai to try and find solutions to this growing problem."

**REPORT:**

"The Council is particularly conscious of the level of anti-social behaviour that is taking place in this and other areas, and continues to work with An Garda Siochana in this regard.  The Gardai have recently committed to assigning additional resources to patrol this area as well as other parks locations which are subjected to regular anti social behaviour.  The Council will continue to liaise with the Gardai on the matter and will arrange for the park rangers to monitor this location as well.  It is also proposed that the entrance to the cycleway and walkway at Seskin View Road will be modified to prevent access to the park by motorbikes and quads."

### The Motion was **MOVED WITHOUT DEBATE.**

### **T/267/18 M10/0518 Item ID:58326**

It was proposed by Councillor B. Ferron and seconded by Councillor C. King

"That this Committee notes numerous complaints from residents regarding litter problems along the Avonbeg and Bolbrook Road area.  This Committee calls on the CEO to look at installing extra litter bins along this stretch of road to try and deal with the problem."

**REPORT:**

"The areas of Avonbeg Road and Bolbrook Road will be examined to identify suitable locations for the installation and servicing of additional litter bins, as requested."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors B. Ferron and K. Mahon.

L. Magee, Senior Engineer responded to the members queries.

The motion was **AGREED**.

### **T/268/18 M11/0518 Item ID:58329**

It was proposed by Councillor C. King and seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor

"That this Area Committee calls on the CEO to immediately fund the previously proposed upwards extension of the stub wall from Knockmore Drive to Knockmore Cresent as an emergency response to the ongoing illegal incursions into Killinarden Park at this location as a first step to fully securing the park. Croí Ró Naoife GAA club have been unable to play a single match on their pitches at all this year due to the constant burning of cars on their pitches and the rallying of cars through the pitches. Killinarden walking group lot longer us the park any more due to the dangers presented by cars, scrambler and quads."

**REPORT:**

"As reported previously the boundary treatment at Killinarden Park varies from one location to another.  Some areas have only a low stub wall in place and appear to be vulnerable however do not suffer from vandalism and anti-social behaviour.  Other areas have a railing erected on top of a stub wall and should be well protected however some of these locations are targeted repeatedly for access to the park.  It may be the case that when some of the current problematic areas are resolved that other areas will then be targeted.  The perimeter of Killinarden Park has been surveyed recently and over 600 metres of boundary has been identified as being in need of additional measures.  It will not be possible to address all these locations at the one time, the proposed works will require to be phased over a period of time. The following areas have been noted to be in need of attention -

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The motion was **AGREED**.

### **T/269/18 M12/0518 Item ID:58333**

It was proposed by Councillor C. King and seconded by Councillor L. Dunne

That this Committee calls for the immediate replacement of sections of railings that have been taken down by anti social elements in the vicinity of Sacred Heart Boxing Club on Donomore Avenue and who are using these sections of railings as ramps to get over the wall at this location and driving stolen or company cars in to Killinarden Park where they are destroying the area.

**REPORT:**

"Arrangements are being made to replace the missing sections of railing at the Sacred Heart Boxing Club.  It is hoped that this will be completed within the coming week."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor C. King.

L. Magee, Senior Engineer responded to the members queries.

The motion was **AGREED**.

## **Community**

### **T/270/18 H8/0518 Item ID:58275**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/271/18 C6/0518 Item ID:58287**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **T/272/18 M13/0518 Item ID:58334**

It was proposed by Councillor D. Richardson and seconded by Councillor L. Dunne

"That this Area Committee support Hope Tallaght in the work they are doing in supporting people with mental health problems."

**REPORT:**

"South Dublin County Council will continue it's support of the Hope Tallaght and many other great initiatives across the County that offer support to those suffering Mental Health Issues. This year, our Health & Wellbeing Week will have three priority themes, Physical Activity, Mental Health and Health & Wellbeing. As part of the week we will be working with local groups to host a Mental Wellbeing Seminar to highlight the ongoing work of local groups throughout the year.

We will also, in Partnership with the LCDC and CYPSC committees, be launching a Healthy South Dublin Strategic Plan, which will include a number of actions under the Mental Health & Wellbeing theme.**"**

The Motion was **MOVED WITHOUT DEBATE**.

## **Housing**

### **T/273/18 Q9/0518 Item ID:58336**

Proposed by Councillor C. King

"To ask the CEO for an update on the additional works being constructed at present to make the Abberley Court Hotel and Active Homeless HUB with the relevant associated supports it has been tasked to provide to their tenants?  Can the Chief Executive also indicate what efforts have been made by the Hotel to rid the Homeless accommodation of various infestations of silverfish, other insects and sacbies with such cases being alleged to be rampant by homeless applicants living there."

**REPLY:**

"Refurbishment work needed to convert the Abberley from a hotel into a HUB with enhanced facilities and services is expected to be completed by the end of May.  Snagging and finishing is ongoing at present.

The second phase of the works here is to refurbish the existing bedrooms and bring them to a higher and more modern standard.  This work will continue and will address any onging issues in the rooms as it progresses."

### **T/274/18 Q10/0518 Item ID:58308**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the CEO to present a report from his officials who attended the most recent meeting organised by the Fettercairn Estate Management Committee, in Fettercairn Community Centre, to deal with issues of concern to the local community in Fettercairn; will he detail actions being taken and will he make a statement?"

**REPLY:**

“The Council remains committed to Fettercairn Estate Management Committee and in response to concerns raised by residents at the inter agency meetings held regularly, several actions have been taken.  Three ramps have been raised at Drumcairn Parade and a further ramp has been added.  All fencing at Drumcairn Parade has now been repaired. The Council has liaised with Tallaght Gardai and appropriate action has been taken in relation to Drugs Activity in Fettercairn.  Tenancy Warnings were issued where appropriate.

A further regular meeting of Fettercairn Estate Management took place on 1/5/18 and environmental works have begun at Kilmartin and Drumcairn, where residents have begun planting.  A damaged bollard has been replaced at Kilcarrig Close.  Also paint has been supplied by the Council to cover graffiti and generally enhance the Fettercairn area."

### **T/275/18 Q11/0518 Item ID:58309**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the CEO to state if his officials have had any further contact with the Glenshane Women's Group in respect of their concerns highlighted in their Housing Rights Survey; will he detail actions being taken and will he make a statement?"

**REPLY:**

"South Dublin County Council housing staff have agreed to meet with the Glenshane Women's Group at a time to be arranged."

### **T/276/18 Q12/0518 Item ID:58330**

Proposed by Councillor D. Richardson

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on when the Abberley Hotel will be finished with the ongoing work?"

**REPLY:**

"Refurbishment work needed to convert the Abberley from a hotel into a HUB with enhanced facilities and services is expected to be completed by the end of May.  Once complete a site visit will be arranged for Councillors."

### **T/277/18 H9/0518 Item ID:58279**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/278/18 C7/0518 Item ID:58290**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **T/279/18 M14/0518 Item ID:58327**

It was proposed by Councillor L. Dunne and seconded by Councillor C. King

"That this Area Committee calls on the Chief Executive to hold an event and an unveiling of a plaque with some history of Hanna Sheehy Skeffington when the last phase and allocations of houses are given to families in Sheehy Skeffington Meadows, to additionally formally invite her Granddaughter Michelline Skeffington to the above unveiling."

**REPORT:**

"If this motion is passed the Housing Department will organise with the Tallaght Area Members the event as proposed on completion of the Sheehy Skeffington Meadows scheme."

The Motion was **MOVED WITHOUT DEBATE**.

### **T/280/18 M15/0518 Item ID:58335**

It was proposed by Councillor C. King and seconded by Councillor L. Dunne

"That this committee calls on the CEO to provide a report detailing how many disability grant applications in the Tallaght have been successful this year and to state the type of grants, mobility aids grant, DPG, etc and how much money from the substantially increased budget under this heading has been spent and for which specific actions, ie ramps, stair lifts, walk-in bathrooms, extensions etc and could the Chief Executive make a statement on the matter."

[Mot (15)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=59994)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor C. King.

H. Hogan, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries.

The motion was **AGREED**.

## **Planning**

### **T/281/18 Q13/0518 Item ID:58306**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the CEO to report on the progress of the construction taking place on the Amazon site, former Jacobs premises on Belgard Road and in replying will he indicate when the extensive temporary construction fencing erected around the premises will be removed?"

**REPLY:**

"Permission was granted on the old Jacobs site, Belgard Road under SD17A/0177 for:

Temporary gas powered generation plant within a 2,850sq.m fenced yard containing 12 generator units and 2 back-up diesel generator units with associated flues (each 18m. high), attenuation screen (15m. high) and auxiliary installations, (2) gas meter and incoming gas stream reduction plant within a separate 40sq.m fenced yard and (3) sundry ancillary works.

Condition 2 states:

*The duration of this planning permission is for a period of 3 years from the date of the final grant of planning permission. Upon expiry of this permission, the structure shall be decommissioned, removed and the site re-instated, unless an extension of planning permission has been granted by the Planning Authority or An Bord Pleanála on appeal.*

*REASON: In the interest of ensuring the provision of an appropriate permanent structure more suited to the location of the site.*

Date of final grant was 9th Oct 2017."

### **T/282/18 H10/0518 Item ID:58282**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/283/18 C8/0518 Item ID:58294**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Transportation**

### **T/284/18 Q14/0518 Item ID:58338**

Proposed by Councillor C. King

"To ask the CEO to arrange for the Road which includes the House number 238 in Killinarden Estate to be included on the traffic calming list for consideration of the installation of ramps on the this road as residents are experiencing high levels of speeding on the road and are fearful for their children’s safety who can no longer play on the road as before due to the level of threat from speeding cars?"

**REPLY:**

"The location has been inspected and the location will be added to the list for consideration in 2019 subject to adequate resouces being made available."

### **T/285/18 Q15/0518 Item ID:58307**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the CEO to set out the full plan for the complete restoration of the extensive excavations that have taken place on the public road network in the Ballymount Area and will he confirm whether there will be any public gain arising from the massive disruption that had been caused by these excavations and will he make a statement?"

**REPLY:**

"The excavation works are to provide ESB ducting to bring further power to the Tallaght area.  Final road reinstatement was concluded last weekend."

### **T/286/18 H11/0518 Item ID:58299**

Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads (No Business)

### **T/287/18 H12/0518 Item ID:58284**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/288/18 C9/0518 Item ID:58296**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **T/289/18 M16/0518 Item ID:58322**

It was proposed by Councillor B. Ferron and seconded by Councillor L. Dunne

"That this Committee supports the erection of signage welcoming people to the County Town of Tallaght.  This Committee further notes that such signage is planned as part of the N81 upgrade.  This Committee also supports the Council in it's efforts to remove signs that have been erected illegally throughout the County."

**REPORT:**

"The Roads Department have a Wayfinding Signs Policy which was adopted by the Members in 2017.

Anyone wishing to erect wayfinding signs must apply to the Roads Department for same (application on our website) and if deemed appropriate the Roads Engineer will arrange to erect such signage upon payment of a fee.  There is also an annual Licence charge for same.   Roads Department are currently carrying out a survey of all wayfinding signs in the county to ascertain which ones were erected legally.  In cases where signs were illegally erected, the companies will be contacted and afforded a chance to remove same.  If signs are not removed, the Traffic Crew will do so.

The Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development Directorate are also currently working with Fáilte Ireland and the other Dublin Authorities on a tourist orientation project, including signage. It is expected that the consultants will complete their report shortly and this will provide guidance on the implementation of tourist/amenity signage in the County. The Public Realm Section will work with the Economic Tourism Development Directorate with regard to the welcome signage proposed for Tallaght in order to ensure it is incorporated into the scheme in accordance with the guidance developed."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors B. Ferron and Councillor C. O’Connor.

The motion was **AGREED**.

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **T/290/18 H13/0518 Item ID:58274**

Application for Arts Grants

**REPLY:**

**It was proposed by Councillor C. King and seconded by Councillor B. Ferron**

Sounds Ensemble, Tallaght has requested event support towards the cost of hosting a joint concert with the Ottawa New Horizons Band which is a group of fifty older musicians.  Sounds Ensemble are the only Irish member of the New Horizons International Music Association.  The concert, scheduled for the 28th of June at the Civic Theatre, will form part of the Canadian group’s Irish tour.

The Arts Office recommends a contribution of €750 be allocated to Sounds Ensemble under the Arts Grant Act 2003 to support the presentation of a joint concert with the Ottawa New Horizons Band in Tallaght.

The report was **NOTED**.

### **T/291/18 H14/0518 Item ID:58298**

Library News & Events

[H-I (14)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=59966)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors M. Duff and K. Mahon. Rosena Hand, Senior Executive Librarian responded to the members queries.

The report was **NOTED**.

### **T/292/18 H15/0518 Item ID:58280**

NEW WORKS (No Business)

### **T/293/18 C10/0518 Item ID:58291**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Economic Development**

### **T/294/18 Q16/0518 Item ID:58315**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the CEO to confirm plans for the establishment of new Enterprise Centres in the Tallaght area, will he appreciate the strong local support for such a move and will he make a statement?"

**REPLY:**

"The Council has provided/supported enterprise parks/units in Tallaght in Bolbrook, Brookfield and Killinarden that are managed locally through lease arrangements. These areas are intended to provide subsidised space with support services for new and existing start-ups to develop and progress to private industrial areas, ideally after 3 to 5 years.

Furthermore the Council recently carried out a feasibility study process to assess both the demand and optimum location for new Enterprise/Innovation Space in the County. The purpose of the study was to explore how the development of new, additional innovation centre space in the County could help to:

retain more innovative businesses in the local area and prevent them from relocating elsewhere;

attract more innovative businesses to the area, including inward investors; and,

foster an entrepreneurial culture and ‘mind-set’ in South Dublin, increasing the number of start-ups, thereby increasing high quality job opportunities in the County.

It is imperative that any new Enterprise/Innovation Space is not simply a property development but should be an attractive visible cross sectoral hub for innovative entrepreneurs to locate in South Dublin which will support an enterprise and innovation culture. It should be an attractive space for entrepreneurs to locate in South Dublin and also retain and embed a supply chain of innovators that puts South Dublin firmly on the map as a business destination.

The study established what is currently available across the Dublin region, identified the needs and requirements for maximising opportunities in the sector and recommended best approaches to meeting those needs based on the County profile, existing supply and existing and emerging needs. It particularly noted a strong pipeline of demand for new innovation space in the County.

The process resulted in a shortlist of three potential options for new enterprise space in the County, namely:

* Option 1 – Greenfield site at Grange Castle Business Park.
* Option 2 - Tallaght Town Centre – County Hall/ITT/Hospital Corridor.
* Option 3 – Exisiting Bolbrook Enterprise Centre – Partas

Options 1 and 2 were viewed as the most likely options to achieve the headline objectives of delivery of a new enterprise/innovation centre of sufficient scale (approx. 3,000 square metres) in terms of creating a vibrant and dynamic business destination in a prominent business location. They benefit from concentrations of innovative and entrepreneurial businesses surrounding them, which will further support the creation of the ecosystem that any successful innovation centre needs to be part of.  Option 3 does not have the sufficient scale to meet the headline objectives and will not be considered further as part of this process. However, it should be noted that a proposed redevelopment of that centre is progressing with substanial funding approved by Enterprise Ireland under its Regional Enterprise Development Fund 2017-2020 along with a contribution from the Council’s Business Support Fund, as agreed by the EETD SPC.

The report was discussed at the recent Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC meeting and it was agreed that the Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development Department would now develop criteria to assess the final two shortlisted options (Grange Castle and Tallaght Town Centre) to determine the preferred location for potential development of new Innovation/Enterprise Space in the County and report back to the Committee forthwith so that a site selection, design and funding process can commence."

### **T/295/18 H16/0518 Item ID:58277**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/296/18 C11/0518 Item ID:58289**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **T/297/18 M17/0518 Item ID:58316**

It was proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor and seconded by Councillor M. Duff

"That this Tallaght Area Committee calls on the CEO to present an action plan to improve the image of Cookstown Industrial Estate; will he note and appreciate the view of many that action must be taken to create an environment where the job creation needs of Tallaght are facilitated in an Estate which is now over 50 years old and in clear need of re-generation and will he make a statement for discussion by members."

**REPORT:**

"Cookstown Industrial Estate has been the focus of significant attention from the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development Department in recent years with a number of local initiatives aimed at improving the condition, investment and employment potential of the area which have been progressed under the Dublin Regional Enterprise Strategy and the Dublin Regional Action Plan for Jobs.

Under the Business Support Fund, two significant area improvement works schemes were undertaken with footpath, landscaping, kerbing, fencing and accessibility works carried out at Cookstown Enterprise Centre and at Old Belgard Road/Cookstown Road, with a further potential project being explored and progressed for Fourth Avenue.

Grants have also been approved under the Business Support Fund for the re-development of vacant units for occupancy by microenterprises in Cookstown along with several additional grants for external signage and improvement works to individual units. These supports remain available to owners/occupiers wishing to upgrade or redevelop units in the area.

The Council also funded a significant study of the ownership, occupancy and condition of the various vacant sites in the County with particular emphasis on Cookstown and this project has resulted in ongoing contact with a group of owners/occupiers in Cookstown through the Sustainable Business Programme that will allow ongoing engagement on the strategic development of the area.

The Council’s recently completed feasibility study examining the potential for enterprise/innovation space in the County has recommended the Tallaghtt Hospital-IT Tallaght corridor as one of two preferred options for the development of new enterprise/innovation space in the County which creates the potential for sites in Cookstown to be considered. The report was discussed at the recent Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC meeting and it was agreed that the Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development Department would now develop criteria to assess the final two shortlisted options to determine the preferred location for potential development of new Innovation/Enterprise Space in the County and report back to the Committee forthwith so that a site selection, design and funding process can commence.

The Tallaght Local Area Plan will provide the framework for the future development of the area within which enterprise and employment opportunities will be facilitated by the Local Enterprise Office and the Council and will be complemented by the revised Rates Vacancy refund of 75% introduced in the Council's 2018 Annual Budget which will act as a disincentive for ongoing vacancy of units in Cookstown.

The importance of continued employment creation in Tallaght is a key objective of both the Council and the Local Enterprise Office. LEO South Dublin continues to support new and developing micro-enterprises in Cookstown and has approved a number of such projects in recent years including most recently granting approval to support a new business in Cookstown with the potential to create up to 20 jobs over the next three years.

A combination of all the above initiatives outlined will support the continued improvement and development of the Cookstown area in conjunction with the potential impact of recent site ownership changes, planning applications and possible development in the area."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors C. O’Connor, K. Mahon, B. Leech and D. Richardson. C. Ward, Head of Local Enterprise responded to the members queries.

The report was **NOTED**.

The Meeting concluded at 4pm.

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