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**SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Lucan Area Committee Meeting dealing with Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management, Water & Drainage, Public Realm, Environment, Housing, Community, Transport and Planning held on 22nd May 2018.

### **PRESENT**

Vicky Casserly

Paul Gogarty

William Lavelle

Ruth Nolan

Danny O’ Brien

Ed O’ Brien

Liona O’ Toole

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Senior Executive Officer Stephen Deegan, Marguerite Staunton

Hugh Hogan

Senior Executive Librarian Edel Clancy

Senior Engineer Tony O’ Grady

A/Senior Engineer Michael McAdam

Senior Executive Engineer Helena Fallon

Senior Executive Parks Superintendent David Fennell

Senior Parks Superintendent Suzanne Furlong

Communications Manager Niall Noonan

Administrative Officer Seán O’ Hara

Staff Officer Barbara Reilly

Clerical Officer Tracey Hughes

An Cathaoirleach Councillor Ed O’ Brien presided.

**L/258/18 - H1 Item ID:58178 – MINUTES OF APRIL MEETING**

Minutes of Lucan Area Committee Meeting dealing with Planning, Transport, Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Performance & Change Management, Corporate, Public Realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community & Housing, held on 24th April 2018, which have been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor L. O’ Toole and seconded by Councillor D. O’ Brien and **RESOLVED** “That the recommendations contained in the minutes of 24th April 2018 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

[Minutes of Meeting - 24th April 2018](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=59987)

**L/259/18 – QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor D. O’ Brien, seconded by Councillor L. O’ Toole and **RESOLVED** “That pursuant toStanding Order no. 13 that Questions 1 – 17 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**Economic Development**

**L/260/18 - C1 Item ID:58170 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence (No Business)

**L/261/18 - H2 Item ID:58182 – NEW WORKS**

New Works (No Business)

**L/262/18 - M1 Item ID:58382 – SITE ON NEWCASTLE ROAD**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor E. O’ Brien.

"That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to inform this Committee on its intention with the building on the Newcastle Road (adjacent to Lucan Sarsfield’s) when the road works are completed and to discuss the option of making it available to Lucan Sarsfield’s who currently have 145 teams and are struggling to accommodate all these teams. The premises would also be able available to other groups as Lucan Sarsfield’s has a history of subletting and offering their existing premises to community groups such as Mens Shed, etc."

**The following report by the Chief Executive was READ.**

“The motion is somewhat premature pending a full examination of the wider 12th lock area on completion of the R120 works. It would be prudent to examine the strategic potential for any Council property in this area for the following reasons.

* As the members are aware, a 12th lock masterplan was published March 2013 which contained objectives in relation to the overall development and management of the 12th lock area.
* In addition, the R120 CPO also initiated the purchase of land in the vicinity of the 12th lock for the purposes of realigning the road.
* SDCC has also had approaches from other interested parties in relation to what lands might in the future be deemed to be excess to the requirements of the road footprint.
* The members will also be aware that the Grand Canal Greenway currently ends at 12th Lock. It is an objective of the Council to continue this greenway to Hazelhatch thus linking into Arthurs Way and other walking / cycling routes.
* The 12th Lock represents an area which is contiguous to both the Clonburris SDZ and the Grange Castle Business Park with connectivity to Griffeen Valley Park and Corkagh Park.
* South Dublin is engaged with significant stakeholders in the area, such as Waterways Ireland, with a view to a strategic overall approach.
* In view of the specific building mentioned – the building is currently in use as a compound for construction vehicles. The building is not currently fit for use for any kind of community use and would require major capital expenditure in order to make is suitable for any kind of sports / community use. It is likely that this use will continue for the foreseeable future. The building is not currently serviced.
* Waterways Ireland are currently leading on the overall co-ordination of the delivery of a Dublin Canal Greenway from 12th lock on the Royal Canal to 12th lock on the Grand Canal incorporating Lucan Village and the inclusion of the 12th Lock Grand Canal as part of the Dublin / Shannon Greenway. Discussions are currently taking place with Waterways Ireland and neighbouring local authorities to increase accessibility and open up the canal network as a recreational and tourism resource.”

Following contributions from Cllr. L. O’ Toole, Stephen Deegan, Senior Executive Officer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**.

**Libraries & Arts**

**L/263/18 - C2 Item ID:58172 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence (No Business)

**L/264/18 - H3 Item ID:58185 – NEW WORKS**

NEW WORKS (No Business)

**L/265/18 - H4 Item ID:58166 – ART GRANTS**

Application for Arts Grants (No Business)

**L/266/18 - H5 Item ID:58179 – NEWS AND EVENTS**

[HI5 - Library News & Events](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=59964)

This report was presented by Edel Clancy, Senior Executive Librarian, and the report was **NOTED**.

**Corporate Support**

**L/267/18 - C3 Item ID:58169 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Cor3(a) TII re Bus Services in Lucan

Cor3(b)(i) Reply NTA Injector Bus

Cor3(b)(ii) Reply Dub Bus Injector Bus

Cor3(b)(iii) Reply Dept. Trans. Injector Bus

[C3a)TII Reply Bus Services in Lucan](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=60087)  
[C3b)(i) Reply NTA Injector Bus](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=60088)  
[C3b)(ii) Reply Dub Bus Injector Bus](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=60089)  
[C3b)(iii) Reply Dept. Trans. Injector Bus](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=60090)

The correspondence was **NOTED.**

**L/268/18 - H6 Item ID:58181 – NEW WORKS**

New Works (No Business)

**L/269/18 - H7 Item ID:58214 – 300K HAVE YOUR SAY, UPDATE**

**300k - Have your say - Quarterly Update**

This report was presented by Niall Noonan, Communications Manager.

**REPLY:**

The Council can provide the following quarterly report on projects supported and funded through the participatory budgeting initiative in the Lucan Electoral Area in 2017.

**Project: Playground in Waterstown Park, Palmerstown**

A final site inspection has been carried out by the Council’s Senior Parks Superintendent ahead of the imminent launch of the tender for this work. A briefing meeting will be arranged with members of the Lucan Area Committee prior to the commencement of the tendering process.

**Project: Planting of native apple trees, Lucan electoral area**

To celebrate the launch of National Tree Week 2018, an apple tree was planted by the Mayor and the children from Scoil Aine Naofa, in Vesey Park, Lucan at 11am on Wednesday March 21st. 75 Apple trees have been planted as community orchards in the following locations: Lucan Demense, Griffeen Valley Park, Willsbrook Park, Vesey Park and Waterstown Park.

This project is now complete.

**Project: Free Library Book Banks in Public Places – Lucan Electoral Area**

South Dublin Libraries have purchased the required books to be used for the 300k Have Your Say initiative and they have been delivered to LIFE Centre, Esker Hill, Lucan (Lucan Institute of Further Education), Ballyowen Community Centre and Palmerstown Community Centre.

This project is now complete.

**Project: Christmas Lights in Lucan Village**

The Christmas lights were officially turned on on Sunday, December 3rd 2017.

This project is now complete.

**Project: Feasibility Study for the Restoration of Silver Bridge, Palmerstown**

This project is being developed in conjunction with Fingal County Council. Currently, the Fingal Architects' Department are updating a cost report to define and estimate the costs to complete basic works on the site, including cleaning, painting and improved protection and will revert to South Dublin County Council when complete.

**Project: Restoration of King John’s Bridge Griffeen Park**

A mortar analysis has been completed which has provided specification with regard to the required materials for proposed conservation works. A meeting took place on site between the Councils Architectural Conservation Officer and Senior Exec Parks at the end of January 2018 to discuss further site clearance and vegetation removal.  Due to deep roots which have penetrated the bridge structure further investigation will be required as to how these can be removed safely without causing any damage to the original built fabric. The Councils Architectural Conservation Officer has sought further advice and is currently agreeing the further engagement of the Conservation Engineer in this regard. Once a Schedule of Works and Method Statement has been agreed with the Conservation Engineer and Councils Architectural Conservation Officer, she will then carry out the necessary procurement so that conservation contractors can be sought by tender.

The conservation engineer has also contacted TCD Botany Department to get advice in relation to the possible treatment of the large sycamore roots on site.  A further site meeting is to take place to discuss possible options.

**Project: Access to Church and Graveyard at Mill Lane, Palmerstown**

The Inspector Planning for the Council carried out a land search on the site in question. Through this, it has been confirmed that the lands from Mill Lane to Palmerstown Church and Graveyard are not Council lands and the land area has not been registered. Therefore, we cannot confirm who the current landowner is and the Council's Roads Section will need to seek the permission of the landowner in order to install a permanent footpath at this location.

Based on local knowledge and information provided in consultation with the Pink Ladies' community group, who had previously requested permission to carry out vegetation clearance in this area, they had previously sought the permission of Sun Chemicals, the landowners of the lower mill complex adjoin the site, for those works. The Council's Area Road Engineer is in contact about gaining permission to carry out the required works at this site.

**Project: Multi-Games Wall, Lucan**

A final site inspection has been carried out by the Council’s Senior Parks Superintendent ahead of the imminent launch of the tender for this work. A briefing meeting will be arranged with members of the Lucan Area Committee prior to the commencement of the tendering process.

South Dublin County Council will update the Have Your Say section of the Council website to update citizens on these projects following this meeting: <https://haveyoursay.southdublin.ie/>

Following contributions from Cllrs. L. O’ Toole, P. Gogarty, D. O’ Brien and W. Lavelle, Niall Noonan, Communications Manager responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**L/270/18 - M2 Item ID:58363 – PRIMARY CARE CENTRE**

Proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly.

"That this Area Committee calls on the HSE to provide an update on the planned development of a new Primary Care Centre for Lucan."

**The following report by the Chief Executive was READ.**

“If the Motion is passed by the Members a letter will be written in this regard.”

**MOVED WITHOUT DEBATE.**

**L/271/18 - M3 Item ID:58366 – PYLON REMOVAL**

Proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly.

"That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to seek an updated timeline from EirGrid for the removal of pylons from the Griffeen and Adamstown areas."

**The following report by the Chief Executive was READ.**

“If the Motion is passed by the Members a letter will be written to EirGrid in this regard.”

**MOVED WITHOUT DEBATE.**

**Performance & Change Management**

**L/272/18 - C4 Item ID:58173 - CORREPSONDENCE**

Correspondence (No Business)

**L/273/18 - H8 Item ID:58186 – NEW WORKS**

New Works (No Business)

**Water & Drainage**

**L/274/18 - C5 Item ID:58177 – CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence (No Business)

**L/275/18 - H9 Item ID:58190 – NEW WORKS**

New Works (No Business)

**L/276/18 - M4 Item ID:58377 – WATER QUALITY**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor P. Gogarty.

"That this Area Committee acknowledges the responses given to previous motions I’ve raised in the past. However the issues of hard water, low pressure, lime-scale build up, skin complaints, odour, scum etc. continue to be received by residents in the Lucan area. I have contacted Irish Water over recent months and reported back on these various issues. Irish Water have also contacted some residents directly. The residents in the Lucan area are still seeking responses to the issues raised. This Committee asks that a letter is sent to Irish Water requesting a dedicated person to be put in place to help address the issues."

**The following report by the Chief Executive was READ.**

“If this motion is passed a letter will be sent to Irish Water requesting a dedicated contact person.

Members are reminded that Irish Water have established a Local Representatives Service Desk which is committed to giving speedy responses to Elected Officials.

This Service Desk can be contacted at [**localrepsupport@water.ie**](mailto:localrepsupport@water.ie) or at 1890 178 178.”

Following contributions from Cllrs. L. O’ Toole, R. Nolan, P. Gogarty and D. O’ Brien, Michael McAdam, A/Senior Engineer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**.

**L/277/18 - SUSPENSORY/EMERGENCY MOTION – INJECTOR BUS, CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

In accordance with Standing Order 74 it was **AGREED** to suspend standing orders to deal with the following Suspensory/Emergency Motion in the names of Councillors W. Lavelle, P. Gogarty, L. O’Toole, R. Nolan, D. O’ Brien, V. Casserly and E. O’ Brien.



**Public Realm**

**L/278/18 - Q1 Item ID:57932 – GOALPOSTS AT WILLSBROOK**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline when the promised goalposts will be installed at Willsbrook Park following requests from a local club and agreement regarding same; and if a statement can be made on the matter?"

**REPLY:**

The goal posts in Willsbrook Park were installed on 17th April 2018.

**L/279/18 - Q2 Item ID:57934 – TREE PROGRAMME**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the implementation of the tree programme, including a report outlining the reasons for the cutting of trees in each estate surveyed, eg diseased, roots causing damage etc; and if a statement could be made on the matter?"

**REPLY:**

Since 2016, the focus of the annual Tree Maintenance Programme is on entire roads or whole estates as opposed to acting on isolated requests for arboricultural works. This represents a move away from reactive pruning of individual trees on a one off basis to a planned programme of maintenance.

In order to further increase efficiency in planning and delivery of the Council’s tree maintenance service, a 3 Year Rolling Programme of Tree Maintenance has been put in place for 2017-2019. This programme is available to view on the Council’s website [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie/). The programme is informed and prioritised based on the health and condition of trees through ongoing tree inspections and on cluster analysis of customer care enquiries. In advance of commencing works within an estate or road, a full survey of all trees at the location is carried out to inform the programme and scheduling of tree pruning and removal works for all trees in the estate or road that are identified as requiring tree maintenance.

Since January 1, 2018, tree maintenance works have been completed in the following areas in Lucan / Palmerstown: Airlie Heights, Ardeevin, Mount Andrew, Culmore Road, Palmerstown Avenue, Palmerstown Court and Woodview Heights.

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

The Council’s Tree Management Policy 2015-2020 ‘Living with Trees’ sets out the Council’s rationale and policies in regard to the pruning and removal of trees. The Tree Management Policy is available to view on the Council’s website [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie/).

In general, the Council will wherever possible try to avoid removing a tree or undertaking unnecessary pruning works where there is no good arboriculture reason. The Council has a duty to manage the tree population for the benefit of the wider community and in accordance with good arboriculture practices and will carry out tree works to fulfil its legal obligations to ensure the safety of the public and properties. Tree works will be undertaken:

* Where an inspection has identified visible decay, fungal brackets indicating possible root and
* trunk decay or any other defect that would lead to the tree failing.
* A tree is dead or visibly in decline.
* To abate an actionable nuisance, where branches are touching buildings, e.g. physical
* contact with walls, windows and gutters.
* Where road signs, traffic signals, street lights, and sightlines for vehicles and pedestrians are
* obscured.
* Evidence has been provided that the tree is a contributing factor in causing structural
* damage that cannot be reasonably addressed by an alternative solution and proactive tree
* management has had no mitigating effect.

Tree removal or pruning will not be undertaken where:

* Trees are perceived to be too large.
* Satellite dish TV reception is interrupted.
* Sunlight may be blocked from reaching properties or gardens.
* Views are obstructed.
* Seasonal or naturally occurring events happen, e.g. falling leaves, fruit, seeds or berries,
* honeydew sap, bird droppings, pollen allergies.
* Insects or other non-hazardous wildlife are present.

**L/280/18 - Q3/0518 Item ID:58364 – TREE STUMPS**

Proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the removal of tree stumps in Ardeevin estate?"

**REPLY:**

The Council’s tree maintenance crew carried out a planned programme of tree pruning and removal works in Ardeevin estate during 2017 and further pruning and removals were recently completed on behalf of the Council by a suitably qualified contractor on remaining trees in close proximity to overhead electricity wires that required maintenance.

When a street tree is felled by the Council, it is not always possible to remove the stump immediately.  Under these circumstances a short tree stump is left as a temporary measure. The stump is usually left at around 1m high so that it does not constitute a trip hazard in the intervening period. Tree stump removal is normally undertaken during the winter months between November and February when staff who are engaged in grass cutting operations over the growing season are reassigned to this task. It may also be done once there are a sufficient number within a location for their removal to be economical, subject to staffing commitments to other Public Realm seasonal operations of the time.

Ardeevin estate is now listed on the tree stump removals programme for completion of all tree stump removals as soon as practically possible when the programme resumes in the autumn.

**L/281/18 - Q4 Item ID:58272 – TREES IN WESTON ESTATE**

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien

"To ask the Chief Executive, noting the size of the trees located in Weston estate can the estate be added to the Tree Maintenance Programme for a survey of the trees to be carried out at the earliest opportunity?"

**REPLY:**

Weston Estate is not included for maintenance on the 2017-2019 Tree Maintenance Programme. However, the estate will be listed for a survey of all trees in the estate to determine the extent of the requirement for tree maintenance. Arising from the survey, any works considered necessary will be noted and prioritised accordingly as part of a future Tree Maintenance Programme for Weston Estate.

**L/282/18 - Q5 Item ID:58353 – LIVING WITH TREES**

Proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the Living with Trees policy as applied to the Palmerstown Area and specifically:

1. Names of the variety of mature trees on all roads/estates in Palmerstown.  
2. Number of trees / locations of trees being cut down/removed - and reasons why?  
3. Number / location and variety of new trees being planted.  
4. A schedule for planting"

**REPLY:**

In line with the Council's Tree Management Policy 2015-2020 "Living With Trees", the focus of the Council's Tree Maintenance Programme is on entire roads or whole estates. This represents a move away from reactive pruning of individual trees on a one off basis to a planned programme of maintenance. The objective of this approach is to increase the efficiency and productivity of the tree maintenance crews and to advance a proactive programme of cyclical pruning that is targeted at priority locations where intervention is most needed.

In the context of the above, Culmore Road, Palmerstown Avenue and Palmerstown Court are currently scheduled for Tree Maintenance works as part of the 2018 whole estate Tree Maintenance Programme. In advance of works being carried out at Culmore Road, Palmerstown Avenue and Palmerstown Court a full survey of all trees has been undertaken to determine the extent of the requirement for tree maintenance.

In regard to the varieties of mature trees in Palmerstown, the list includes a range of tree species.  As complete tree surveys of roads and estates are being carried out in advance of planned maintenance, not all of the estates and roads have yet been surveyed but in general the range of tree species in the Palmerstown area includes a selection of the following: Acer platanoides sp. (Norway maple), Prunus cerasifera 'Nigra' (purple leaf plum), Sorbus sp. (mountain ash), Malus sp. (flowering crab apple).

The Council's Tree Management Policy 2015-2020 "Living with Trees", Section 4.3.4.sets out the Council's policy in regard to removal of trees.  Trees are removed only when necessary as a last resort. The criteria for tree removal are:

* The tree is dead, dying or is considered hazardous due to its poor structural or biological condition. Hazardous conditions may exist above and/or below ground and may include significant root, trunk or crown decay, split trunks and crotches, and large dead limbs.
* The tree has declined beyond the point of recovery and is no longer meeting the functional or aesthetic requirements of a street tree. Typically, a tree with 30 percent or less of its foliage remaining would meet this criterion.
* Fatally diseased trees (eg. Ash dieback, Fireblight Disease) may be removed before they reach the primary threshold in order to prevent the spread of disease to healthy trees.
* To allow space for development of nearby trees that may be more desirable for retention
* To allow space for new planting
* To make way for any approved engineering or building works when unavoidable construction work will immediately compromise the stability or viability of the tree.
* Tree proven to be causing significant structural damage that cannot be reasonably addressed by an alternative solution and proactive tree management has had no mitigating effect.
* To abate actionable nuisance
* The trunk of the tree is within 2m of a public lighting column and the long term viability of the tree if retained in its location would be compromised by a requirement for ongoing maintenance in order to maintain the effectiveness of the adjoining street light.

In response to the numbers of new trees being planted, approx. 110 trees were planted in roadside margins and open space areas in the Palmerstown area over the past year. Planting locations included Kennelsfort Road, Manor Road, Palmerstown Avenue, Palmerstown Drive, Riversdale Green, Turret Road, The Oval, Culmore Road, Culmore Park, Glenaulin Road and Waterstown Park.  Tree species planted include Acer campestre ‘Red Shine’, Acer pseudoplatanus ‘Spathii’, Corylus colurna, Carpinus betulus ‘Fastigiata’, Amelanchier lamarackii, Prunus cerasifera ‘Nigra’, Quercus robur, and Malus species.

The tree planting programme for winter 2018/spring 2019 is being compiled in response to requests from residents, elected members and observations and surveys by Council staff and this programme will be presented to the Lucan ACM and published on the Council's website in the forthcoming autumn.

**L/283/18 - Q6 Item ID:57943 – PERIMETER FENCE AT LUCAN HARRIERS**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

"Following my recent motion and further discussions with Lucan Harriers regarding the deficit in funding for the perimeter needed to secure the newly planned running track which will be of great benefit to the Lucan and surrounding area, this Area Committee asks the Chief Executive to arrange a meeting with the relevant persons to discuss funding. The proposed grants offered will be either too late or result in the club having to provide 50% to cover the costs which is not possible considering the additional unforeseen costs already placed on the club?"

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council applied for funding to DTTS under the 2015 Sports Capital Programme for an athletics track at the Council's Esker Park, Newcastle Road, Lucan. An award of €200,000 was made. The works were tendered for and were returned in the region of €500,000. The shortfall between the cost of the project and the grant is being funded by Lucan Harriers. In exchange for club funding SDCC is entering into an Annual Management Licence with the club so that they can use and enjoy the asset while they honour the terms of the licence.

The main construction works for the athletics track commenced on site on the 19th of February 2018. On the 18th of April 2018 an administrator was appointed to Crawford Contracts Group Ltd. (The Main Contractor). The Council informed the Funding Department and all other stakeholders of this development.

Once the main contractor failed to attend on site South Dublin County Council acted to secure the site and prevent unauthorised access and security remains in place on site. South Dublin County Council is now acting to terminate the contract with Crawfords’ Contract Group (in administration) and this is being progressed with the law department. Once that process is complete then the works will be re-tendered. The Council are apprising Lucan Harriers of developments as they arise.

An application for boundary fencing for this project was submitted under the Council's Community Department's Community Infrastructure Fund. The Fund was advertised and open to receive applications until the 13th of April at 4pm. This is a fund of €250,000 which offers Community Groups (including Sports Clubs) the opportunity to apply for funding, to assist with the costs of either constructing new Community Facilities or for the modernisation and/or expansion of existing premises. The fund is considering funding requests from a minimum of €5,000 up to a maximum of €30,000, and groups applying must demonstrate proof of match funding of up to at least 50% of the total amount of funding being sought. A decision is still awaited on these grants.

**L/284/18 - C6 Item ID:58175 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence (No Business)

**L/285/18 - H10 Item ID:58188 – NEW WORKS**

New Works (No Business)

**L/286/18 - M5 Item ID:57946 – GAP BETWEEN PADDOCKS AND HILLCREST**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor P. Gogarty.

"Further to my previous question (item [57302](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=59174)) regarding the design of a new gap between both Paddocks and Hillcrest, this Area Committee requests Chief Executive to advise how an application can be prepared and to make plans to consult with members of both residents association to carry out a public consultation."

**The following report by the Chief Executive was READ.**

“The provision of a link between The Paddocks and Hillcrest would be an ideal location to consider a permeability project. Contact will be made with the Roads Design and Construction Section about applying to the NTA for funding for this scheme.”

Following contributions from Councillors L. O’ Toole and P. Gogarty, David Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**L/287/18 - M6 Item ID:58365 – FENCE AT LUCAN HARRIERS**

Proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle, seconded by Councillor P. Gogarty.

"That this Area Committee asks the Chief Executive for an update on the planned track redevelopment and fencing of the Lucan Harriers athletic track."

**The following report by the Chief Executive was READ.**

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**MOVED WITHOUT DEBATE.**

**L/288/18 - M7 Item ID:58381 – PRUNING AT ABBEYWOOD**

Proposed by Councillor D. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor R. Nolan.

"That this Area Committee commends the Council and staff for the work that has been done to clear bushes and prune trees at the entrances to housing estates on Castle Road in Lucan. Can the Chief Executive confirm when work will start to at the entrance to Abbeywood Estate as this area has had anti-social behaviour and dumping in the bushes over the years."

**The following report by the Chief Executive was READ.**

“The entrance at Abbeywood Estate was pruned as part of winter pruning works undertaken in the area in 2017. A further clean-up of the area to include the removal of additional shrubbery is proposed for the winter pruning period 2018/19.”

Following contributions from Cllr. D. O’ Brien, David Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**Environment**

**L/289/18 - C7 Item ID:58167 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence (No Business)

**L/290/18 - H11 Item ID:58183 – NEW WORKS**

New Works (No Business)

**Housing**

**L/291/18 - C8 Item ID:58171 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence (No Business)

**L/292/18 - H12 Item ID:58184 – NEW WORKS**

New Works (No Business)

**L/293/18 - M8 Item ID:58374 – TYPES OF UNITS AT ADAMSTOWN**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor D. O’ Brien.

"That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to provide a report on the total number of units in Adamstown to date and to include the total percentages of each social, affordable and downsizing houses within the SDZ Adamstown policy, and how many of these percentages have been built/completed to date."

**The following report by the Chief Executive was READ.**

“There are three developers with lands within the Adamstown SDZ and the Housing Department are in advanced negotiations with each developer to formalise the Part V requirements on their schemes which are at various stages of the process ranging from pre-planning to construction. There are no affordable housing units within the SDZ due to the fact that there is no national affordable housing scheme. In respect of the Part V requirement there are detailed negotiations progressing with two developers who have planning permissions granted for schemes within the SDZ to deliver social housing units towards the end of 2018 with many more units due to be delivered from 2019 onwards. In relation to the third developer, pre-planning meetings have taken place. There is also a legacy issue within the Adamstown SDZ whereby Part V units were front loaded and delivered however due to the downturn in the economy the developer did not complete the schemes. The Part V process is complex and time consuming especially on large developments such as Adamstown. As soon as the discussions have progressed to Part V agreement stage, a full report will be given.”

Following contributions from Councillors L. O’ Toole, W. Lavelle, P. Gogarty and E. O’ Brien, Marguerite Staunton responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**.

**Community**

**L/294/18 - Q7 Item ID:58370 – LUCAN SWIMMING POOL**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the completion date for the tender process for the Lucan swimming pool; and if a statement can be made on the matter?"

**REPLY:**

A shortlist of suitable contractors has been formed. The Design Team are finalising the tender documentation and we expect the tender documents to be ready for issue in the coming weeks. Once tender documents are issued, it will take a minimum of six weeks for the final tender to be returned. At that stage a request for approval to appoint the contractor will be submitted to DTTaS.

The project will take circa 18 months to complete and fit out ready for operation by the end of 2019.

**L/295/18 - Q8 Item ID:58369 – LUCAN SWIMMING POOL**

Proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the tender process for Lucan Swimming Pool?"

**REPLY:**

A shortlist of suitable contractors has been formed. The Design Team are finalising the tender documentation and we expect the tender documents to be ready for issue in the coming weeks. Once tender documents are issued, it will take a minimum of six weeks for the final tender to be returned. At that stage a request for approval to appoint the contractor will be submitted to DTTaS.

The project will take circa 18 months to complete and fit out ready for operation by the end of 2019.

**L/296/18 - Q9 Item ID:58383 – LUCAN SWIMMING POOL**

Proposed by Councillor D. O'Brien

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update report on the new swimming pool in Lucan and for this report to include an update on the tender process, when the project will start construction, is all the funding in place for the project and when will the construction will be complete?"

**REPLY:**

A shortlist of suitable contractors has been formed. The Design Team are finalising the tender documentation and we expect the tender documents to be ready for issue in the coming weeks. Once tender documents are issued, it will take a minimum of six weeks for the final tender to be returned. At that stage a request for approval to appoint the contractor will be submitted to DTTaS.

Funding has been identified in the 3 year Capital Programme. The majority of the funding is coming from the Council’s own capital resources with the balance through a DTTaS grant which has preliminary approval.

The project will take circa 18 months to complete and fit out ready for operation by the end of 2019.

**L/297/18 - Q10 Item ID:58380 – LUCAN SWIMMING POOL**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

"That this committee requests the Chief Executive provide an update on the Swimming Pool and comment on the timeline/completion date?"

**REPLY:**

A shortlist of suitable contractors has been formed. The Design Team are finalising the tender documentation and we expect the tender documents to be ready for issue in the coming weeks. Once tender documents are issued, it will take a minimum of six weeks for the final tender to be returned. At that stage a request for approval to appoint the contractor will be submitted to DTTaS.

The project will take circa 18 months to complete and fit out ready for operation by the end of 2019.

**L/298/18 - H13 Item ID:58213 – DEPUTATION MEETINGS**

**Deputation Meetings (No Business)**

**L/299/18 - C9 Item ID:58168 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence (No Business)

**L/300/18 - H14 Item ID:58180 – NEW WORKS**

New Works (No Business)

**Transportation**

**L/301/18 - Q11 Item ID:58355 – ROAD MARKING AT LIFFEY GREENWAY**

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien,Councillor G. O'Connell,Councillor L. O'Toole,Councillor P. Gogarty,Councillor V. Casserly

"To ask will the Chief Executive please indicate when the road markings to protect cyclists will be provided on that part of the Liffey Valley Greenway which lies along the Old Lucan Road in Palmerstown Village? Will he indicate whether the cycleway will be provided exclusively on the existing roadway or is it proposed that some or all of it will encroach on existing pathways?

**REPLY:**

In a site inspection of this site, it was noted that both the volume and speed of traffic was low. Therefore, using the National Cycle Manual, a shared street arrangement, where cyclists share with general traffic, would be the most appropriate facility in this case. If a cycle lane was installed this would mean that the existing parallel parking would need to be removed.

**L/302/18 - Q12 Item ID:58356 – ROAD TRAFFIC PROGRAMME**

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, Councillor G. O'Connell, Councillor L. O'Toole, Councillor P. Gogarty, Councillor R. Nolan, Councillor V. Casserly

"To ask will the Chief Executive please indicate what progress has been made towards upgrading the Kennelsfort Road/R148 junction as part of the six year road programme adopted in 2016? And can the Chief Executive report on the findings of the most recent traffic counts at a) the Kennelsfort Road/R148 junction and b) at the R148/The Oval junction in Palmerstown? Will he indicate when the next counts are due to take place."

**REPLY:**

The Senior Engineer for Roads Design and Construction has indicated that there has been no progress in identifying a source of funding for this scheme.

There are currently no plans to schedule classified counts at this location. Non-classified counts are available on an ongoing basis. If there are any specific queries it may be possible to address these from the available data.

**L/303/18 - C10 Item ID:58176 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence (No Business)

**L/304/18 - H15 Item ID:58189 – NEW WORKS**

New Works (No Business)

**L/305/18 - H16 Item ID:58191 – DECLARATION OF NEW ROADS**

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

**L/306/18 - M9 Item ID:57951 – YELLOW BOX FOR OUTER RING ROAD**

Proposed by Councillor R. Nolan, seconded by Councillor D, O’ Brien.

"That this Area Committee notes the roundabout on the outer ring road between Kissogue and Adamstown is extremely busy at peak times, with drivers not yielding to let others enter the roundabout. With this situation happening, can I request yellow boxes for this roundabout."

**The following report by the Chief Executive was READ.**

“Arrangements have been made to install yellow boxes as requested.”

Following contributions from Cllr. R. Nolan, Tony O’ Grady, Senior Engineer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**L/307/18 - M10 Item ID:58367 – FOOTPATH REPAIRS AT BEECH GROVE**

Proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle, seconded by Councillor D. O’ Brien.

"That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive provide a report on planned repairs to repeatedly-reported localised footpath defects at Beech Grove."

**The following report by the Chief Executive was READ.**

“Funding was provided in the 2017 Roadworks programme for footpath repairs in Beech Grove. A contractor was appointed and the repairs were carried out in summer 2017. No provision for further works was included for 2018. The Area Engineer will be requested to inspect the area and arrange for any necessary repairs to be carried out on any trip hazards that are present.”

**Motion 12 taken in conjunction with Motion 10.**

**M12 Item ID:58368 – FOOTPATH REPAIRS AT ESKER MEADOWS**

Proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle, seconded by Councillor L. O’ Toole.

"That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive provide a report on planned repairs to repeatedly-reported localised footpath defects and severe trip hazards at Esker Meadows."

Note for Department: Membersnet 1268067 & 1190445 refer.

**The following report by the Chief Executive was READ.**

“The location has been inspected. The Area Engineer has been requested to arrange for the repairs to be carried out to the damaged aprons on Esker Meadows Close and the trip hazards on Esker meadows Grove as requested. The works will be carried out in summer 2018.”

Following contributions from Councillors W. Lavelle and E. O’ Brien, Tony O’ Grady, Senior Engineer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**.

**L/308/18 - M11 Item ID:58375 – LED LIGHTING UPGRADE**

Proposed by Councillor D. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor P. Gogarty.

"That this area committee agrees to will write to the relevant Minister’s to ask what plan and funding will be made available to Councils to upgrade the public lighting systems in housing estates that can’t currently be upgraded to an LED system."

**The following report by the Chief Executive was READ.**

“The Road Management Office (RMO) is the government body tasked to oversee the national programme of LED upgrades**.** They have been made aware of the technical problems associated with the upgrade of older housing estates. We will arrange to have a meeting with them in the short term to ascertain what progress, if any, has been made on this matter.”

Following contributions from Cllrs. D. O’ Brien and L. O’ Toole, Tony O’ Grady, Senior Engineer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**.

**L/309/18 - M13 Item ID:58379 – UPDATE ON R120 UPGRADE**

Proposed by Councillor D. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor L. O’ Toole.

"That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive provide an update report on the road improvement works on the R120 and for this report to include the current progress to date, if the project in running on time, the date works will finish and if the project will finish on budget."

**The following report by the Chief Executive was READ.**

“Work commenced on site on the Adamstown Road (R120) and Nangor Road (R134) Improvement Scheme in November 2017 and is due to be complete in February 2019. The project is currently on programme with about 40% of the works now complete, this includes;

* New services 60%
* New road construction 50%
* New Bridge 60%

The Resident Engineering staff liaise on a continuous basis with local landowners and sports clubs/organisations and any issues are resolved as they occur.

Traffic is maintained and managed by the Contractor in accordance with the Contract and in consultation with the Resident Engineering Staff. Single lane running is necessary on occasion and such is manged with traffic signals and overridden manually when required. Only a handful of complaints have been received on traffic issues to date.

The Project is currently on budget. However, the Contract is only 40% complete and the final figure will be dependent on final measure, legitimate contractor claims and acceptable value engineering proposals.”

Following contributions from Cllrs. D. O’ Brien and L. O’ Toole, Helena Fallon, Senior Executive Engineer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

**Planning**

**L/310/18 - Q13 Item ID:58354 – UPDATE FOR LOCAL ACCESS STUDY FOR LIFFEY VALLEY RETAIL CENTRE**

Proposed by Councillor D. O'Brien, Councillor E. O'Brien, Councillor G. O'Connell, Councillor L. O'Toole, Councillor P. Gogarty, Councillor R. Nolan, Councillor V. Casserly, Councillor W. Lavelle

"To ask will the Chief Executive please provide an update on progress in relation to the Local Access Study for the Liffey Valley Retail Centre which was agreed would be undertaken as part of the County Development Plan, 2016-22. Is the report complete in which case when will it be circulated? Can it be circulated now? If not when is it expected that it will be available?

**REPLY:**

There are currently a number of bodies with a remit in relation to the delivery of the Local Access Study (LAS) for the Liffey Valley Retail Centre. These include the Liffey Valley Retail Centre (LVRC), National Transportation Authority (NTA), Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and South Dublin County Council (SDCC) through the provisions of the South Dublin County Development Plan 2016-2022.

It is part of SDCC Planning Department Work Programme to prepare a LAS for LVRC. The Planning Department is currently undertaking a broad range of projects which include, amongst others, the following: Clonburris SDZ Planning Scheme, County Development Plan 2016 -2022 Two Year Progress Report, Tallaght Local Area Plan, Economic Portal, Vacant Sites Register and advancement of projects subject to designation under the Major Urban Housing Development Sites and funding under the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund. Work on SDCC LAS will commence when resources allow.

In the interim the owners of the LVRC are preparing a LAS. The main outputs of the LAS will be a package of evidence-based and prioritised recommendations that can be used to inform future planning applications to improve access to and from the local communities of Clondalkin, Lucan and Palmerstown to the LVRC.

The LAS will focus on the opportunities to replace short-distance single occupancy car trips with sustainable modes, including walking, cycling, public transport use and car-sharing.

**L/311/18 - Q14 Item ID:58357 – VINCENT L BYRNE SITE**

Proposed by Councillor D. O'Brien, Councillor E. O'Brien, Councillor G. O'Connell, Councillor L. O'Toole, Councillor P. Gogarty, Councillor R. Nolan, Councillor V. Casserly, Councillor W. Lavelle

"To ask will the Chief Executive please indicate if any discussions have taken place in the last two years with outside parties in relation to the development of the Vincent L Byrne site in Palmerstown and, if so, supply a detailed report?

**REPLY:**

On 4 May 2018, An Bord Pleanála received a pre-application consultation request for a Strategic Housing Development (SHD) of 305 apartments in 2 blocks ranging from to 3 – 8 storeys with ancillary facilities including gym, community / recreational rooms and crèche at Palmerstown Retail Park, Kennelsfort Road Lower, Dublin 20.

An Bord Pleanála now have to form and issue an opinion as to whether the proposed development can be assessed as a SHD. The pre-application stage can take up to 9 weeks.

If An Bord Pleanála form an opinion that the proposed development can be assessed as a SHD, the applicant will have to notify the Council and the public to facilitate the making of submissions. A summary of the views expressed by elected members of the Lucan ACM on the proposed development can also be submitted to An Bord Pleanála.

An Bord Pleanála is required to make their determination in respect of a SHD planning application within a 16 week period from receipt. This period can be extended if an oral hearing is held.

If An Bord Pleanála form opinion that the proposed development cannot be assessed as a SHD, the applicant has the opportunity to submit the application directly to South Dublin County Council for decision.

**L/312/18 - C11 Item ID:58174 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence (No Business)

**L/313/18 - H17 Item ID:58187 – NEW WORKS**

New Works (No Business)

This meeting concluded at 4.11pm

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