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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting dealing with Performance & Change Management, Corporate Support, Environment, Water & Drainage, Public Realm, Community, Housing, Planning, transportation, Libraries & Arts and Economic Development, held on 20th June, 2018.

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

 Councillor B. Bonner

 Councillor K. Egan

 Councillor T. Gilligan

 Councillor J. Graham

 Councillor E. Higgins

 Councillor M. Johansson

 Councillor F. Timmons

 Councillor M. Ward

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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

Senior Engineer Mr. W. Purcell

A/Senior Engineer Mr. M. McAdam

Senior Parks Superintendent Ms. S. Furlong

County Librarian Ms. B. Fennell

Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Mr. D. Fennell

Communications Manager Mr. N. Noonan

RAPID Co-Ordinator Mr. A. Lane

Assistant Parks Superintendent Mr. B. Redmond

Senior Staff Officer Ms. F. Murphy

Staff Officer Ms. P. O’Reilly

Assistant Staff Officer Ms. I. Kenny

Cathaoirleach, Councillor M. Ward presided.

It was proposed by Councillor M. Ward and unanimously agreed to observe a minute silence to mark the 25th Anniversary of the decriminalisation of homosexuality in Ireland.

**C/294/18 – (H1) Item ID: 58511 - Confirmation & Re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting of 16th May, 2018**

The Minutes of the May meeting of the Clondalkin Area Committee dealing with Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management, Water & Drainage, Public Realm, Environment, Housing, Community, Transportation and Planning, held on 16th May, 2018 which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED.**

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

“That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of 16th May, 2018 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED:**

[Minutes](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=60428)

## **C/295/18 – QUESTIONS**

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

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

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **C/296/18 – (H2) Item ID: 58486 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/297/18 – (C1) Item ID: 58487 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

## **Corporate Support**

### **C/298/18 – (H3) Item ID: 58488 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/299/18 – (C2) Item ID: 58489 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/300/18 – (M1) Item ID: 58866 – Together for Yes Dublin Mid-West**

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

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

"This Committee agrees to write to the Together for Yes Dublin Mid-West campaign group congratulating them on their tremendous work during the repeal the 8th referendum"

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

“If the Motion is passed, a letter of congratulations will be issued**.**”

Following contributions from Councillors M. Ward, E. Higgins, F. Timmons, M. Johansson and B. Bonner, the motion was **PASSED.**

### **C/301/18 – (M2) Item ID: 58455 – 300K Have Your Say Newcastle**

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

"That the Chief Executive issue a full report in light of the disappointing response to the active engagement by local Residents participation and Newcastle submissions in the 300k Have your say! In relation to Residents of Newcastle and to ask what community services are to be provided in the Newcastle area? also that a report into each of the unsuccessful submissions below is given and to identify how they could be achieved and in what realistic timeframe? Also to look at the deficit in Council owned land and how this can be overcome by purchasing some land for community facilities."

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

“30 project submissions were gathered from the Newcastle area for €300k Have Your Say that were then assessed through the agreed criteria. Unfortunately, no project submissions was found to be eligible to progress to voting stage. This was due to a number of reasons, primarily owing to projects being pitched on lands not in public ownership, for projects outside of the Council's remit or due to the lack of available public land in the area itself.

However, the Council is able to provide further information regarding the possibility of the provision of play space areas, which was the primary concern of many entries from citizens in the area.

Whilst there is currently no appropriate public land available to construct a suitable play space, the Council has made contact with the Department of Education in relation to the provision of an interim site for a play space in Newcastle within Department of Education owned lands. The Department has indicated it is willing to consider such a proposal and the Council is progressing a draft design for their consideration.  The facility proposed is on a temporary basis only, pending Department of Education requirements for school development in the area.

In the meantime, the firm that has recently acquired zoned lands within the Newcastle Local Area Plan area has also expressed an interest in providing a play space. The firm has engaged a Landscape Architect to pursue this idea and has drafted proposals within the Ballynakelly area. Any proposal will be subject to public consultation. Long term plans for the area through the Newcastle Local Area Plan allows for public open space to be provided in tandem with the delivery of the development of the plan lands. Just to note, the eventual delivery of Local Area Plan development will also provide for a number of play grounds / play spaces in tandem with developments.”

Following contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, T. Gilligan, E. Higgins, M. Johansson, B. Bonner and M. Ward, Mr. N. Noonan, Communications Manager and Ms. M. Maguire, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/302/18 – (M3) Item ID: 58558 – ESB Power Cuts in Clondalkin**

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

"That this area committee is concerned at the frequency and duration of power cuts in the Clondalkin electoral area and agrees to ask the ESB for an explanation for this and a commitment to address this serious issue."

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

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

Following contributions from Councillors B. Bonner and T. Gilligan, the motion was **PASSED.**

### **C/303/18 – (M4) Item ID: 58871 – Clondalkin Tidy Towns**

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

"That this Committee write to Clondalkin Tidy Towns and congratulates them on the tremendous achievement they have made in Clondalkin Village and general area.  It is looking extremely well and the dedication of a small but extremely dedicated group is making our village a better place to live, work and socialise in.  We also acknowledge the huge sense of pride that Clondalkin Tidy Towns has brought to our area."

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

“If the Motion is passed, a letter of congratulations will be issued to the Clondalkin Tidy Towns Committee.”

Following contributions from Councillors. F. Timmons, T. Gilligan and B. Bonner, the motion was **AGREED.**

### **C/304/18 – (M5) Item ID: 58560 – Drug Dealing in Rowlagh**

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

It was **AGREED** by the Cathaoirleach in consultation with the elected Members, to consider Motion 13 in tandem with this item, as they were of a similar subject matter.

"That this area committee calls on the Gardai to address the issue of open drug dealing in Rowlagh adjacent to the shopping centre by means of more visible and frequent garda patrols and presence.  The assistance of the Council's anti social and environmental units are also called upon to help to counter the anti social problems of dumping and drug dealing which are having an impact on the lives of residents and on the viability of businesses in this area."

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

“If the motion is approved, a letter will be issued to An Garda Siochána for their attention, and when a reply is received, the Committee will be notified accordingly**.**”

### **(M13) Item ID: 58484 – CCTV in Rowlagh**

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

"That the Chief Executive look at South Dublin County Council providing CCTV that would cover the area around Rowlagh outside shops and services to help the Ronanstown Guards combat on going drug dealing and intimidation in this area and to ask when this could happen and the cost of same and to liaise with Ronanstown Guards on same."

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

“There are a number of CCTV schemes currently operating in South Dublin County- traffic management (various locations), town centres (Tallaght & Clondalkin schemes) Grand Canal CCTV and Community Based CCTV (West Tallaght & North Clondalkin). There have also been a number of expressions of interest from private management companies for their estates.

With respect to Community Based CCTV schemes, a report was considered by the South Dublin County JPC on the 24th November 2017 where it was noted that:

* It was very complex process installing an appropriate CCTV system
* Community based CCTV had proven to be very expensive for the local authority in terms of set up, repair and maintenance and monitoring.

At present the local authority would be reluctant to support any extension of the Community Based CCTV scheme particularly having regard to the level of funding proposed. In order to support the scheme funding would need to be in place to ensure the scheme is maintained and monitored appropriately to address the costs identified above.

Rowlagh is covered by the North Clondalkin, Palmerstown and Lucan Local Policing Forum which comprises members of the local community, local Councillors, South Dublin County Council and Garda Síochána who would have a role in addressing this matter and it is suggested that the matter be referred to the Forum for consideration.

The following sets out the details for applying for Community Based CCTV schemes

**Details of the Community Based CCTV Scheme**

Full details are available at:  <http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/Community-Based-CCTV>. All documentation in relation to the Scheme can be found below:
 [Form PD 001 - Code of Practice](http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/PD_001_Code_of_Practice.pdf/Files/PD_001_Code_of_Practice.pdf)

[Form PD 002 - Guidelines for Application](http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/PD_002_Guidelines.pdf/Files/PD_002_Guidelines.pdf)

[Form PD 003 - Application Form](http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/PD_003_Application_Form.pdf/Files/PD_003_Application_Form.pdf)

[Form PD 004 - Technical Specification](http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/PD_004_Technical_Specification.pdf/Files/PD_004_Technical_Specification.pdf)

[Form PD005 - Assessment of Need](http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/PD_005_Assessment_of_Need.pdf/Files/PD_005_Assessment_of_Need.pdf)

[Form PD 006 - General Conditions](http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/PD_006_General_Conditions.pdf/Files/PD_006_General_Conditions.pdf)

[Form PD 007 - Certificate of Completion](http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/PD_007_Certificate_of_Completion.pdf/Files/PD_007_Certificate_of_Completion.pdf)

**Eligibility Criteria**

The Scheme is intended to support community-based organisations and, accordingly, applicant organisations could include:

* existing community-based not-for-profit organisations that are broadly representative of the community e.g. Area Partnerships, Community Development Projects, Family Resource Centres, the Local Authority, Community Enterprise, etc.
* community-based, not-for-profit, consortium of private and community interests under the aegis of an existing lead organisation.

In addition, the following conditions **must be complied** with:

* the Lead Group for all applications must be an existing, legally registered body. An established track record in relation to the expenditure of public funds is desirable;
* the proposal must be:
	+ approved by the local Joint Policing Committee (JPC) – a letter of approval from the JPC must accompany the application,
	+ have the prior support of the relevant Local Authority, who must act as Data Controller – proof of Garda vetting must be provided in respect of the proposed data controller and others who will have access to the system (Garda Síochána (CCTV) Order 2006 (S.I. No. 289 of 2006)),
	+ have the authorisation of the Commissioner of An Garda Síochána in accordance with Section 38 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005,
	+ comply with the Code of Practice **(Form PD No 001)**,
	+ comply with the Technical Specification **(Form PD No 004)**,
	+ be accompanied by a completed application form **(Form PD No 003)**;
* applicant organisations must:
	+ have the support of a range of local groups/organisations, working together in the community (e.g. Joint Policing Committee, An Garda Síochána, community groups, residents’ groups, local development groups, local businesses, public bodies, etc.),
	+ demonstrate that the design of the proposed CCTV system is acceptable to local residents, regarding the location of equipment and that the equipment will be so deployed so as to avoid any undue intrusion or invasion of privacy or infringe an individual’s civil liberties,
	+ be able to demonstrate the need for a CCTV system in their area,
	+ demonstrate that they have funds in place to meet their portion of the funding required for the CCTV system, and
	+ demonstrate that they have the capacity or potential to develop, implement, operate and maintain such a system into the future – **in particular, they are required to give a commitment to provide the necessary funds to sustain the project for a five-year period**.
* A steering committee for the project **must** be established to ensure optimum community participation and influence. The committee should be comprised of a broad range of community groups and interests. It will provide an ongoing mechanism for local consultation and for monitoring the overall implementation and progress of the project.
* Consideration will only be given to applications that fully comply with the eligibility criteria.

**Local Authority Conditions**

The following conditions relate to the local authority and **must** be met before a grant will be awarded.

* Evidence must be provided that the participating Local Authority will undertake to act as Data Controller, for the purposes of Data Protection legislation, as required by the Garda Síochána (CCTV) Order 2006 (S.I. No. 289 of 2006).
* Proof of Garda vetting in respect of the proposed Data Controller and others who will have access to the system must be included with the application.
* A letter of support and approval from the relevant Local Authority must be included with the application.
* Confirmation must be provided that the necessary planning permissions and wayleaves have been secured, to allow for the installation of cameras or related equipment and the routing of cables etc.”

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

## **Environment**

### **C/305/18 – (H4) Item ID: 58490 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/306/18 – (C3) Item ID: 58491 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

## **Water & Drainage**

### **C/307/18 – (Q1) Item ID: 58863 – Flooding in Main St. Rathcoole**

Proposed by Councillor B. Bonner

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the issue of flooding in Main Street Rathcoole, where there seems to be an increasing tendency for inundation.  What is the reason for this and what steps are being taken to address the issue?

Can the Council look into the provision of flood-defence barriers for the houses which have, on a number of occasions now, been flooded.

**REPLY:**

The South Dublin County Council Drainage Section cleared the surface water drains in this area approximately 2 years ago and have revisited the area on occasion since. It appears that these works have not completely resolved the issue, which we are now re-examining.

Once the cause is identified the Drainage section will arrange for works to be carried out to rectify the issue.

### **C/308/18 – (H5) Item ID: 58492 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/309/18 – (C4) Item ID: 58493 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/310/18 – (M6) Item ID: 58561 – Mill Pond**

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

"That this area committee calls for a report on the management of water levels in the Camac at Clondalkin Park.  It appears that the level of water in the privately owned Mill Pond is being adversely affected by the operation of sluices at the Sandy Hole area.  This is endangering wildlife at the Mill Pond which has long been a very important Eco system in the Park."

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

“The SDCC Drainage section has visited the site, carried out works and restored the functionality of the penstocks (sluices).

To carry out the works it was necessary to allow the level of the Mill Pond to fall in order to gain access and carry out the restoration works safely.

As the works have now been completed the management of the flows have been returned to normal.”

Following contributions from Councillor B. Bonner, Mr. M. McAdam, A/Senior Engineer responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

## **Public Realm**

### **C/311/18 – (Q2) Item ID: 58575 – Re-planting of Beds at entrance to Castle Park**

Proposed by Councillor B. Bonner

"To ask the Chief Executive when the long promised replanting of the beds at the entrance to Castle Park and on the Fonthill Road between Boot Road and Caldbeck Way will commence?"

**REPLY:**

On site works are expected to take place on both projects during Quarter 4 during the planting season. Prior to this, the plans will be finalised, consultation will take place with interested parties on the Castle Park scheme, and materials will be procured.

### **C/312/18 – (Q3) Item ID: 58445 – Playground at Méile an Rí**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"That the Chief Executive issue a report into how below issue of ''Playground at Meile an Rí'' that I have has been discussed before at area meetings can be sorted? how and what timeframe? is funding available for this?

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| Balgaddy, Clondalkin | Playground at Meile an Rí | Renovation/Repair of Vandalised Playground with added security. Playground was destroyed by vandals. It was accessible for children with special needs. Higher fences and tighter security needs to be added. | Project proposal raise a local issue can be addressed through the Council’s existing repair and/or maintenance programmes" |

**REPLY:**

While the use of high fences around playgrounds can work in some instances to deter unauthorised access, it is often not a solution in locations where persistent abuse and vandalism of equipment is being experienced. The playground at Balgaddy is suffering from high levels of vandalism and significant damage has been caused to the equipment, fences, safety surfacing and surrounding paths since its construction in 2012. A lot of the activities occur late at night under the cover of darkness and despite having a CCTV system in place it has not prevented these activities from taking place. The CCTV system has even become a target and was vandalised in 2017 shortly after being upgraded.

The current seating has also been vandalised and it is proposed to remove it to deter loitering. There a number of items of equipment that are currently out of action or have been removed due to vandalism. It is proposed to replace these items in the near future as part of refurbishment works which will include a clean-up of the area.

### **C/313/18 – (Q4) Item ID: 58859 – Knockmitten Astro Pitch**

Proposed by Councillor M. Ward

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the development of the Knockmitten Astro pitch, indicating when it will start and  what are the hold ups?"

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council were notified that the proposed All Weather Pitch Knockmitten has received Sports Capital Grant Funding in the 2018 notification of grants. The Council carried out a Part 8 process in 2017 in relation to the proposal and the Part 8 was passed by the Council.

There is no delay to the project; as notified to all recipients of Sports Capital Grant Allocations in 2018 the progression of the projects will be in tandem with the resources available to the council. The capital team is currently concentrating on the delivery of the 4 No. 2015 Sports Capital Grant allocated projects; 3 of which commenced on site and 1 which will be subject to an imminent construction tender process. Once those projects are progressed the 2018 Capital Grant Allocations will be programmed for detailed design and tender; albeit as each proposed project is different it is likely they will progress to different timescales.

### **C/314/18 – (Q5) Item ID: 58845 – Knockmitten Astro Turf**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"That the Chief Executive gives an updated report on Knockmitten Astro Turf, when will it start? and any other relevant information?"

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council were notified that the proposed All Weather Pitch Knockmitten has received Sports Capital Grant Funding in the 2018 notification of grants. The Council carried out a Part 8 process in 2017 in relation to the proposal and the Part 8 was passed by the Council.

There is no start date for this project as yet; as notified to all recipients of Sports Capital Grant Allocations in 2018 the progression of the projects will be in tandem with the resources available to the council. The capital team is currently concentrating on the delivery of the 4 No. 2015 Sports Capital Grant allocated projects; 3 of which commenced on site and 1 which will be subject to an imminent construction tender process. Once those projects are progressed the 2018 Capital Grant Allocations will be programmed for detailed design and tender; albeit as each proposed project is different it is likely they will progress to different timescales.

### **C/315/18 – (Q6) Item ID: 58860 – Dublin Canvas Project**

Proposed by Councillor M. Ward

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the Dublin Canvas project, indicating chosen locations across South County Dublin, when they will start, when were those that made submissions notified and to make a statement on this matter?"

**REPLY:**

The (South) Dublin Canvas project is an action within the 2018 SDCC Litter Management Action Plan, which aims at eliminating/minimising visual litter as the issue of graffiti (visual litter) remains high on the agenda.

The (South) Dublin Canvas project uses traffic light control boxes to exhibit high quality, creative artwork to the public. Traffic light control boxes make perfect canvases to showcase community art as they are always naturally located in high footfall – high traffic areas. The artwork can be enjoyed by pedestrians, cyclist and motorists as they wait for the traffic light to turn green.

The (South) Dublin Canvas project has commenced in South Dublin County. The open callout for submissions commenced on Thursday 8th March 2018 and the submission deadline was Monday 16th April 2018.

99 submissions were received, 28 of which were inadmissible due to using the incorrect application format. The remaining 71 submissions were assessed on Thursday 19th April 2018 with 36 submissions chosen as suitable for the selected traffic light boxes.

Artist were notified in relation to their submissions following the 21st May (in a staggered manner to allow for an even spread of the boxes to be completed). Artists then liaise with the Dublin Canvas project coordinator indicating when they will begin their work, during the months of June - October.

A further call for submissions will be carried out in order to obtain the remaining 12 artistic representations to achieve the target of 48 traffic lights box involved in this pilot. This callout is commencing, with submission deadline for start of July. Artwork can then be completed by the end of September.

Stages three and four will be completed during the time frame May – October 2018.

Stages 1 and 2 of the project are now completed

**Stage 1: January – February**

* Assess suitable traffic light control boxes for artwork – completed
* Agree selected locations – completed
* Photograph and add GPS data to website ready for callout to artists – completed

**Stage 2: March - April**

* Callout Commences – completed
* Selection process - completed
* Artists notified of outcome – began 21st May 2018

The following is the breakdown of the selection process per location as it current stands:

1. **Clondalkin**
	1. 5/8 pieces selected
2. **Lucan/Palmerstown**
	1. 3/8 pieces selected
3. **Rathfarnham**
	1. 8/8 selected
4. **Tallaght South**
	1. 8/8 selected
5. **Tallaght Central**
	1. 8/8 selected
6. **Templeogue**
	1. 4/8 selected

See attached list of traffic box locations. A number of traffic light boxes initially identified will have to be substituted due to health and safety, suitability and sightline reasons. The following outlines the boxes and the reason for substitute:

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|  | **Location** | **Area** | **SDCC#** | **GPS:** | **Notes** |
|   1 | ORR/ Hermitage | Lucan |   | 53.356163, -6.422444 | Box is not suitable for use |
|   2 | Rathfarnham Main St/ Butterfield Ave | Rathfarnham | 43. T380 | 53.297856, -6.286102 | Box not Visible |
|   3 | Ballyboden / Ballyroan | Rathfarnham | 47. T132 | 53.286335, -6.293326 | Box not suitable. Bars welded to side |
|   4 | Belgard Rd- Old Blessington Road | Tallaght Central | 19. T141 | 53.289048, -6.367782 | Not Viewable behind rail |
|   5 | N81-Belgard Road | Tallaght Central | 20. T176 | 53.285290, -6.365795 | Uneven surface, trip hazard |
|   6 | Templeville Rd/ Fortfield | Templeogue/ Terenure | 39. T505 | 53.301519, -6.305281 | Not Suitable. Bars welded to ide. |

Replacement Traffic light boxes have yet to be identified but this process is being undertaken in collaboration with Roads as these must be confirmed prior to the second callout.

**Stage 3: May – June/July/August**

* Further call out
* Artwork begins

**Stage 3: September - October**

* Artwork Completed

 Work has commenced at some locations and all work is to be completed by October 2018.

**REPLY:**

**South Dublin Canvas Traffic box locations 12th June 2018**

**Lucan**

1. T312 R148 Kennelsfort Rd
2. T311 R148 The Oval
3. T143 Lucan Main St /Leixlip Rd
4. T167 Lucan Rd/ Chapel Hill
5. T555 Lucan Rd/ Grange Castle
6. T571 R120/N4 (Newcastle Interchange)
7. T549 ORR/ Willsbrook Rd
8. T553 ORR/ Hermitage – box not suitable alternative required

**Clondalkin**

1. T598 Newcastle main St. / Aylmer Rd
2. T379 Tower Rd/ Ninth Lock Rd/ Orchard Lane
3. T169 Ninth Lock Rd/ New Nangor Rd
4. T364 Fonthill Rd South/ New Rd
5. T502 New Nangor Rd/ Bawnogue Rd
6. T359 Tower Rd / Main St/ Convent Rd
7. T560Tower Rd / Main St/ Convent Rd
8. T533 New Nangor Rd/ Grange Castle Rd

**Tallaght Central**

1. T138 N81-Old Bawn Road
2. T140A Tallaght Village
3. T179 Belgard Road- Mayberry Road
4. T303 Greenhills Road-Mayberry Road
5. T530 Tallaght Main Street- Greenhills Road
6. T568 Belgard Square East – Belgard Square
7. T141 Belgard Rd- Old Blessington Road - box not suitable alternative required
8. T176 N81-Belgard Road - box not suitable alternative required

**Tallaght South**

1. T556 Tallaght Stadium
2. T569 N81 Cheeverstown Rd
3. T550 Fortunestown Rd/Jobstown Rd
4. T564 ORR/ Fortunestown
5. T527 Killinarden Heights
6. T590 Castle Rd/Mill Rd, Saggart
7. T580 Bóthar Katherine Tynan/ Fettercairn
8. T569 Bóthar Katherine Tynan/ ORR

**Templeogue/ Terenure**

1. T136 Crumlin Cross
2. T199 Templeville / Glendown
3. T508 Templeogue Rd/ Templeogue Bridge
4. T521 Firhouse Rd / Spawell Bridge
5. T198 St. Peters Rd St. James
6. T501 Kimmage Manor
7. T342 Templeogue Templeville,
8. T505 Templeville Rd/ Fortfield - box not suitable alternative required

**Rathfarnham**

1. T341 Rathfarnham Rd/ Dodder Rd
2. T376 Rathfarnham Rd/ Butterfield
3. T337B Rathfarnham by Pass/ Willsbrook Rd
4. T333 Butterfield / Marian/ Fairways
5. T160 Dodder Rd/ Fairways
6. T598 Taylors Lane / Whitechurch Rd
7. T132 Ballyboden / Ballyroan - box not suitable alternative required
8. T380 Rathfarnham Main St/ Butterfield Ave - box not suitable alternative required

### **C/316/18 – (H6) Item ID: 58512 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/317/18 – (C5) Item ID: 58495 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/318/18 – (M7) Item ID: 58861 – Grass Cutting Policy**

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

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

"That this committee asks for report to be provided for discussion on the grass cutting policy of South Dublin County Council and based on the issues raised that South Dublin County Council will carry out a review of the current policy."

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

“Grass cutting has been greatly hampered by weather conditions which pertained through the course of the Winter and early Spring. Met Éireann rainfall data shows that rainfall for the period January to April 2018 has exceeded the mean rainfall for the same months over the 3 year period 2015 to 2017 as follows – in January rainfall exceeded the previous 3 year mean by 60%, in March the exceedance was 30% and in April it was over 80%. Met Éireann also reported throughout the month of April that soil moisture levels were still at saturation, with 76.1mm of rain having fallen in that month.

In normal conditions the Council’s grass cutting programme commences in mid-March and has reached full pace by mid-April with a full cutting schedule established by that date. Following on from the conditions outlined above the grass cutting programme could not commence until mid-April, a month behind schedule, and the programme continues to be behind schedule. Efforts are continuing to establish the regular roster and to make up the time lost in March and April. Ordinarily by June 1st grass areas would be getting cut for the fourth time however the programme is full cycle behind on the schedule. In addition to the impact of the long and wet Winter, conditions during the month of May with high soil moisture levels coupled with rising soil temperature levels have been such to encourage strong grass growth over the past month.

With regard to resourcing of the grass cutting operation all available staff and machinery have been assigned to the programme. In addition seasonal staff have been recruited, trained and assigned to grass cutting and the associated litter picking and cleaning work on grass areas. The weed spraying programme has also commenced in May focusing on weeds and grass around lighting columns, sign poles and trees and this will continue over the coming weeks.

It is hoped that the fortnightly cutting roster in parks, estates open spaces and main roads will be established during the month of June along with the weekly cutting roster for playing pitches. The public realm maintenance schedule including the grass cutting programme can be viewed on the Council’s website under the Environment/Maintenance Schedule tabs.” [**http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Home/CleansingMap**](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Home/CleansingMap)

### Following contributions from Councillor M. Ward, M. Johansson and B. Bonner, Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/319/18 – (M8) Item ID: 58268 – Rathcoole Park**

The following motion was submitted by Councillors E. Higgins and K. Egan:

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

That SDCC Parks in conjunction with IW would put a phased plan together to reduce the significant loss of Rathcoole Park as an amenity to the Community during these Works eg

* Seek Drawing from IW of exactly what areas in the Park will be used for pipe construction, works area, soil/spoil storage, plant storage etc
* Seek IW **funding** for alternate footpaths per an SDCC Parks disturbance plan (Tarmac and temporary bark footpaths etc)
* Seek IW Disturbance/Goodwill **payment**s for this loss of amenity for Rathcoole Community, BCM, Football Clubs and the Parks Dept. This is standard practice based on the number of residents in the Community.
* Seek an IW plan for the timely return of existing footpaths as Works phases are completed
* Seek the specification for the IW fencing to ensure families using eg park Playspaces and Fitness equipment are safe.

Co sponsored: Kenneth Egan

[CPO area for Rathcoole Park](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=60585)

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

“South Dublin County Council have sent the above request to Irish Water and awaits a response. In the interim the Council can provide the following information:

**Background:**

The Irish Water works regarding the installation in Rathcoole Park are part of the proposed Water Supply Project – Eastern and Midlands Region (WSP) as described on the Irish Water website as follows: (full link here: <http://www.watersupplyproject.ie/contact-water-supply-project/>)

*“In 2014, Irish Water embarked on a four-stage process to identify a suitable new source of water supply for the Eastern and Midlands Region. Extensive studies and research have been undertaken to identify and assess all possible supply options to meet the future water supply requirements of the region.*

*The Parteen Basin option was identified as the preferred scheme as it is the option which delivers the widest benefit to the greatest number of people, with the least environmental impact and in the most cost effective manner.*

*The Parteen Basin scheme comprises the abstraction of water from the lower River Shannon at Parteen Basin in Co. Tipperary, with water treatment nearby at Birdhill. Treated water would then be piped 170km to a termination point reservoir at Peamount in South County Dublin, connecting into the Greater Dublin network. Supplies of treated water would be made available to Midland communities along the route.*

*Irish Water has sought, listened to and responded to public feedback at every stage of the project's development, from assessing the need right through to identifying the preferred scheme. All research, assessments and public consultations have been undertaken in line with international best practice for the identification of need and determination of options. Feedback received during each consultation has been summarised in our reports, which are available* [*here*](http://www.watersupplyproject.ie/consultation/)*.*

*The outcome of the consultation process identified that the Parteen Basin scheme is the best option, and is the only option that meets the projects objective of providing a long-term and sustainable water supply for the Eastern and Midlands Region.”*

A portion of these works traverse South Dublin County including a section of Rathcoole Park. These works have been progressed by Irish Water via a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) Wayleave. Since the granting of the CPO South Dublin County Council have been liaising with Irish Water to try to ensure that there is a limited negative impact on the park including the facilities therein and to minimize the impact of the works on park users.

SDCC were notified by Irish Water of their intention to enter on South Dublin effected plots on or after 27/3/18 as follows:

*“We refer to the above and confirm that the above Order was signed by Irish Water on the 24th February 2017 and subsequently confirmed on the 15th August 2017. Pursuant to said Order and in further pursuance of Section 80(1) of the Housing Act, 1966, we hereby enclose, under registered cover:-*

* *Notice to Treat*
* *Notice of Entry*
* *Copy of the Drawing(s) outlining the affected land plot(s) concerning you”*

SDCC have yet to receive notification of the exact date of works commencing within Rathcoole Park.

SDCC met with Irish Water on 09 04 2018 in order to discuss and progress many of the items included in the above motion. At the meeting Irish Water produced a draft document entitled “High level Impact Assessment of the Strategic Watermain in Rathcoole Park”. This contains a variety of information (in draft form) which may answer some of the queries above as follows:

**Areas in the Park affected:**

Within the draft document used for discussion it outlined the area within the park that will be impacted on and the reinstatement corridor proposed. These include the 3 playing pitches, the hedgerows and footpaths and other facilities along the route of the CPO corridor. (See attached map of CPO corridor)

The following was also outlined within the Risk Assessment section

*“The health and safety of the public were significant considerations during the rotue selection of the proposed water main and that the highest safety standards have been employed for the proposed design of the strategic water main in Rathcoole Park.”*

SDCC made a number of comments with regard to the affected areas, the reinstatements proposed and also requested incorporation and development of a pedestrian management plan and a communication plan to disseminate information about the project, its impacts and its proposed mitigations measures to ensure that park users, local communities and residents are informed of the relevant details and are impacted on as little as possible during the works. South Dublin provided Irish Water with a communications plan that was effective during recent similar works in a local park.

South Dublin have also requested information with regard to the reinstatement proposals and programmes for the return of this section of the park to the council; taking into account the commissioning process for the works and the necessary establishment of the playing pitches (post reinstatement). This is also awaited.

South Dublin County Council has commissioned studies in relation to the playing pitches to aid in negotiations with Irish Water with regard to reinstatement of same.

**Footpaths:**

With regard to footpaths the draft document above which has yet to be finalised contains a section about risk assessments and social impacts. This includes outlines of the pedestrian management plan which Irish Water informed us would be developed into a pedestrian management plan for the construction stage.

The CPO map attached demonstrates there will be impact to east west footpaths within the main central section of the park. SDCC made a number of comments with regard to the affected areas, the reinstatements proposed and also requested incorporation and development of a pedestrian management plan and a communication plan to disseminate information about the project, its impacts and its proposed mitigations measures to ensure that park users, local communities and residents are informed of the relevant details and are impacted on as little as possible during the works. South Dublin provided Irish Water with a communications plan that was effective during recent similar works in a local park.

**Financial Compensation:**

All financial matters in relation to the impact of the works on the park are managed by the Office of the Chief Valuer in accordance with the CPO process. South Dublin County Council continue to liaise with the Valuer in this regard. However the criteria under which this valuation is made has to have regard to the CPO process.

**Fencing:**

The draft document referred to above outlines that the security fence will be erected at the north end of Rathcoole Park leaving a 12m opening between the proposed 2.4m high security fencing and the existing stone wall at the northern boundary of the park”

SDCC have yet to receive the finalised version of the “High level Impact Assessment of the Strategic Watermain in Rathcoole Park.”

Following contributions from Councillor E. Higgins, Ms. M. Maguire, Senior Executive Officer, Ms. S. Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent and Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks superintendent responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/320/18 – (M9) Item ID: 58551 – Update on Playspaces in Clondalkin**

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

"That the Chief Executive give an update of playspaces in Clondalkin."

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

“The Playspace programme in South Dublin County Council is a five year programme that commenced in 2014. The provision of playgrounds in the recent past concentrated on large, formally equipped and defined playgrounds with highly specialised equipment. The playspace programme aims to provide opportunities to play. This type of play allows children to develop their imagination, challenge their abilities, deal with risk and, critically, adapt their own environment.

The Play Space programme was established following the identification of a deficit of play areas for children in this county. This was documented in the policy document ‘Developing play in South Dublin County’ adopted by the Council in June 2006. However the development of play areas / playgrounds did not result in the immediate aftermath, due to the economic downturn and lack of development generally.

In recent years there has been an emphasis on the physical and mental well-being of children. Over the past 20 years there has been a significant rise in levels of [obesity](http://health.gov.ie/healthy-ireland/obesity/), childhood diabetes, high levels of stress and increasing sedentary lifestyles. A [report](https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/child/healthyeating/taskforceonobesity.pdf) by the National Taskforce on Obesity estimates that 300,000 children in Ireland are now obese.

Due to a variety of factors children are less likely to wander far from their own homes. A [study in the UK](https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2010/aug/16/childre-nature-outside-play-health) documented the distance children travelled from home for play; the results showed that the distance children roam from home on their own has shrunk by 90% since the 70s; 43% of adults think a child shouldn't play outdoors unsupervised until the age of 14. So children are increasingly confined to the immediate environs of their homes. This results in children’s activity being dependant on the immediate environment of their homes being conducive to a wide variety of play opportunities and social interaction; which is not so readily available in sterile landscapes of mown grass.

**Delivery to date: Playspace Programme 2014-2018**

**Introduction**

The Play Space Programme is scheduled for completion at the end of 2018. The programme has been very successful to date, particularly taking into account the difficulties encountered during the early phases. The programme has progressed with hard work and significant active involvement from elected members and local communities, and direct engagement with children; the Council can be proud to be in a position where it is now perceived to be at the vanguard of creating new play opportunities close to where children live. It can also be proud to have embraced a new type of play space delivery – using the concepts of Natural Play and where children can create their own play opportunities.

**Delivery to date**

The following 17 play space projects have been constructed to date at an average cost of approx **€65,000.**

* Griffeen Avenue, Lucan
* Sarsfield Park, Lucan
* Hermitage Park, Lucan
* Riversdale Estate
* Quarryvale Park, Clondalkin
* Rathcoole Park
* Knockmitten Park
* Aylesbury Park
* Avonbeg Park
* Sean Walsh Park
* Brookview Estate
* Killinarden
* Kilnamanagh (Tree Park and Park Hill)
* Kingswood
* Beechfield Park
* Ballycragh Park
* Glendoher Park

**Planned Programme**

A programme of playspaces were presented [in June 2017](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=56300)to the Elected Members following an examination of the programme. The projects were prioritised to allow for the completion of the programme within budget. The programmed playspaces are at various stages of consultation, planning and design with a view to tender and construct in lots. In subsequent years proposals for future playspaces may be requested and included as part of the Council's capital programme subject to budget approval. The current actions regarding playspaces within the Clondalkin area is the planned Part 8 for 2 No. playspaces at Newcastle.”

Following contributions from Councillors T. Gilligan, F. Timmons, E. Higgins, B. Bonner and M. Ward, M. S. Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/321/18 – (M10) Item ID: 58559 – Replacement of Litter Bins**

It was proposed by Councillor B. Bonner and seconded by Councillor M. Ward:

"That this area committee calls for the replacement of litter bins at locations where they have been removed in the Clondalkin area and that bins would be installed in areas of need such as at bus stops.  Examples of locations below would not be an exhaustive list.

New Road, Clondalkin.  Bus stop adjacent to the Church

Bus stop at the Ninth Lock Road

At the junction of Nangor Road and Sally Park (laneway to swimming pool)

In Clondalkin Park, adjacent to the skatepark and car park

Bin at Tesco, Convent Road,  to be moved back closer to the bus stop"

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

“The provision of bins is undertaken in accordance with the Litter Bin Replacement Protocol as set out in the Litter Management Plan 2015-2019. Bins are generally removed from existing locations to facilitate works taking place in the area or in the event that they are damaged. Every effort is made to replace bins that are removed. In some instances locations become unsuitable as a result of the works and replacing the bin is not possible. Set out below is an update on each location identified in the Motion.

**New Road, Clondalkin.  Bus stop adjacent to the Church:** There is a bin already in place at the bus stop adjacent to the Church on New Road. An additional bin will be provided on the opposite side of the road to facilitate pupils from Coláiste Bríde School. The bin will be located at bus stop No 2173 between the houses known as St Marys and St Brigid’s.

**Bus stop at the Ninth Lock Road:** A bin will be provided at bus stop No 2115 on Ninth Lock Road opposite the Texaco Filling Station.

**At the junction of Nangor Road and Sally Park (laneway to swimming pool):** This area has been inspected on a number of occasions and there is not a significant litter issue present to warrant the installation of a bin. The area is currently included as part of the handcart route and there are no current proposals to install a bin at this location.

**In Clondalkin Park, adjacent to the skate-park and car park:** There are two bins in the skate-park and third bin located between the skate-park and the Leisure centre. It is acknowledged that the skate-park bins are not readily accessible to all park users and it is therefore proposed to provide an additional bin at the intersection where the car park and skate-park paths meet.

**Bin at Tesco, Convent Road, to be moved back closer to the bus stop":** When the bin on the footpath outside Tesco on Convent Road was situated close to the bus stop, it was being subjected to constant interference in the form of people rocking against it while waiting for buses. This persistent rocking resulted in the bolts becoming loose in the ground and necessitated its removal on a number of occasions. It was not possible to retain the bin at this location on a permanent basis and it was subsequently relocated to the opposite side of the pedestrian entrance to the Tesco car park. This location is approximately 15 meters from the bus stop. Since installation, the bin has not been interfered with. There are no current proposals to relocate this bin again.

An order has been issued for the purchase of the 3 bins identified above. Delivery of the bins is expected in August. Installation will commence shortly after they are received.”

Following a contribution from Councillor B. Bonner, the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/322/18 – (M11) Item ID: 58843 – Removal of Trees in Ashwood Estate**

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

"That the Chief Executive remove the 2 trees at side of house hidden address."

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

“The trees at this location have been inspected recently by the Council's Parks Superintendent for the area. The trees are not considered to warrant removal but have been listed for pruning as part of the planned programme of tree maintenance to be carried out in Ashwood Estate during 2018.”

The motion was **MOVED** without debate.

### **C/323/18 – (M12) Item ID: 58981 – “Friends of Newcastle Burial Ground”**

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

"That this Area Committee gets a full update on the Council's efforts to support 'Friends of Newcastle Burial Ground' in their efforts to draw down funding from Leader to progress the upgrade of the cemetery by installing ducting for power and water supply in addition to a raised platform to be used during outdoor Masses such as the 'blessing of the graves.'  The work proposed by the group will benefit the graveyard from a health and safety perspective in addition to facilitating their annual outdoor Mass."

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

“A meeting took place in Newcastle graveyard in September 2017 between County Council staff and the Friends of Newcastle Burial Ground group where the items listed were discussed.  The Council's position was outlined as follows on each of the items of concern -

1. It is accepted that the water supply system as it exists currently in the graveyard is in need of extension, to bring water supply to parts of the graveyard which currently do not have any.
2. The proposal to construct a platform for the holding of the annual mass is accepted also.  It is noted that this platform will also provide some storage space underneath.
3. The proposal to provide ducting for power around the graveyard was discussed and the following issue was raised by the Council.    The power supply is required on only one day in the year, for the annual mass.  The proposal submitted indicated electrical ducting being provided in all parts of the graveyard.  It was felt that this was excessive in view of the limited need for power in the graveyard.  The installation of the ducting would have a negative impact on the graveyard as it would be necessary to excavate either the existing roadway, footpath or ground where grave plots are to be developed.  The provision of one run of ducting to bring power from one side of the graveyard to the other would however be acceptable to the Council and may be sufficient to meet the needs of the cemetery group.

The Friends of Newcastle Burial Ground should proceed as outlined under points 1 to 3 here, the proposals put forward by them in relation to water supply and the raised platform are acceptable to the Council while the proposal for electrical ducting should be reviewed and revised as suggested.  In addition to the items proposed by the group the Council's Public Realm Section is also considering the completion of surfacing to the car parking area and it is hoped that the funding required for these works can be provided in the 2019 allocation.”

Following contributions from Councillor E. Higgins, Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

## **Community**

### **C/324/18 – (H7) Item ID: 58496 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/325/18 – (D1) Item ID: 58513 – Monthly Deputation Meeting**

(No Business)

### **C/326/18 – (C6) Item ID: 58497 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/327/18 – (M14) Item ID: 58562 – Mural at Neilstown Boxing Club**

It was proposed by Councillor K. Egan and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:

"That this committee support the painting of a mural at Neilstown Boxing Club to recognise the achievements of three boxers who qualified for this years European Championships and asks for funding if it becomes available."

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

“The Community Services Department and Sports Office are fully supportive and wish to acknowledge the fantastic achievements of the 3 local boxers in their qualification for the European Championships and congratulate them.

The Boxing Club should be advised however that contact should be made with the Planning Department to seek advice and approval for any proposed mural and also the Arts Officer. It is also prudent to ask if wise to undergo such a project when no doubt other boxers in the future will also attain similar if not greater achievements and is same type project can be accommodated?

No funding is currently available for the painting of murals in the Community Grants Programme.”

Following contributions from Councillors M. Ward and K. Egan, the report was **NOTED.**

## **Housing**

### **C/328/18 – (Q7) Item ID: 58457 – Part 8’s for Social Housing**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"That the Chief Executive gives a full and comprehensive report on all planned Part 8 for social housing for the Clondalkin area that includes how many houses and timeframe are being built? Also to ask how many will be 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedrooms? and that other Part 8's are brought to the Clondalkin Committee as a matter of urgency?"

**REPLY:**

There are currently three social housing build projects for a total of 65 housing units under construction which will all be completed by the end of 2018.The fourth scheme at St. Cuthbert's, Clondalkin is awaiting final budget approval from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and it is estimated that this scheme will commence on site in July 2018 with a completion date in quarter 2 2019. The unit type breakdowns are listed below.

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| **Scheme** | **No. of Units** | **Build Type** | **2 bed** | **3 Bed** | **4 Bed** | **Expected Month of Completion** |
| Mayfield Estate | 17 | Traditional | 0 | 17 | 0 | June 2018 |
| St Mark's Green, Clondalkin | 11 | Traditional | 0 | 11 | 0 | August 2018 |
| St. Cuthbert's, Clondalkin | 63 | Rapid | 2 |  55 | 6 | 2nd Quarter 2019 |
| Letts Field, Neilstown, Clondalkin | 37 | Traditional | 0 |  37 |  0 | 4th Quarter 2018 |
|   | 128 |   |  2 |  120 |  6 |   |

On the next tranche of proposed social housing projects there are 6 sites identified which are at early stages of feasibility. Once these sites have completed feasibility and are determined suitable for social housing developments the proposed schemes will be designed and commence the Part 8 planning process over the coming 12 months.

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| **Electoral District** | **Location** | **Indicitive Numbers** | **Current Status** |
| Clondalkin | St. Marks Avenue, Clondalkin | 39 | Stage 1 Approved. Project to be developed to design/planning stage |
| Clondalkin | Oldcastle | 50 | Feasability being carried out |
| Clondalkin | Eircom Site | 50 | Currently with the Office of Government Procurement for a Design Team |
| Clondalkin | Riversdale, Clondalkin | 15 | Feasibility & Designs Being Prepared - Part 8 to be published quarter 3 2018 |
| Clondalkin | Collinstown Grove, Clondalkin (2 Sites) | 12 | 2 Sites - to be advertised through Expression of Interest to Approved Housing Bodies quarter 3 2018 |
|   |   | 166 |   |

### **C/329/18 – (Q8) Item ID: 58867 – New Developments on Clondalkin LEA**

Proposed by Councillor M. Ward

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the progress of new developments in the Clondalkin Lea at Mayfield, Lett's Field, St Mark's,  St Cuthbert's, PPP Kilcarbury, Oldcastle and The Grange and to give a statement on this?"

**REPLY:**

There are three construction schemes currently on site at various stages of completion. The scheme at St. Cuthbert's is awaiting final budget approval from the Department of Housing and is estimated to have a site start in July 2018. The table below sets out the estimated completion months for handover from the contractor to the Council for tenanting:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Electoral District** | **Schemes** | **Funding Programme** | **No. of Units** | **Status** | **Due for completion** |
| Clondalkin | St Mark's Green, Clondalkin | SHCIP | 11 | On Site April 2017 | August 2018 |
| Clondalkin | Mayfield Estate | SHCIP | 17 | On Site February 2017 | June 2018 |
| Clondalkin | St. Cuthbert's, Clondalkin | SHCIP | 63 | Final Budget Approval Pending - Estimated Site Start July 2018 | 2nd Quarter 2019 |
| Clondalkin | Letts Field, Neilstown, Clondalkin | SHCIP | 37 | On Site | 4th Quarter 2019 |
|   |   |   | 128 |   |   |

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| **Electoral District** | **Location** | **Indicative Numbers** | **Current Status** |
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In relation to Kilcarbury, the final tenders are due back on the 18th June they will then be evaluated with the preferred candidate to be chosen by the end of the Summer.

### **C/330/18 – (H8) Item ID: 58498 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/331/18 – (C7) Item ID: 58499 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/332/18 – (M15) Item ID: 58862 – Vacant space between 1 Rowlagh Gardens and 10 Rowlagh Park**

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

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

"That this committee agrees that the Council provide a plan for discussion on the use of the vacant space between 1 Rowlagh Gardens and 10 Rowlagh Park. This area is constantly dumped in, used for anti-social behaviour and is an eyesore for local residents."

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

“At one stage this formed part of the side garden of No 1 but it was divided from it at the request of a tenant a number of years ago.  Since then it has been cleaned up by Housing Maintenance on a regular basis.  There are no current plans for its use.

The Architect's Department will be requested to examine the site to see if it would be suitable for the construction of a new house.”

Following a contribution from Councillor M. Ward, Mr. H. Hogan, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/333/18 (M16) Item ID: 58752 – RAS Landlords & Tenants**

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

It was **AGREED** by the Cathaoirleach in consultation with the elected Members, to consider Motion 18 in tandem with this item, as they were of a similar subject matter.

"That this committee addresses the issue of tenants leaving a RAS house in an undesirable state."

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

“All RAS landlords are obliged to carry out an annual inspection of their property and if any repairs as a result of the tenant’s behaviour is noted they are required to issue a Repair Notice to them.  If the tenant does not comply then, the landlord refers the issue to the RTB.

In the event of a transfer from RAS to Council housing, the landlord is requested to undertake an inspection before we make the transfer.  In the event of the tenants not complying with the Notice the Council do not transfer to tenant.”

### **(M18) Item ID: 58844 – RAS Tenants Leaving Residences in an Unsatisfactory State**

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

"That this committee agrees to address the issue of RAS tenants in Clondalkin leaving their residencies in an unsatisfactory state. Specific address/ landlord information supplied."

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

“This property in Clondalkin was contracted to the Council under the Rental Accommodation Scheme from 1/12/2007. The tenant of the property, who took up the tenancy on 19/12/2007, was included in the RAS Fixed Transfer List and was approved for a transfer to alternative accommodation in September 2017. As part of the transfer process the Landlord was requested to carry out an inspection of the above property to ascertain if it was being maintained in a reasonable condition by the tenant. The purpose of the inspection is to satisfy the Council that the tenant is not in breach of their tenancy agreement and to allow time for the tenant to be notified of and to attend to any items of repair for which he/she might be responsible. The Council may defer or cancel a potential transfer to allow these matters to be addressed.

The Inspection form was completed and returned.  It did not indicate that there was any damage or repairs needed and the transfer proceeded.  The Tenant completed a surrender of tenancy form with the Council in respect of this property on 5/9/2017 and it is understood that the keys were handed back to the Landlords on 9/9/2017.

The property at that stage was subject to a RAS Availability Agreement with the Council which did not expire until 2024 and the Landlords had indicated that the property would be available for re-letting under RAS once refurbishment works had been carried out. As provided under the scheme the Council continued to make rent payments during the void period.

Shortly after the Tenant vacated, the Landlords submitted a claim for compensation for damages/items which were alleged to be the responsibility of the Tenant.  There is provision in the RAS Contract for the Council to reimburse Landlords for the cost of repairs, up to a maximum of one month's rent, where the outgoing tenant is deemed to have caused damage which goes beyond normal wear and tear.  Accordingly the claim submitted by the Landlords in this case was referred to the Council's Inspector to arrange an inspection of the property and submit a recommendation.

In the meantime, the Landlords informed the Council on 24/10/2017 that they were withdrawing the property from the RAS scheme and accordingly the claim was not pursued with the Inspector. At that stage the Council had paid an additional two months rent for October and November, as payments are made in advance, whist the property was under repair and in the circumstances it was considered that the payment of the additional rent could have offset any damages for which the Council/Tenant may have been liable particularly as the Tenant has disputed some of the claims made by the Landlord.”

Following contributions from Councillor T. Gilligan, Mr. H. Hogan, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/334/18 – (M17) Item ID: 58864 – RAS Tenants who received**

**“Notice to Quit”**

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

"Due to the current housing crisis and the Council's difficulty in finding alternative accommodation for RAS tenants that have received a notice to quit. This committee agrees that additional supports be in place for RAS tenants that have received a notice to quit including access to choice based letting and access to HAP.

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

“With regard to existing RAS tenants, where Landlords have issued notice to terminate the tenancy (other than for reason of breach of tenancy by the tenant), the following options are available to facilitate transfer to alternative accommodation.

* *On receipt of the termination notice, the Council will include the tenants on a priority list with other tenants also on notice and will endeavour insofar as possible to identify a vacant property suitable to their needs, prior to the expiry date of the notice or any extended period granted by the Landlord.  Available properties across all housing tenures are considered, regard being had to other housing priority lists operated by the Council.*
* *The Tenant may source another suitable property in the private rental market where the Landlord may be interested in participating in the RAS Scheme.*
* *For tenants who had applied for and were approved for inclusion in the RAS Fixed Transfer List and have access to the Choice Based Letting scheme, they can monitor the Council’s website weekly and submit expressions of interest in any suitable properties advertised thereon. The Council’s Housing Allocations Section will then offer the property to the persons who have expressed interest and who have greatest priority and suitability for the property.*

The Residential Accommodation Scheme (RAS) is deemed to be a social housing support by Section 19 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 which came into effect on 1/4/2011.  This in effect means that any tenants transferring to RAS are considered to have their housing need met and are no longer eligible to remain on the housing list.

Tenants who had transferred to RAS prior to the above legislation and who had a live Housing application were written to in 2011 advising them of the revised terms of RAS and affording them an opportunity to apply to be placed on a RAS Fixed Transfer List where they retained any time on list from their current housing application.  Tenants on the RAS Fixed Transfer List have access to CBL but this access can be suspended from time to time, if their rent account is in arrears.

A number of tenants on notice from RAS Properties are on the RAS Fixed Transfer List and some have been successful in obtaining alternative properties in this manner.

With regard to the HAP scheme, the scheme as currently constituted is available to applicants who are approved for Social Housing Support i.e eligible for the local authority waiting list. As RAS Tenants are already in receipt of Social Housing support they are precluded from the HAP Scheme.

Applicants availing of the HAP scheme are required to source suitable properties from the private rental market as the need arises but retain the right to access other forms of social housing in due course by way of inclusion on a transfer list.

If the motion is passed by the Committee and agreed by the Council, the terms of the motion will be notified to the Department of Housing, Planning Community and Local Government.”

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

## **Planning**

### **C/335/18 – (H9) Item ID: 58500 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/336/18 – (C8) Item ID: 58501 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

## **Transportation**

### **C/337/18 – (Q9) Item ID: 58847 – Car Parking Spaces along Rockfield Drive**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"That the Chief Executive issues a report on when works are due to take place on the car parking spaces along Rockfield Drive?"

**REPLY:**

The Traffic crew anticipate that this work will be complete before the end of the summer.

### **C/338/18 – (H10) Item ID: 58503 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/339/18 – (H11) Item ID: 58502 – Proposed Declaration of Roads to be**

**Public Roads**

(No Business)

### **C/340/18 – (C9) Item ID: 58504 - Correspondence**

Proposed by Transportation

Correspondence

[Cor 1](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=60250)

### The correspondence was **NOTED.**

### **C/341/18 – (M19) Item ID: 58549 – Boot Road**

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan

"That the Chief Executive clarify if the proper name is or ever was Boot Road or Booth Road. Why and when did this change?"

In the absence of Councillor T. Gilligan, the motion **FELL.**

### **C/342/18 – (M20) Item ID: 58571 – Taking in Charge of Windmill Close**

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

"That this Committee gets an update on the taking in charge of Windmill Close, Rathcoole and that a stop sign be installed at the entrance of the estate."

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

“The estate has not been offered for Taken in Charge yet.

We understand that the Developer is engaging with various South Dublin County Council Departments completing works to their satisfaction.

In the short term the residents should ask the Developer to install the stop sign as it may be many months (or years) before the scheme is Taken in Charge.”

Following a contribution from Councillor E. Higgins, Mr. W. Purcell, Senior Engineer responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/343/18 – (M21) Item ID: 58576 – Safety of Footpath on Main Street, Clondalkin**

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

"That this Area Committee request the Chief Executive if the safety of the new footpath at Main Street, Clondalkin can be assessed following a recent serious fall at the section of footpath outside Ladbroke's betting shop.  It appears that the indented guttering in the middle of the path caused the problem.  Has the use of such drainage systems in footpaths been assessed by the Council in terms of safety?"

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

“The recent works carried out on Clondalkin Main Street and Tower Road involved replacing the damaged paving and re-laying to the same lines and levels. The new drainage channels were laid in the same location as the previous channels and to the same line and levels.
Drainage channels are commonly used on flat sections of footpath to remove surface water and can be seen throughout the city.”

Following a contribution from Councillor B. Bonner, Mr. W. Purcell, Senior Engineer responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **C/344/18 – (Q10) Item ID: 58858 – North Clondalkin Library**

Proposed by Councillor M. Ward

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report including timelines on the consultation process that the Council will carry out with local residents prior to the building of the North Clondalkin Library?"

**REPLY:**

"There is a meeting scheduled with Councillors and local residents at **5.30pm in Clondalkin Area Offices** on Thursday 28th June to review the plans for the new North Clondalkin Library and to confirm that issues previously raised by residents have been addressed in the tender".

### **C/345/18 – (H12) Item ID: 58507 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/346/18 – (H13) Item ID: 58505 – Library News & Events**

The following report was presented by Ms. B. Fennell, County Librarian:

[HI 13](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=60412)

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

### **C/347/18 – (H14) Item ID: 58506 – Application for Arts Grants**

The following report was presented by Ms. B. Fennell, County Librarian:

**St. Finian's N.S. Newcastle**

“St. Finian's N.S. Newcastle is seeking assistance towards the costs of producing a whole school production of the musical 'Oliver'. Performances will take place between the 24th & 27th April. All children from junior infants to 6th class will take part, 536 children in total. The performances will be directed by a professional speech and drama teacher.

The Arts Office recommends that a contribution of €650 be allocated in respect of St. Finian's N.S. whole school production of the musical 'Oliver'.”

Following a contribution from Councillor B. Bonner, the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/348/18 – (C10) Item ID: 58508 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/349/18 – (M22) Item ID: 58458 – Need for Library to serve Rathcoole, Newcastle and Saggart**

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

"That the Chief Executive issues a report into how SDCC can and will meet the need for a Library that will serve Rathcoole, Newcastle and Saggart. Also to look at costs for both a Library and a Library Hub and where funding may come from to make this a reality. Also what is estimated time of delivering a Library or a Library Hub for this growing area."

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

"As outlined at the May Clondalkin ACM the current capital programme 2018-2020 provides for the provision of libraries at North Clondalkin and Castletymon in Tallaght. The tender process is being finalised for North Clondalkin library and tender documents are due to issue for Castletymon Library by end June/early July. Construction on both projects will commence later this year. The provision of additional libraries requires major commitment in resources both in terms of capital investment and staff and also day-to-day running costs.

The SDCC Library Development Plan 2018-2022 "Open to You" was adopted at Council on 14th May. Implementation of the Library Development Plan will require a review of revenue and capital budgets for library development over the next five years to enable service delivery and to complete identified capital projects. It is anticipated that over the lifetime of the plan the possibility of developing regional service points in densely or fast-growing areas of population, which may include service to Rathcoole, Newcastle and Saggart will be explored. It is not possible to cost for a regional hub without a full analysis of needs and potential options for meeting those needs."

Following a contribution from Councillor F. Timmons, the report was **NOTED.**

## **Economic Development**

### **C/350/18 – (H15) Item ID: 58509 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/351/18 – (H16) Item ID: 58519 - Part 8 Grand Canal Greenway – 12th Lock to Hazel Hatch**

The following report was presented by Mr. S. Deegan, Senior Executive Officer:

[HI 16](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=60532)

Following a contribution from Councillor B. Bonner, Mr. S. Deegan, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

**C/352/18 – (H17) Item ID: 58550 - Part 8 Distributor Road**

**Grange Castle West**

The following report was presented by Mr. S. Deegan, Senior Executive Officer:

[HI 17](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=60536)

### Following a contribution from Councillor M. Johansson, Mr. S. Deegan, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/353/18 – (C11) Item ID: 58510 – Correspondence**

Correspondence

[Cor 1](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=60119)

The correspondence was **NOTED.**

Cathaoirleach, Councillor M. Ward on his own behalf and on behalf of the elected Members expressed his appreciation to the Officials for their support during his year in the Chair. He similarly expressed his appreciation to his fellow Councillors for their courtesy and co-operation during the year.

Councillor B. Bonner, on behalf of the Committee Members congratulated Councillor M. Ward on his excellent service to the Committee during his tenure as Chair.

On behalf of the Executive, Ms. M. Maguire, Senior Executive Officer congratulated Councillor M. Ward and the Committee on their professionalism and service.

The meeting concluded at 5.40pm

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