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

Minutes of Tallaght Area Committee Meeting held on 17 December 2018

### **PRESENT**

**COUNCILLORS**

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

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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| **Senior Executive Parks Superintendent** | M. NiDhomhnaill |
| **County Librarian** | B. Fennell |
| **A/Head of Local Enterprise** | M. McAdam |
| **A/Senior Planner** | J. Frehill |
| **Senior Engineer** | T. O’Grady |
| **Senior Parks Superintendent** | S. Furlong |
| **A/Senior Executive Engineer** | J. McGrath |
| **Administrative Officer** | C. Murphy |
| **Senior Staff Officer** | J. Sweeney |
| **Staff Officer** | E. Leonard |

The Chair, Councillor C. O’Connor, presided.

Apologies were received from Councillors M. Genockey and C. McCann.

### **T/562/18 H1/1218 Item ID:60779**

### CONFIRMATION AND RE-AFFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of Tallaght Area Committee Meeting held on 26th November 2018 which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor D. Richardson, seconded by Councillor M. Duff and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Tallaght Area Committee Meeting held on 26th November 2018 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**."

**QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor C. O’Connor, seconded by Councillor D. Richardson and RESOLVED:

"That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Question Nos. 1 to 12 be ADOPTED and APPROVED.”

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **T/563/18 Q1/1218 Item ID:60768**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive if he will give details of his plans for the Civic Theatre during the coming year; will he outline proposals to continue to attract events to our Theatre and will he make a statement?"

[Qu (1)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=62042)

### **T/564/18 Q2/1218 Item ID:60776**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive to present an update on plans for the development of a new Library at Castletymon confirming the schedule now being followed in respect of the project and in reporting will he also give assurances that everything possible is still being done to provide Library services to the local community?"

**REPLY:**

"A letter of acceptance has issued to the contractor McDermott & Trearty Construction Ltd.  The contractor is starting site set-up works on 19th December, with a programme of construction works starting on site 7th January 2019.  It is anticipated that the building works will take around 12 months to complete.  Library services continue to be provided from the mobile library each Thursday outside St. Aengus Community Centre from 2.00pm-4.00pm, along with other stops in the area outlined on the mobile route under H-I (3).  The public continue to request books and other library items from other branch libraries, which are distributed locally through the mobile library service.  Schools and creches are provided with bulk loans and invited to partake in organised events and activities.  Where possible staff visit local schools and creches, organising storytime and this work will continue for 2019."

### **T/565/18 H2/1218 Item ID:60778**

Application for Arts Grants (No Business)

### **T/566/18 H3/1218 Item ID:60792**

Library News & Events

[H-I (3)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=62049)

The report was presented by B. Fennell, County Librarian.

The report was **NOTED**.

### **T/567/18 H4/1218 Item ID:60798**

NEW WORKS (No Business)

### **T/568/18 C1/1218 Item ID:60785**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Economic Development**

### **T/569/18 Q3/1218 Item ID:60767**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm his plans to attract new jobs to Tallaght during 2019 appreciating that the job creation needs of this major population centre deserves priority attention; will he give details of contacts he proposes to make in that regards and will he make a statement."

**REPLY:**

"The [**South Dublin Local Economic and Community Plan 2016 – 2021**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=49881)includes a series of economic objectives each of which identifies target actions and the key stakeholders involved. These actions are aimed at putting the appropriate infrastructure, enterprise and employment supports in place to improve the level and quality of economic activity in Tallaght and across the County.

The [**Local Enterprise Office**](https://www.localenterprise.ie/southdublin) (LEO) provides financial grants, mentoring, training and other supports to assist new and developing micro-enterprises with job creation and sustainment in the County. In 2018, to date, LEO South Dublin approved funding of €210,750 for 7 Tallaght based enterprises creating 18 new jobs immediately and with the potential to create a further 44 new jobs over the next three years in the area.

The full range of Local Enterprise Office services are available to businesses in Tallaght and across the County to support both job creation and business development and these include financial assistance, export supports, trading online vouchers, training, mentoring and other advisory services along with the while the Sustainable Business Programme in partnership with South Dublin Chamber which offers assistance and advice to businesses.

LEO is also working with relevant local agencies including South Dublin Chamber, Institute of Technology Tallaght, South Dublin County Partnership, Enterprise Ireland, Partas and others to ensure a co-ordinated approach to the actions which can impact on job creation in Tallaght and across the County.  As part of this LEO will be holding a Local Enterprise Week from 4th to 8th March to highlight the various initiatives and supports available to support local job creation and business development with many of the events to be held in Tallaght in partnership with the various enterprise support and development agencies operating in the area. Full details of the week will be available at [www.localenterprise.ie/SouthDublin](http://www.localenterprise.ie/SouthDublin) in early Januray 2019.

The Council's 2019 Budget provided for the continuation of the [**Business Support Funds**](http://www.sdcc.ie/business/enterprise/business-support-funds) through a range of supports specifically aimed at increasing occupancy and activity in industrial areas to increase economic activity and support additional local employment. A full report on the Business Support Fund and its future direction was provided to the [November 2018 Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism SPC Meeting](http://intranet/cmas/viewmeetingagenda.aspx?id=1762) and further initiatives under the fund will be continue to be guided by the SPC.

The Council has also adopted the Dublin Regional Enterprise Strategy 2017-2019 along with the other Dublin Local Authorities and this identifies opportunities to maximise the promotion and development of enterprise across the Dublin region. The 2019 local implementation plan for the Strategy will be provided to the EETD SPC with specific emphasis on initiatives for job creation, enterprise opportunities and skills requirements in Tallaght and across South Dublin in partnership with various regional partners and state agencies.

The Council has been a key partner in the [**Dublin Action Plan for Jobs 2016-2018**](https://www.djei.ie/en/Publications/APJ-Dublin-2016-2018.html) and the proposed successor plan **The Regional Enterprise Action Plan to 2020** which aims to realise the full jobs potential of the Dublin region by stimulating enterprise and growth using the collaborative strengths of the region. We are working with various national, regional and local partners to ensure that this impacts on our County."

### **T/570/18 Q4/1218 Item ID:60770**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive if he is aware of the interest of many in respect of the vacant Derelict Lands at St Maelruains Field, close to Tallaght Hospital; will he confirm any plans he has in respect of this site and will he make a statement?"

**REPLY:**

"As previously reported to the members the vacant site known as Maelruans Field is strategic to the next stage of the development of Tallaght Town Centre. This was outlined at a special meeting with the members on the Housing Programme on 16th October 2018.  St Maelruains field had been identified as having potential as a large capacity site for housing supply and other town centre uses and remains under consideration for stategic development under the 2018-2020 Housing Programme.

It is anticapted that proposals in this regard will be outlined for consideration by members early in 2019."

### **T/571/18 H5/1218 Item ID:60795**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/572/18 C2/1218 Item ID:60783**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **T/573/18 M1/1218 Item ID:60540**

Proposed by Councillor B. Leech and Seconded by Councillor K. Mahon

"That this Council would consider giving a small area of the wasteland along the Luas line to Fettercairn Men’s Shed with the undertaking that it be used for allotments."

**REPORT:**

"This area of land was brought before the members at a special meeting of the Council of the Housing Programme on 16th October 2018.  This land has been identified by the Housing Department as a possible infill site and is currently under consideration for supply of Housing 2018-2020.

It would not be feasible to allow occupation of the lands while they remain under consideration for supply of housing."

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

M. McAdam, A/Head of Local Enterprise responded to the Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **T/574/18 H6/1218 Item ID:60799**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/575/18 C3/1218 Item ID:60786**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Corporate Support**

### **T/576/18 Q5/1218 Item ID:60775**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive if he would write to Simon Harris TD, Minister for Health, asking for an update on his plans to deal with the issue of car park charges in our Hospitals, including Tallaght University Hospital and to ask for full details?"

**REPLY:**

"If the Question is passed, a letter will issue to the Minister and response circulated to Members."

### **T/577/18 H7/1218 Item ID:60794**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/578/18 C4/1218 Item ID:60782**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **T/579/18 M2/1218 Item ID:60816**

Proposed by Councillor M. Duff and Seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor

"That this Area Committee call on the National Transport Authority to complete the installation of Real Time Passenger Information in Tallaght Village and surrounding areas, paying particular attention to stops 2595 and 2555 at Bancroft Road and all stops in both directions from Glenview Park to the Greenhills Road, via the Castletymon Road?"

**REPORT:**

"Should the Motion be passed, a letter will issue to the NTA and response circulated to Members."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor M. Duff and C. O’Connor. E. Leonard, Staff Officer responded to the Members queries.

The Motion was **AGREED**.

## **Public Realm**

### **T/580/18 Q6/1218 Item ID:60812**

Proposed by Councillor M. Duff

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report regarding the opening and closing hours of the Arena Road access gates, both vehicular and pedestrian, at the Castletymon Road side of Tymon Park. This entrance is being used by scramblers and Quad bikes, which are a constant source of noise pollution and damage to the Park and this mainly happens at evening and night time. Could the Chief Executive also indicate who holds responsibility for gate closures at this location?"

**REPLY:**

"The vehicular access gate to the Basketball Arena  is opened and closed by the staff of the Arena.  The normal opening times range from 7.30-8.00am and the normal closing times are 9.30-10.00pm. The pedestrian gates remain open.

The Council plans to reduce access from this area to Tymon Park by minimising entry points and erecting a fence along the boundary of the hard core carpark."

### **T/581/18 Q7/1218 Item ID:60771**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive if he has any proposals for development works on the Dodder Valley Park at Old Bawn; will he appreciate the view of the local community that further investment is required and will he make a statement?"

**REPLY:**

"Recent developments in Dodder Valley Old Bawn Park have included large scale development in the provision of a lit walking and cycling route as well as the significant investment of the red Dodder Park bridge, a route which has proven to be very popular and provides pedestrian and cycle access through this parkland and links several communities in the area. This route forms part of the Dodder Greenway, which once completed will further increase activity in this parkland providing for active recreation and increased passive surveillance.

There is also further development planned for Dodder Valley-Old Bawn in the construction of the proposed pavilion at this location.  This will provide changing / showering and lavatory facilities for users of the sports pitches / facilities in this area as well as storage facilities for the pitch equipment. The proposal for the pavilion in Old Bawn also includes for a car park which is a long awaited facility for this park and will greatly enhance the accessibility of the park for park users."

### **T/582/18 Q8/1218 Item ID:60772**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive if he would engage with St Marks GAA Club, Cookstown Road, Tallaght, Dublin 24, in respect of suggestions made at the Club's recent AGM, that they are interested in discussing plans for the further development of McGee Park; will he appreciate the importance of these local facilities and will he make a statement?"

**REPLY:**

"With regard to Butler McGee Park the following is an outline of some developments both planned and delivered:

Intensive Drainage works have been carried out on one of the pitches in Butler Mc Gee Park in 2018 and these pitches are currently in the re-establishment stage. It is envisaged that these works, once establishment is completed, will add considerably to the active recreational amenity within the park. In addition the vehicular entrance from Drumcairn Parade has been removed and replaced with a concrete stub wall and railing. This fencing has been completed as committed to. The boundary fence runs from Drumcairn Parade along Drumcairn Avenue to the junction of Fettercairn Road. To date the new fencing has led to a significant reduction in stolen cars using the park. Public Realm are current assessing a plan to extend the fence length.

As part of the Two Year Pitch Maintenance Programme 2018 / 2019 the following Minor Improvement Works are proposed for 2019 for Butler Magee Park:

* Goal Post Provision / Replacement

Jobstown Park - Pitch 67 Fettercairn Park – Pitch 78 (GAA)

* Shockwave Treatment with Top Dressing

Pitch 68 – Jobstown Park (Soccer)

Pitch 76 – Butler Magee/Fettercairn Park (Soccer)

The Council remain in contact with the St Marks GAA Club in relation to planned and delivered works within the park as appropriate and are available to meet should the club wish to request a meeting."

### **T/583/18 H8/1218 Item ID:60864**

Final Report Teenage Facility Survey

[H-I (8) 1](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=62107)  
[H-I (8) 2](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=62099)  
[H-I (8) 3](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=62100)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors K. Mahon, B. Leech, B. Ferron, M. Duff, D. Richardson, M. Murphy and C. O’Connor.

S. Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent responded to the Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

### **T/584/18 H9/1218 Item ID:60801**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/585/18 C5/1218 Item ID:60788**

Correspondence(No Business)

### **T/586/18 M3/1218 Item ID:60464**

Proposed by Councillor B. Ferron and Seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor

The Motion below was passed last October 2017. To date the works have not been carried out. This Committee calls on the Chief Executive to provide an update when these works will take place.

"That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to have the trees and shrubs removed at the lane way entrance between the Abberley Court Hotel and Westpark estate. I have received numerous complaints from residents regarding serious anti-social behaviour at this location and they believe if the trees and overgrowth were removed this would stop the problem."

**REPORT:**

"The trees and shrubs along the laneway between the Abberley Court Hotel and Westpark estate will be pruned before the end of the year.  The area will be monitored on an ongoing basis."

The report was presented by M. NiDhomhnaill, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent.

The report was **NOTED**.

## **Environment**

### **T/587/18 H10/1218 Item ID:60796**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/588/18 C6/1218 Item ID:60780**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Water & Drainage**

### **T/589/18 H11/1218 Item ID:60754**

Climate Change Action Plan 2019 - 2024

[H-I (11)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=62081)

The report was presented by J. McGrath, A/Senior Executive Engineer. A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors K. Mahon, M. Murphy and E. Hendrick.

J. McGrath, A/Senior Executive Engineer responded to the Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

### **T/590/18 H12/1218 Item ID:60803**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/591/18 C7/1218 Item ID:60790**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Community**

### **T/592/18 Q9/1218 Item ID:60774**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive if his Community Department has any plans to engage with the community in Springfield Estate in respect of issues of concern to them which emerged during the recent consideration of the Part 8 Housing Proposals in the Estate; will he ask his staff to probe the need for Community Development in Springfield Estate and will he make a statement?"

**REPLY:**

"The Local Community Officer is available to meet the St Mark's Resident Association to provide advice and discuss the needs of the community.  The Residents Association may also wish to apply to attend a deputation meeting in the Council: <https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/community/deputations/deputation-documents.html> to discuss additional issues of relevance.

The recent Part 8 approval for 40 Older Persons' homes in Fernwood/Maplewood also contains plans for a community facility managed by an Approved Housing Body (AHB) and the AHB will engage with the local Residents Association on the use of this facility and the integration of residents of the proposed new homes with the existing community in Springfield."

### **T/593/18 H13/1218 Item ID:60791**

Deputations for Noting (No Business)

### **T/594/18 H14/1218 Item ID:60793**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/595/18 C8/1218 Item ID:60781**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Housing**

### **T/596/18 Q10/1218 Item ID:60773**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive to present a report from his Housing Officials who attended the most recent meeting with Fettercairn Estate Management Group in respect of ongoing challenges they are facing in the Estate; will he outline actions proposed in respect of the various matters and will he make a statement?"

**REPLY:**

"The Council meet with Fettercairn Residents Association on a monthly basis.  In addition the Allocations Support Officers regularly liaise with Tallaght Gardai regarding anti-social incidents in the Fettercairn area.

The Estate Officer for the area continues to work with the Residents Association on a regular basis to discuss general Estate issues.  In recent weeks, members of the residents association attended the SDCC Community Awards ceremony where they received recognition for environmental improvements in the area."

### **T/597/18 H15/1218 Item ID:60797**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/598/18 C9/1218 Item ID:60784**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Planning**

### **T/599/18 Q11/1218 Item ID:60769**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if he has had any contact with the Irish Rugby Football Union and Hibernia REIT in respect of the Lands at Kingswood Heights; will he understand the concern of the community in respect of the news that the Lands have been purchased by Hibernia REIT for 29 million euro and will he make a statement in respect of the whole matter?"

**REPLY:**

"The Planning Department has met with Hibernia Reit relating to land in their ownership on the Naas Road/Belgard Road. In doing so, Hibernia Reit were advised that any proposal for development relating to extensive housing provision on rurally zoned land would not be in compliance with the current County Development Plan. They were also advised that there are no plans in place to prepare a variation for the County Development Plan in relation to these lands."

### **T/600/18 H16/1218 Item ID:60800**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/601/18 C10/1218 Item ID:60787**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **T/602/18 M4/1218 Item ID:60777**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor and Seconded by Councillor C. King

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

"That this Tallaght Area Committee calls for the establishment of a Heritage Centre on the Katherine Tynan site at Kingswood Heights appreciating the widespread interest and support in such a development and also noting the upset of the wider community at the condition of this important historical site and in responding to the motion will the Chief Executive also advise as to how this proposal may now be progressed and will he make a detailed statement in the matter."

**REPORT:**

"The site in question is in private ownership and the Planning Authority is not aware of any plans for the establishment of a Heritage Centre at this location. The provision of a Heritage Centre at this site should be considered in the context of an overall development strategy for the landholding, which takes account of access, services, traffic, permeability, ancillary uses and public realm considerations. In this regard, should the owner of the site engage in pre-planning at any stage in the future, the Planning Authority can raise the idea of providing a Heritage Centre at this location.

Furthermore, the Planning Authority will also highlight the importance of Whitehall House (Katherine Tynan House) as a protected structure and that any proposals that involve the house or development within its curtilage will be assessed in accordance with legislation, architectural heritage protection guideline policies and County Development Plan policies, which relate to Protected Structures."

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

J. Frehill, A/Senior Planner responded to the Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

## **Transportation**

### **T/603/18 Q12/1218 Item ID:60811**

Proposed by Councillor M. Duff

"To ask the Chief Executive to make a report and indicate when the LED upgrade of Public lighting in the Brookmount/Glenview/Castles/Balrothery/Tymon/Aongus/Tymonville areas will commence?"

**REPLY:**

"Brookmount/Glenview/Balrothery/Tymon/Tymonville areas all date from pre 1990.

There remains a serious problem with the upgrading of any PL installations dating pre 1990.  This is a technical regulatory issue that is currently being resolved at a national level.  When a resolution is found, these type of estates will be given our first priority.

Public Lighting Section are unclear what areas Aongus and Castles refer to. On clarification, it can be checked if they are suitable for upgrade."

### **T/604/18 H17/1218 Item ID:60749**

**Public Consultation - Traffic Calming 2019/2020**

**TALLAGHT RAMP LOCATIONS 2019-20**

1. Ramps at House no. 2, 17 and 35 Birchview Drive.
2. Ramps at House no.14 Heatherview Lawn.
3. Ramps at House no 38, 13 and 3 Tamerisk Heights.
4. Ramps at Lighting column no. 1 and house number 318 Glenview Park.
5. Ramps at House no 13, 57 and 88 Donomore Park.
6. Bus Cushions at  Lighting columns no. 12, 15, 18, 21 and 24 Avonmore Road.
7. Ramps at House no. 2 and 22 Raheen Park.
8. Ramps at Lighting column no. 1 and house no. 16 and 7 Sundale Heights.
9. Ramps at Lighting column no. 1 and house no. 18 The Drive Millbrook Lawns
10. Ramps at House no. 9, 86 and  27 Deerpark Road Kiltipper
11. Ramps at House no 54 and 53 Bawnlea Avenue
12. Ramps at Lighting columns 34, 37 and 40 Tree Park Road

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors D. Richardson, C. O’Connor and M. Murphy.

T. O’Grady, Senior Engineer responded to the Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

### **T/605/18 H18/1218 Item ID:60802**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/606/18 C11/1218 Item ID:60789**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **T/607/18 M5/1218 Item ID:60658**

Proposed by Councillor L. Dunne

"That this Area Committee calls on the Chief Executive to repair the pathway on Drumcairn Parade and carry out works to alleviate the issues of flooding on this pathway and the pathways in Butler McGee Park.  The flooding issues are hindering school children going to and from school and having a huge effect on those who use mobility scooters. Given that we are now into a prolonged period of bad weather, we call on the Chief Executive to deal with this as a matter of urgency."

As Councillor Dunne was not in attendance at that time, the Motion **FELL.**

The Meeting concluded at 4.20p.m.

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An Cathaoirleach