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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting dealing with Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management, Water & Drainage, Public Realm, Environment, Housing, Community, Transportation, Planning, Economic Development and Libraries & Arts, held on 16th January 2019.

**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

Cathaoirleach, Councillor F. Timmons presided.

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

County Architect Mr. E. Conroy

Senior Engineer Mr. T. O’Grady

Senior Planner Ms. H. Craigie

Senior Parks Superintendent Ms. S. Furlong

County Librarian Ms. B. Fennell

Senior Executive Officer Ms. E. Leech, Ms. M. Staunton

Health & Safety Officer Mr. S. Fox

Senior Executive Parks Supt. Mr. D. Fennell

Senior Community Officer Mr. P. McAlerney

Communications Manager Mr. N. Noonan

Administrative Officer Ms. C. O’Reilly, B. Shannon, S. Sinclair, Mr. B. Leonard

Executive Parks Superintendent Ms. D. O’Riordan

Senior Staff Officer Mr. C. Gorman

Staff Officer Ms. P. O’Reilly

Assistant Staff Officer Ms. I. Kenny, Ms. N. Armstrong

### **C/001/19 – (H1) Item ID: 60953 – Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting of 12th December, 2018**

The Minutes of the December meeting of the Clondalkin Area Committee dealing with Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Performance & Change Management, Corporate Support, Public Realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Planning and Transportation, held on 12th December, 2018 which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED.**

[Minutes of 12th December 2018](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=62226)

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

“That the recommendations contained in the minutes of 12th December 2018, be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**C/002/19 – QUESTIONS**

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

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Questions 1 to 19 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

## **Corporate Support**

### **C/003/19 – (H2) Item ID: 60927 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/004/19 – (C1) Item ID: 60928 - Correspondence**

[Cor 1](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=62097)
[Cor 2](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=62153)

The correspondence was **NOTED.**

### **C/005/19 – (M1) Item ID: 61074 – Illicit Drug Trading**

Proposed by Councillor M. Ward and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons

It was **AGREED** by the Cathaoirleach in consultation with the Members, to consider Motion 3 in tandem with this item, as they were of a similar subject matter.

"There has been a visible increase in illicit drug trading in parts of Clondalkin and in particular Corkagh Park and surrounding Estates. This Committee agrees to write to the relevant Minister and Senior Guards calling for additional resources to combat the problem."

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

“If the motion is passed, a letter will be issued to the Minister and Garda Superintendent for their attention.  When a reply is received, the Committee will be notified accordingly**.”**

### **(M3) Item ID: 61064 – Drug dealing activity at Scoil Mocha and Cherrywood Cherrywood Crescent entrance to Corkagh Park**

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

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

"That this committee writes to the Clondalkin Garda Superintendent in relation to huge concerns from the Public over drug-dealing activity on vacant land beside Scoil Mochua and the open dealing of drugs at and around the Cherrywood Crescent entrance of Corkagh Park and the area in general, we also send this motion to the minister for Justice and ask that he ensure adequate resources are made available to the Clondalkin Guards to deal with this issue."

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

“If the Motion is passed, a letter will be issued to the Minister and Garda Superintendent for their attention.  When a reply is received, the Committee will be notified accordingly.”

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons and M. Ward, the motions were **PASSED.**

### **C/006/19 – (M2) Item ID: 61080 – 300K Projects**

It was proposed by Councillor E. Higgins and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:

"That this Committee gets an update on the 300k projects approved in 2018."

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

“The Council can provide the following updates on projects supported and funded through the participatory budgeting initiative in the Clondalkin Electoral Area in 2018/19.

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| **Project** | **Update** |
| Safety and Inclusivity Study of Clondalkin's Public Spaces | The Council has met with Dr Joanne Bourke, a researcher who recently worked on Dublin City Council's Safer Cities report, as part of market research into carrying out this study. The Council also met with the project submitter over initial thoughts for the project. A contact list for research is being created for use once the project commences. A tender will issue for the study once market research has been completed. |
| Pedestrian Link between the Round Tower and Corkagh Park | Project has been assigned a project coordinator within the Land Use, Planning and Transportation department. |
| Restoration of Old Nangor Road Water Pump | Council has been in contact with Clondalkin Tidy Towns around questions with this project. |
| WiFi Activated Self-Guided Walk - Historical Trail of Clondalkin | Tender document is to issue once Council's IT department have agreed on areas such as the app's security features. Once the tender is issued, it is estimated that it will be a 6-8 week turnaround to roll out the app. |
| Bottle banks and recycling facilities for Cherrywood | Council staff identified two locations but both have been refused. They are currently investigating suitable locations along Bawnogue Road going towards Melrose Estate. |
| New Play Ground, Forest Hill Estate | The Council has agreed to meet with Forest Hill Residents Association prior to the commencement of the design stage. It is envisaged that consultation will commence in Q1 2019. |
| Renovate Portocabin for the Clondalkin Men Shed | The Clondalkin Men's Shed is carrying out the renovation work and submitting receipts as work completes, the first of which has already been carried out and funding drawn down on. |
| New Christmas Lights for Clondalkin Village | It was agreed with Clondalkin Chamber that they will use the money on infrastructure improvements in 2019 for future Christmas lighting displays. |
| Acoustic Piano for the Rathcoole Community Centre | The Council's Community section is in discussions with Rathcoole Community Centre around where to place the piano and how the booking system will be operated. |
| Gym Equipment and Activities for Rathcoole Community Centre | Rathcoole Community Centre is obtaining quotes on equipment within the agreed funding amount to submit to the Community team. |
| Planting Flowers across the Bawnogue Area | Project has been assigned a project coordinator within the Environment, Water and Climate Change department. |
| On-Street Bicycle Pump, Clondalkin Village | Site location to be identified. |
| Welcome to Clondalkin Hedge Signage | Council staff are consulting with project submitters to set suitable location in Newland's Cross for the hedge display. |
| A Community Orchard, Clondalkin Electoral Area | Native apple trees to be sourced, as agreed at full Council meeting. Meeting held with project submitter on initial ideas around the proposal. |
| Irish Signs for Clondalkin | Project has been assigned a project coordinator within the Land Use, Planning and Transportation department. |

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors E. Higgins, F. Timmons, M. Ward, M. Johansson and B. Bonner, Mr. N. Noonan, Communications Manager responded to queries raised. The report was **NOTED.**

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **C/007/19 – (H3) Item ID: 60929 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/008/19 – (C2) Item ID: 60930 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

## **Water & Drainage**

### **C/009/19 – (H4) Item ID: 60931 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/010/19 – (C3) Item ID: 60932 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/011/19 – (M4) Item ID: 60955 – Waterways Ireland**

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

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

"That this committee writes to Waterways Ireland and requests survival ring buoys be placed at each of the Loughs along the Clondalkin Canal as a matter of urgency."

The following **AMENDED** motion was proposed by Councillor M. Johansson and seconded by Councillor E. Higgins:

“That this committee writes to Waterways Ireland and requests survival ring buoys and escape ladders be placed at each of the Loughs along the Clondalkin Canal as a matter of urgency.”

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

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

Following a contribution from Councillor M. Johansson, Ms. C. O’Reilly, Administrative Officer responded, and the motion as **AMENDED**, was **APPROVED.**

## **Public Realm**

### **C/012/19 - Q1/0119 Item ID: 60845 – Landscaping at Rockfield/Naas Road**

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan

"To ask the Chief Executive is the landscaping at Rockfield/Naas Road complete? (from the Clondalkin Tidy Towns)"

**REPLY:**

 With regard to the open space at Rockfield / Naas Road works:

* Area has been litter-picked.
* Large shrubs have been cleared from the gateway from the roadway N7 and replaced with smaller shrubs.
* Existing trees are moved back to the woodland area by the N7 fence (with the exception of one tree which was requested to remain from a resident).
* Ivy has been planted along the fence line.
* The ‘woodland area’ has been inter-planted with trees (evergreens included) that will thicken up the treeline along the fence.
* Bulbs have been planted amongst the trees in the large grass open space area at Rockfield.
* At the Naas Road junction the requested footpaths were incorporated as per the request of Clondalkin Tidy Towns; some minor changes were made to the proposals at the Naas Road area at the request of the adjacent residents, however with the exception of some minor items the works are substantially complete.

### **C/013/19 – (Q2) Item ID: 60959 – Newcastle Play Space**

Proposed by Councillor E. Higgins

"To ask for an update on the three Newcastle play spaces being considered?"

**REPLY:**

With regard to Newcastle there is currently no public land available to construct a suitable play space. The Council has made contact with the Department of Education and Skills in relation to the possible provision of an interim site for a play space in Newcastle within Department-owned lands. The Department has indicated it is willing to consider such a proposal. However the facility proposed is on a temporary basis only as it is the councils understanding the land is not available on a permanent basis. The council has developed a design for the proposed play space which the Department has approved in principal subject to the Council entering into a licence agreement with the Department of Education and Skills. The requested licence agreement is currently being drawn up.

In addition, a development firm that has acquired the future building lands within the Newcastle LAP area has expressed an interest in providing a play space ahead of the LAP housing construction. The proposed play space design is proposed at two locations in Newcastle and have been presented to the Clondalkin Area Committee members on previous occasions. It is intended to proceed with a Part 8 process for these 2 No. play spaces; however in accordance with the Planning and Development Act a contract is required between the parties prior to the Part 8 commencing. The Council's legal team is currently engaging with the firms appointed solicitors in order to agree the contract. The draft contract has been subject to much negotiation and is on-going. Once the contract is agreed the Part 8 process for the 2 No. play spaces can commence. Clondalkin Area Committee members will be contacted prior to commencement of the Part 8 process and the final agreed drawings will be circulated at that stage.

### **C/014/19 – (Q3) Item ID: 60957 – Tree Planting at entrance to Kilmahuddrick**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"To ask the Chief Executive to look at planting trees at the entrance to Kilmahudrick where 5 trees where originally? (around where entrance name stone is)

**REPLY:**

The five tree planting pits at the entrance to Kilmahuddrick Estate will be reviewed to determine their suitability for replacement tree planting.  If considered suitable, they will be listed for planting as part of the tree planting programme for winter 2019/Spring 2020.

### **C/015/19 – (Q4) Item ID: 61072 – Tree Maintenance Works**

Proposed by Councillor M. Ward

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report on what Estates are scheduled to have tree maintenance works carried out in the Clondalkin LEA in 2019?"

**REPLY:**

The Council's 3-year Tree Maintenance Programme 2017-2019 is available on the Council's website [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie/).

The Tree Maintenance Programme for 2019, which includes some estates carried over from the 2018 schedule, is as follows:

Alpine Heights, Ashwood, Boot Road, Castle Grove, Avenue & Drive, Castle Grange, Greenisle Road, Hazelwood Crescent, View, Lane & Bank, James Connolly Park, Kilcronan, Lealand, Monastery Rise, Oakrise, Wheatfields, Glenfield, Kilmahuddrick Close, Lindisfarne, Monksfield Heights & Grove, Oakdowns, Oatfield, Pinewood, Riversdale, Rockfield, St. Brigid's Road, St. John's Wood West, St. John's Drive, St. John's Park West, Willow Avenue, Court & Drive, Westbourne and Yellow Meadows.

### **C/016/19 – (Q5) Item ID: 60846 – Sponsorship of “Luas” Roundabout**

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan

"To ask the Chief Executive can the "Luas" roundabout be 'sponsored'? (from Clondalkin Tidy Towns)

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council operates a scheme for the sponsorship of roundabouts around our county.

The scheme is open to businesses, organisations or individuals who wish to progress their corporate social responsibility endeavours by enhancing our county’s built environment while at the same time benefiting from advertisement opportunities being offered on selected roundabouts located on key approaches and within our county.

The roundabout on Monastery Road at the junction of the access road to the Luas Red Cow Park & Ride can be made available for sponsorship.  Any interested parties should be advised to contact the Council's Public Realm Section for further details.

### **C/017/19 – (Q6) Item ID: 61020 – Replacement of damaged trees at Westbourne and Harelawn Estates**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"To ask the Chief Executive to issue a report into when the damaged trees at Westbourne and Harelawn Estate will be replaced and what other areas in Clondalkin will trees be planted in?"

**REPLY:**

New trees which were planted in spring 2018 at Westbourne and Harelawn Estates and were subsequently damaged and vandalised are scheduled for replacement during the current spring tree planting season.

The Winter 2018/Spring 2019 Tree Planting Programme for the Clondalkin area was presented at the meeting of Clondalkin Area Committee in December last and is available to view on the Council's website [www.sdcc.ie.](http://www.sdcc.ie.)

### **C/018/19 – (H5) Item ID: 60933 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/019/19 – (H6) Item ID: 60954 - Q4 2018 Litter Management Plan Report**

The following report was presented by Ms. C. O’Reilly, Administrative Officer:

[HI 6 Q4 2018 LMP](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=62258)

### Following contributions from Councillors B. Bonner, M. Ward, E. Higgins and T. Gilligan, Ms. C. O’Reilly, Administrative Officer responded to queries raised. The report was **NOTED.**

### **C/020/19 – (H7) Item ID: 61139 – Public Realm Improvement Works Programme 2019**

The following report was presented by Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent:

**Public Realm Improvement Works Programme 2019**

The following is the list of improvement works proposed for the Clondalkin area for 2019.  This list of schemes, along with lists of schemes for the other electoral areas, will be presented to the meeting of the County Council in February 2019 for the approval of the elected members.

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|  **No.** | **Location** | **Description of Works** |
| 1 | Corkagh Park | Provision of vehicle & pedestrian gate to Oak Avenue entrance off Green Isle Road |
| 2 | Fonthill Road | Landscape work on verge between Boot Road and Caldbeck Way |
| 3 | St Marks Open Space | Surface path from St Marks Avenue to the Fonthill Road |
| 4 | Monastery Gate Close | Install 2 kissing gates on open space |
| 5 | Greenfort/Shancastle Open space | Footpath upgrade works |
| 6 | Corkagh Park | Widen cycle path from Fonthill Rd to Kavanaghs Bridge (near allotments) |
| 7 | Corkagh Allotments | Upgrade access road to allotments to include surfacing and fencing |
| 8 | Corkagh Park | Surface section of path at NE end of lake near walled garden |
| 9 | Corkagh Park | Watercourse upgrade works |
| 10 | Cherrywood Crescent | Replace K-barrier with kissing gate |
| 11 | Collinstown Park | Path upgrade works near Oatfield estate to alleviate flooding |
| 12 | Leland open space | Surface path across open space |
| 13 | Michael Collins Estate | Surface paths across open space |

### Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors E. Higgins, M. Ward, B. Bonner, T. Gilligan and F. Timmons, Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised. The report was **NOTED.**

### **C/021/19 – (C4) Item ID: 60934 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/022/19 – (M5) Item ID: 60922 – Request for immediate Tree Inspection**

It was proposed by Councillor M. Johansson and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons

"That this committee agree that the tree outside number (Address available) is inspected immediately, it requires urgent action as the roots are cracking the pavement and the walls of residents."

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

“The tree at the address provided has been recently inspected.  The tree is in a healthy condition and has been recommended for pruning to reduce the size of the crown.  This pruning work will be carried out within the next 4 weeks.  The footpaths at this location have been referred to the Council's Roads Maintenance for inspection.”

Following a contribution from Councillor M. Johansson, Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised. The report was **NOTED.**

**C/023/19 – (M6) Item ID: 61077 – Update on Newcastle Play Spaces**

It was proposed by Councillor E. Higgins and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:

"That this Area Committee gets a full update on the three potential play spaces being investigated for Newcastle and calls for urgent progress for the families in the area."

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

“With regard to Newcastle there is currently no public land available to construct a suitable play space; which limits the ability to provide facilities. The Council has made contact with the Department of Education and Skills with relation to the possible provision of an interim site for a play space in Newcastle within Department-owned lands. The Department has indicated it is willing to consider such a proposal. However the facility proposed is on a temporary basis only as it is the councils understanding the land is not available on a permanent basis. The council has developed a design for the proposed play space which the Department has approved in principal subject to the Council entering into a licence agreement with the Department of Education and Skills. The requested licence agreement is currently being drawn up.

In addition, a development firm that has acquired the future building lands within the Newcastle LAP area has expressed an interest in providing a play space ahead of the LAP housing construction. The proposed play space design is proposed at two locations in Newcastle and have been presented to the Clondalkin Area Committee members on previous occasions. It is intended to proceed with a Part 8 process for these 2 No. play spaces; however in accordance with the Planning and Development Act a contract is required between the parties prior to the Part 8 commencing. The Council's legal team is currently engaging with the firms appointed solicitors in order to agree the contract. The draft contract has been subject to much negotiation and is on-going. Once the contract is agreed the Part 8 process for the 2 No. play spaces can commence. Clondalkin Area Committee members will be contacted prior to commencement of the Part 8 process and the final agreed drawings will be circulated at that stage.”

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors E. Higgins and F. Timmons, Ms. S. Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised. The report was **NOTED.**

### **C/024/19 – (M7) Item ID: 61060 – Ballyowen Park Accessibility Survey**

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

"That this committee agree that an accessibility survey needs to be carried out in Ballyowen Park and work carried out to make it accessible. Wheelchair users can't currently access the park unless the large gate is open."

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

The four access points into Ballyowen Park have been fitted with vehicle control gates designed to provide universal access for pedestrians, wheelchairs and prams. The opening of each gate takes cognisance of wheelchair access requirements and is constructed in a manner that facilitates it while restricting access for horses and vehicles. Each location will be assessed for suitability to ensure that it is compliant. Any access point that is found to be non-compliant will be modified as required.

Following a contribution from Councillor M. Johansson, Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised. The report was **NOTED.**

## **Environment**

### **C/025/19 – (Q7) Item ID: 61079 – Litter Incidents report in 2018 vs 2017**

Proposed by Councillor E. Higgins

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on litter incidents reported in 2018 vs 2017?"

**REPLY:**

 The table below outlines the number of reports of litter incidents, including the number of fines and prosecutions for the period 2017 and 2018

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|  **Litter Incidents**  | **2017** |  **Total No**. | **2018** | **Total No.**  |
|  Illegal dumping complaints (Enivronment Complaint System) |   |  3964 |   | 3807 |
|  Members net |   |    697 |   |   570 |
|  Fix- Your-Street |   |    983 |   | 1169 |
|  Litter Fines |   |    556 |   |   598 |
|  Prosecutions |   |      66 |   |     62 |

### **C/026/19 – (H8) Item ID: 60935 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/027/19 – (C5) Item ID: 60936 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/028/19 – (M8) Item ID: 60053 – Pitch Location for Clondalkin Rugby Club**

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

"That this Area Committee assists in the Clondalkin Rugby Club finding a suitable pitch location, preferably Corkagh Park with permanent flood lights or storage flood lights on site."

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

“The request regarding flood lights is best set in the context of the overall sports pitch strategy which is currently underway. The proposal for flood lights within regional parks present specific challenges as the large parks also provide dark refuges for wildlife including protected species such as bats, badgers etc.

Clubs who wish to be considered for allocation of a pitch, must submit a fully completed application form to the Public Realm Section. As the letting season is from August to June, applications are generally processed in June, however the Council will consider new applications throughout the year.

Applications are assessed in accordance with the Allocation of Pitch / Sporting Facilities – Policy and Conditions; in determining the merits of a Club’s application for pitch/Sport Facilities allocation, South Dublin County Council will give consideration to the Club’s ability to provide from its own resources and its contribution to the sustainable development of the Community and its social wellbeing.

Sport Facilities are granted on a year-to-year basis, subject to Clubs undertaking to abide by the various Acts, Bye-Laws, etc. governing the use of County Council Parks and Open Spaces.

Clondalkin Rugby Club surrendered pitch 55, Corkagh Park in October 2017 on the basis that the Club no longer required this pitch, if this situation has changed the club should contact the Public Realm Administrative Section and update their details.”

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors T. Gilligan, F. Timmons and E. Higgins, Ms. C. O’Reilly, Administrative Officer responded to queries raised. The report was **NOTED.**

### **C/029/19 – (M9) Item ID: 61066 – Illegal Dumping at St. Bridget’s Cottages / Knockmeenagh Lane**

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

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report for discussion at the meeting on the problem of illegal dumping on St Bridget's Cottages/Knockmeenagh Lane detailing all reports of dumping in the last twelve months; actions taken by the Council to date.  Furthermore this committee agrees that the debris and rubbish in the ditches along Knockmeenagh Lane is removed regularly."

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

“All incidents of illegal dumping reported or detected in any area is investigated by the Council's Litter Warden Service and all dumped material is searched for evidence.  Where evidence is found, the appropriate enforcement action is taken under the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended. Increasingly, it is found that no personal information relating to polluters is contained within the dumped material, with personal information having been removed or shredded.

In 2018, the total number of complaints received for this area was fifty three (**53**) which resulted in four (**4**) Fixed Penalty Notices being issued.

The area is cleansed regularly by Public Realm.

CCTV Cameras were installed in Knockmeenagh Lane in October 2018 but unfortunately the cameras were vandalised a week later. The Council's contractor has reassessed the area and alternative arrangements put in place.

As part of the Council's commitment to deliver on the objectives of the Corporate Plan 2014-2019 and Litter Management Plan 2015-2019, there has been an increased targeted focus on known litter generator areas. Similarly, there has been a raised visibility of our Warden Service through branded vehicles, and a number of structured routes have been identified for continuous patrol, as well as ad hoc patrols and investigations as required.

As always, the Council is grateful for assistance and support from local residents or others in their investigations of such incidents as they arise. In the absence of substantive evidence/witness statements and the presence of such witnesses in court it is not possible for us to bring successful prosecutions.”

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors M. Ward, F. Timmons, B. Bonner, E. Higgins and T. Gilligan, Ms. B. Shannon, Administrative Officer responded to queries raised. The report was **NOTED.**

### **C/030/19 – (M10) Item ID: 61075 – “Do Not Dump” signs opposite Neilstown Boxing Club**

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

"That this Area Committee agrees to the instalment of a large "Do not dump" signs on walls opposite Neilstown Boxing Club.

This has been a regular dumping spot and need to be addressed."

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

“Requests for signs are examined on a case by case basis. This location will be examined with a view to identifying a suitable location for a sign.

The area is also patrolled on a regular basis by the Council's Litter Warden and incidents of illegal dumping reported or detected in this (and any area) are investigated and all dumped material is searched for evidence. Where evidence is found, the appropriate enforcement action is taken under the Litter Pollution Acts. Increasingly, it is found that no personal information relating to polluters is contained within the dumped material, with personal information having been removed or shredded. Regular cleansing is carried out by Public Realm.

As always, the Council is grateful for assistance and support from local residents or others in their investigations of such incidents as they arise. In the absence of substantive evidence / witness statements and the presence of such witnesses in court it is not possible for us to bring successful prosecutions.”

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors K. Egan and M. Ward, Ms. B. Shannon, Administrative Officer responded to queries raised. The report was **NOTED.**

## **Housing**

### **C/031/19 – (Q8) Item ID: 61067 – Six Vacant Houses on Station Road**

Proposed by Councillor M. Ward

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update report on the six vacant houses on Station Road indicating if possible when they will be used for much needed housing?"

**REPLY:**

Consultation is ongoing with the owner of the properties.

### **C/032/19 – (Q9) Item ID: 61073 – Energy Upgrades in Clondalkin LEA**

Proposed by Councillor M. Ward

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report on what Estates are scheduled to have energy upgrades including insulation works in the Clondalkin Local Electoral Area in 2019?"

**REPLY:**

For 2019, the Council aims to have all of Phase 1 of the Energy Retro- Fitting Programme completed for social housing stock built prior to 1984. There are a number of one- off houses and small housing estates that were not included in any previous tenders over the years.  We now propose to put all these houses together and run two tenders, 1 for North of the Naas Road and 1 for South of the Naas Road. For the Clondalkin area this would include James Connolly Park, Michael Collins Park, and Nangor Crescent.

The Council is also going to continue to energy upgrade attics in a number of estates who have received partial works in the past. This consists of approximately 8 estates county- wide and includes for the Clondalkin area the following estates, St Marks, Harelawn, Liscarne and Lindisfarne.

These houses will all be surveyed to ensure that the works are deemed necessary. A number of spot surveys within these estates took place in December 2018. All tenants will be informed of when the surveys will take place by letter when the dates have been confirmed.

### **C/033/19 – (H9) Item ID: 60937 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/034/19 – (H10) Item ID: 61214 - Balgaddy**

The following report was presented by Ms. E. Leech, Senior Executive Officer

**Balgaddy**

[Balgaddy Residents Flyer](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=62263)
[HI 10 Balgaddy Quarter 1- Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=62262)

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, M. Johansson, M. Ward, B. Bonner and E. Higgins, Ms. E. Leech, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised. The report was **NOTED.**

### **C/035/19 – (H11) Item ID: 61215 - Greenfort Gardens**

The following report was presented by Mr. E. Conroy, County Architect

[HI 11 Greenfort](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=62261)

### Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors M. Ward, M. Johansson, B. Bonner, E. Higgins and F. Timmons, Mr. E. Conroy, County Architect and Ms. M. Staunton, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised. The report was **NOTED.**

### **C/036/19 – (C6) Item ID: 60938 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

## **Community**

### **C/037/19 – (Q10) Item ID: 60863 – Update on the Cowin Site, Orchard Road**

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan

"To ask the Chief Executive if there is any update on the Cowin site, Orchard Road, Clondalkin? This is going on a long time now."

**REPLY:**

The Council's Law Department are in regular communication with the legal representative for the owner and management company of the premises. Essential documentation in relation to compliance and operations of the management company are still outstanding. Receipts of these outstanding documents are essential to allow the Council take legal title to the facility.  The Council is continuing to endeavour to complete this transaction as soon as possible.

The local Community Development team are available to discuss proposals/expressions of interest from interested local community organisations in relation to the future use of the building, which it is anticipated will provide space for community activities for Clondalkin village.

### **C/038/19 – (Q11) Item ID: 60844 – Signage at St. Brigid’s Well**

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan

"To ask the Chief Executive about the signage at St. Brigid's Well (meeting with South Dublin County Council 14th December, 2018)? (from Clondalkin Tidy Towns)

**REPLY:**

Meetings have been held with the Clondalkin Tidy Towns Group in relation to their proposal to have both a Directional Sign and a Heritage Information Board installed at this site.

Discussions have commenced with the Conservation Officer and the Heritage Officer in the Council regarding the location of the signage. The Tidy Towns group are working on the proposed wording of the Heritage Board and these drafts will then be submitted to the Heritage Officer for approval.

### **C/039/19 – (H12) Item ID: 60939 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/040/19 – (H13) Item ID: 60941 – Deputations for Noting**

(No Business)

### **C/041/19 – (C7) Item ID: 60940 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/042/19 – (M11) Item ID: 60916 – Old Swimming Pool near Clondalkin Sports & Leisure Centre**

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

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

 “That this Area Committee asks that South Dublin County Council look at the use of the old Swimming pool beside Clondalkin Sports and Leisure Centre for Community use.  One possible use would be a Theatre for Clondalkin drama group, local bands, Irish dancing and dance groups, other shows, talks and conferences etc. The estimate costs and condition of the structure be looked at and that this area committee discusses the building that has been idle for a number of years ''

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

“The Council, in conjunction with South Dublin County Leisure Services, has plans in place to refurbish the old Clondalkin pool with works including the provision of a new sports floor and ancillary works.  The works are being delivered on a phased basis and with works completed to date including the demolition of the old changing rooms, the installation of 20 new car spaces, the decommissioning/removal of the old heating system and the installation of a new roof system.

Significant funding has been secured through the Sports Capital Grant Scheme for the next phase of the works which involves the sealing of the old pool and the installation of a sports type floor. The terms and conditions of the grant funding include a condition requiring that the facility be dedicated to sporting activity.

Additional funding, which has yet to be sourced or confirmed, will be required to complete the final phase of the required improvement works.”

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, T. Gilligan, B. Bonner and E. Higgins, Mr. P. McAlerney, Senior Community Officer responded to queries raised. The report was **NOTED.**

### **C/043/19 – (M12) Item ID: 60958 – Update on Community Centre on Orchard Lane**

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

"That this committee gets an update on progress for a Community Centre on Orchard Lane."

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

“The Council's Law Department are in regular communication with the legal representative for the owner and management company of the premises.  Essential documentation in relation to compliance and operations of the management company are still outstanding. Receipts of these outstanding documents are essential to allow the Council take legal title to the facility.  The Council is continuing to endeavour to complete this transaction as soon as possible.

The local Community Development team are available to discuss proposals/expressions of interest from interested local community organisations in relation to the future use of the building, which it is anticipated will provide space for community activities for Clondalkin village.”

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors E. Higgins, F. Timmons, T. Gilligan, B. Bonner and M. Johansson, Mr. P. McAlerney, Senior Community Officer responded to queries raised. The report was **NOTED.**

### **C/044/19 - (M13) Item ID: 61061 – Old School Building in Newcastle**

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

It was **AGREED** by the Cathaoirleach in consultation with the Members, to consider Motion 14 in tandem with this item as they were of a similar subject matter

"That this committee agree that South Dublin County Council should explore the option of leasing the Old School building in Newcastle for community use."

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

“The Council has adopted a Local Area Plan for the future expansion of the Newcastle Village area and will work on that basis to explore options and make provisions for additional community space.

The Community Services Department is also open to examining and working with local groups/organisations to explore the community needs within the Newcastle area, this includes exploring options that may exist for additional community facilities should needs for additional space be confirmed.”

### **M14 - Item ID: 61021 – Newcastle Community Space**

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

"That this committee asks for a report into what community space has been delivered in Newcastle in tandem with all the new housing and a report into a community centre/space at Ballynakelly.  Also to outline what future gains can the people of Newcastle expect in relation to community space in light of all the new housing expected to be built in Newcastle and the vast development and expansion of Grange Castle nearby."

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

“The Council has adopted a Local Area Plan for the future expansion of the Newcastle Village area and will work on that basis to explore options and make provisions for additional community space.

The Community Services Department is also open to examining and working with local groups/organisations to explore the community needs within the Newcastle area, this includes exploring options that may exist for additional community facilities should needs for additional space be confirmed.”

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors M. Johansson, F. Timmons and E. Higgins, Mr. B. Leonard, Administrative Officer responded to queries raised. The report was **NOTED.**

### **C/045/19 – (M15) Item ID: 61076 – Christmas Lights Volunteers**

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

"That the Area Committee recognises the huge voluntary efforts behind the Christmas lights in Clondalkin, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart and Brittas. These volunteers helped our villages look especially beautiful over the holiday period and their volunteerism brought to life the spirit of Christmas."

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

“The Council congratulates and thanks all the volunteers involved in the many local community groups across the County including Clondalkin, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart and Brittas who were involved in organising a range of community Christmas celebrations and events in the run up to Christmas. The local Community Development Teams worked with these groups to provide advice, assistance and some funding to help with the delivery of the celebrations. The active volunteerism from these local community groups in these events are heartily commend and will continue to be supported into the future.”

Following contributions from Councillors E. Higgins and M. Ward, the report was **NOTED.**

## **Transportation**

### **C/046/19 – (Q12) Item ID: 60349 – Light Sequence at Aylmer Road/Main Street**

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan

"To ask that the Chief Executive arrange to fix the light sequence at Aylmer Road/Main Street as it was before road works?"

**REPLY:**

The signal maintenance contractor has been instructed to replace all detection damaged during the recent road resurfacing.

### **C/047/19 – (Q13) Item ID: 60743 – Path Repairs at East Coast Village Café and Castle Park Estate**

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan

"To ask the Chief Executive to repair the paths at East Coast Village cafe and Castle Park Estate?"

**REPLY:**

The locations will be examined by the Area Engineer.  Castle Park Estate will be considered for inclusion in the 2019 Programme subject to availability of finance.

### **C/048/19 – (Q14) Item ID: 60960 – Jetting at top of Old Nangor Road**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"To ask the Chief Executive to issue a report into the flooding after heavy rain at Cherrywood Villas and the top of Old Nangor Road between Irish School and Cherrywood Avenue and to ask how and when this will be resolved?"

**REPLY:**

The Area Engineer has been requested to carry out jetting at these locations.

### **C/049/19 – (Q15) Item ID: 61071 – Schedule of Footpath Upgrades in 2019**

Proposed by Councillor M. Ward

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report on what Estates are scheduled to have footpath upgrades in 2019 in the Clondalkin Local Electoral Area?"

**REPLY:**

The footpath programme is currently being prepared and will be presented to the February Area Committee Meeting.

### **C/050/19 – (Q16) Item ID: 60967 – Rathcoole & Newcastle Traffic Congestion**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"To ask the Chief Executive for a details report into how South Dublin County Council  proposes to deal with the congested traffic issues in Rathcoole and Newcastle and to consider this prior to building any more housing in these areas?

**REPLY:**

A Local Area Plan for Newcastle was adopted in 2012 following extensive public consultation. The LAP ensures that zoned lands are developed in a co-ordinated manner including a 6 year road plan in which the Main Street is a backbone of movement for the village and to provide alternative routes for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles in a manner that links each neighbourhood directly with the village core and between neighbourhoods.

Many measures have been implemented over the past number of years to improve traffic flows.

It is intended to investigate the possibility of doing a trial of a partial HGV restriction on the R120 between Newcastle and Rathcoole later this year subject to consultation with relevant stakeholders.

In the medium to longer term, the provision of an additional interchange on the N7 at Tootenhill and a link to the N81 at Boherboy as indicated in the County Development 2016 - 2022 will be of major benefit.

### **C/051/19 – (H14) Item ID: 60942 – Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

(No Business)

### **C/052/19 – (H15) Item ID: 60943 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/053/19 – (C8) Item ID: 60944 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/054/19 – (M16) Item ID: 60956 – Pothole Repairs on New Nangor Road**

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

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

"That this Committee calls on South Dublin County Council to fix the growing number of potholes on the new Nangor Road from the Roundabout at Dunawley down to lights at crossroads."

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

“The Area Engineer has been requested to examine the location. Necessary repairs will be carried out.”

This item was **MOVED** without debate.

### **C/055/19 – (M17) Item ID: 61070 – Water Retention on road that separates St. Peter Apostle School and Neilstown Village Court**

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

"That this Committee agrees that the management organise an inspection of the road that separates St. Peter Apostle School and Neilstown Village Court to ascertain and fix the cause of the water retention."

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

“The Area Engineer has been requested to examine the location and make any necessary repairs.”

Following a contribution from Councillor M. Ward, Mr. T. O’Grady, Senior Engineer responded to queries. The report was **NOTED.**

## **Planning**

### **C/056/19 – (Q17) Item ID: 61082 – One-off Housing Planning Applications**

Proposed by Councillor E. Higgins

"To ask for the number of one-off housing planning applications approved and the number refused in 2018?"

**REPLY:**

There were 54 one-off housing planning applications approved and 50 one-off housing planning applications refused in 2018.

### **C/057/19 – (Q18) Item ID: 61068 – Update on lands surrounding Clondalkin Mill Centre**

Proposed by Councillor M. Ward

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the lands surrounding the Clondalkin Mill Centre and what plans have the Council got in getting this site developed?  The last update I had was this land was under the remit of the Councils Planning Department under the Vacant Sites Register?"

**REPLY:**

The subject site was the subject of pre-planning discussion towards the end of 2018 for a mixed use proposal, comprising residential and commercial development. The pre-planning discussion is at a very preliminary stage, with the likelihood of a strategic housing development application being made to An Bord Pleanala later in the year. Notwithstanding this, a notice was issued by South Dublin County Council in December 2018 to the owner of the relevant site, indicating it's intention of placing the site on the Vacant Site Register.

### **C/058/19 – (H16) Item ID: 60945 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/059/19 – (C9) Item ID: 60946 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/060/19 – (M18) Item ID: 61081 – Behan’s Quarry**

It was proposed by Councillor E. Higgins and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:

"That this Committee gets an update on enforcement of the recent ABP decision in relation to Behan's Quarry."

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

“As this Committee is aware from a previous update, the Council initiated a planning enforcement investigation following receipt of the decision by An Bord Pleanála to refuse substitute consent to Behan’s Quarry, Windmill Hill, Rathcoole, Co. Dublin.

The Council issued a warning letter which referred to the ‘continued operation of the quarry in the absence of a grant of substitute consent’ and invited exculpatory submissions from the respondent.

In reply, the respondent provided correspondence which stated that leave to judicially review An Bord Pleanála’s decision had been granted and that, furthermore, the respondent intended to seek an order to quash that decision.

As this decision currently grounds the Council’s planning enforcement action, it would be imprudent to pursue it further while its materiality remains before the Courts. As such, the Council is closely monitoring the situation but in effect, the enforcement action is being held in abeyance until the matter of the judicial review is disposed of. At that time the Council will revisit it.

In conclusion, it should be noted that the Council cannot provide this Committee with specific updates on the progression of planning enforcement actions outside of that previously available in the public realm. These actions can result in criminal penalties for the respondent and, on the advice of counsel, must not be discussed in an open forum. For that reason, the Council may only provide this Committee with the statutory updates on specific files, i.e. at the issuance of a warning letter, the issuance of an enforcement notice and at an investigation's conclusion.”

Following a contribution from Councillor E. Higgins, Ms. H. Craigie, Senior Planner responded to queries. The report was **NOTED.**

## **Economic Development**

### **C/061/19 – (H17) Item ID: 60947 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/062/19 – (C10) Item ID: 60948 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **C/063/19 – (Q19) Item ID: 61069 – North Clondalkin Library**

Proposed by Councillor M. Ward

''To ask the Chief Executive to give an update of the timeline involved in the development of the new North Clondalkin library?"

**REPLY:**

"North Clondalkin Library is progressing to the agreed programme. Concrete columns and walls have reached the main roof and first floor level, with blockwork progressing in January. The construction period has been set at 18 months as part of the contract, but it is anticipated that it may take 15 months to construct if there are no delays".

### **C/064/19 – (H18) Item ID: 60949 – Library News & Events**

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

[HI 18](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=62206)

### Following contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, M. Ward and E. Higgins, Ms. B. Fennell, County Librarian responded, and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/065/19 – (H19) Item ID: 60950 – Application for Arts Grants**

(No Business)

### **C/066/19 – (H20) Item ID: 60951 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/067/19 – (C11) Item ID: 60952 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

The meeting concluded at 5.35pm

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