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

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

Senior Engineer Mr. T. O’Grady, Mr. L. Magee

Senior Planner Ms. H. Craigie

Senior Parks Superintendent Ms. S. Furlong

Senior Executive Officer Ms. M. Maguire, Ms. E. Leech, Mr. B. Hora

Senior Executive Engineer Ms. C. Lambert

Senior Executive Parks Supt. Mr. D. Fennell

Senior Executive Librarian Ms. M. Bentley

Administrative Officer Ms. C. O’Reilly, Ms. M. Kavanagh, Mr. B. Leonard,

Mr. B. Martin

Staff Officer Ms. P. O’Reilly

Assistant Staff Officer Ms. I. Kenny

Clerical Officer Ms. L. Kearney

Prior to commencement of the meeting, a minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect for the victims of the recent Christchurch Mosque shootings, the three teenagers that died outside the Glenville Hotel, Co. Tyrone, and Mary Maguire’s brother who passed away last week.

### **C/141/19 – (H1) Item ID: 61868 - Confirmation & Re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting of 20th February, 2019**

The minutes of the February meeting of the Clondalkin Area Committee dealing with Water & Drainage, Public Realm, Environment, Community, Housing, Planning, Transportation, Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Performance & Change Management and Corporate Support, held on 20th February 2019, which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED.**

[Minutes of Meeting of 20th February 2019](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=62904)

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

“That the recommendations contained in the minutes of 20th February, 2019 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**C/142/19 - QUESTIONS**

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

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Questions 1 to 15 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

## **Housing**

### **C/143/19 – (Q1) Item ID: 61918 – Balgaddy Traveller Site**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a full report on all actions taken by the Council in relation to the Traveller families on the site in Balgaddy, including any correspondence with other Local Authorities, and to outline how the decision was taken to go to court?"

**REPLY:**

The Traveller Accommodation Unit was made aware of a number of caravans encroaching on a Council owned site on Sunday the 11th of November 2018. Notices under Section 10 of the Housing (Miscellaneous) Provisions Act 1992, as amended by the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act 1998 and the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2002 were served on the illegal occupiers concerned on Monday 12th November 2018, instructing them to vacate the site.

Following the failure of the illegal occupiers to vacate the site, the Council made a subsequent attempt to remove the illegal occupiers on the 28th November 2018 but were unsuccessful.

In mid-December, the Council was approached by the Irish Traveller Movement and Clondalkin Travellers Development Group who wished to negotiate a mediated withdrawal on behalf of the illegal occupiers from the site. A withdrawal date from the site on or before the 11th January 2019, was agreed between the parties.

When Council staff attended the site on the 11th January 2019, the agreement reached was not adhered to with the illegal occupiers refusing to vacate the site.

Council officials met with the families in the offices of Clondalkin Traveller Development Group on the 13th February 2019. Only 3 of the families attended. Based on the information provided, the Council sought confirmation from other local authorities with regard to their accommodation history /applications for social housing.

On the 27th February 2019, correspondence was issued to the illegal occupiers of the site. The correspondence advised that if the site was not vacated on or before 4pm on Friday 8th March, the Council would commence legal proceedings for the purpose of securing vacant possession of the site and the removal of all vehicles, caravans and other structures therefrom.

The site was not vacated on the 8th March 2019 and the matter is now with the County Solicitor.

### **C/144/19 – (Q2) Item ID: 61875 – Kilcarberry Development**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report in Kilcarberry development and when houses will be delivered etc. Also to ask when commitment to block off Cherrywood opening with a wall will be delivered on? This was committed to before building was due to start?"

**REPLY:**

There are two sites at Kilcarberry - the PPP site and the Joint Venture site.  The contractor is due to start on the PPP site in the next few weeks with expected delivery of the 109 homes in 2020.  Meetings with residents have taken place and the issue over the closing of the vehicular and pedestrian gates was raised.  It was agreed with the residents, that some works have to be carried out on their road first before the wall is built.  In relation to the Joint Venture site, the preferred tenderer lodged a pre-application to An Bord Pleanála in December 2018 to deliver 978 homes, 30% of which will be for social housing.

### **C/145/19 – (Q3) Item ID: 61916 – Housing Maintenance Budget**

Proposed by Councillor M. Ward

"Additional money was secured in the budget for housing maintenance. To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the windows and doors programme and how this additional money will be used for this programme for the benefit of residents in the Clondalkin LEA?"

**REPLY:**

A full report will be presented to the April Council meeting on the delivery of an Accelerated Planned Maintenance Programme in Clondalkin and across the County.

### **C/146/19 – (Q4) Item ID: 61920 – Lett’s Field Boundary Wall**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

"To ask the Chief Executive if any fencing or wall will be provided at the new Lett's Field Housing Estate and the Ninth Lock Road as the existing boundary wall is extremely low?"

**REPLY:**

The Housing Construction team are currently working with Architectural Services regarding this matter as the low wall has been identified as an issue. The Architects are currently reviewing solution options with regards to increasing the height of the boundary wall.

### **C/147/19 – (Q5) Item ID: 61917 – Energy Retrofitting Programme Phase 2**

Proposed by Councillor M. Ward

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on phase 2 of the energy retrofitting programme and what Estates are included on the programme in the Clondalkin and Palmerstown/Fonthill LEAs?"

**REPLY**

It is a requirement that Phase 1 of this programme is completed prior to progressing to Phase 2.

The Estates within the Clondalkin and Palmerstown/Fonthill LEA's currently identified for works under Phase 1 of the 2019 Energy Retrofitting Programme are Dunawley and Neilstown Estates.

During 2018 the Estates of Shancastle and Old Tower had Energy Retroffit works carried out.

### **C/148/19 – (H2) Item ID: 61833 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/149/19 – (H3) Item ID: 61966 Quarterly Housing Supply**

The following report was presented by Ms. M. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer:

[HI. 3](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=62997)

### Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, T. Gilligan, M. Ward, E. Higgins, M. Johansson and B. Bonner, Ms. M. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer responded to the Members queries, and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/150/19 – (C1) Item ID: 61834 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/151/19 – (M1) Item ID: 61926 – Funding for Rebuild Ireland Loan Scheme**

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

"That this Area Committee calls on the Minister for Housing, Eoin Murphy to ensure that more funding is found for the Rebuild Ireland Loan scheme and that, at the very least, funding would be found for those applicants who were already in the system and met the criteria for approval."

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

“South Dublin County Council have been advised that the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government are currently in discussions with the Department of Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform regarding further funding for the Rebuilding Ireland Loan Scheme. Allocations for 2019 will be finalised when those discussions have concluded. The scheme remains in full operation and all local authorities should continue to receive and process applications.

Funding is still available for those applicants who were pre-approved for Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans in 2018.”

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

## **Community**

### **C/152/19 – (H4) Item ID: 61835 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/153/19 – (H5) Item ID: 61837 - Deputations**

(No Business)

### **C/154/19 – (C2) Item ID: 61836 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/155/19 – (M2) Item ID: 61800 – Permanent Solution to Clondalkin Swimming Pool**

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

It was **AGREED** by the Cathaoirleach in consultation with the Members, to consider Motion 3, Motion 4 and Motion 5 in tandem with this item, as they were of a similar subject matter.

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

"That this Area Committee calls on the Clondalkin swimming pool to be fixed in a permanent manner, what actions will be carried out to rectify and make a permanent solution to the current unacceptable situation? We also ask for that a report is given into what maintenance contract exists for the pool."

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

“The Council understands the importance of the Clondalkin Swimming Pool facilitates for all the local community in the Clondalkin area. We are aware of the current repair issues at the Pool and are continuing to liaise with South County Dublin Leisure Services and Architects Department, who have engaged in seeking expert technical advice, in order to carry out the immediate repairs as soon as possible.”

### **(M3) Item ID: 61686 – Update on Clondalkin Swimming Pool Works**

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

"That this Area Committee give an update on the Clondalkin swimming pool works."

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

“The Council understands the importance of the Clondalkin Swimming Pool facilitates for all the local community in the Clondalkin area. We are aware of the current repair issues at the Pool and are continuing to liaise with South County Dublin Leisure Services and Architects Department, who have engaged in seeking expert technical advice, in order to carry out the immediate repairs as soon as possible.”

### **(M4) Item ID: 61865 – Ongoing Problems at Clondalkin Swimming Pool**

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

"That this Area Committee expresses concern that yet again both full-size swimming pools in our county, including at the Clondalkin Leisure Centre, is out of action. We ask that a proper maintenance contract be drawn up and that any outstanding PO issues are rectified as a matter of urgency and seek a full report into the ongoing situation at the Clondalkin pool."

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

“The Council understands the importance of the Clondalkin Swimming Pool facilitates for all the local community in the Clondalkin area. We are aware of the current repair issues at the Pool and are continuing to liaise with South County Dublin Leisure Services and Architects Department, who have engaged in seeking expert technical advice, in order to carry out the immediate repairs as soon as possible.”

### **(M5) Item ID: 61914 – Professional Inspection of Clondalkin Swimming Pool**

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

"This Area Committee calls for an immediate professional inspection of the Clondalkin Swimming Pool be carried out to assess the installation of the mechanical boom which is again not working.  Furthermore that this inspection would be carried out by independent Civil/Structural, Electrical, and or Mechanical Engineers and a report produced for discussion.  This Committee also notes that the 25 meter pool is not just used by competitive swimmers but also by the general public."

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

“The Council understands the importance of the Clondalkin Swimming Pool facilitates for all the local community in the Clondalkin area. We are aware of the current repair at the Pool and are continuing to liaise with South County Dublin Leisure Services and Architects Department, who have engaged in seeking expert technical advice, in order to carry out the immediate repairs as soon as possible.”

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, T. Gilligan, E. Higgins, M. Ward, B. Bonner and M. Johansson, Mr. B. Hora, Senior Executive Officer responded to the Members queries and a commitment was given to update the Councillors on any progress.

The reports were **NOTED.**

### **C/156/19 – (M6) Item ID: 61867 – Funding for St. Francis UTD**

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

"That this Area Committee allocate funding to St Francis UTD towards developing a top class Astro pitch in Baldonnell."

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

“St Francis United operate from John Hyland Park in Baldonnell. This park is not in Council ownership.

Clubs who wish to develop their facilities can apply under the Sports Capital Programme (SCP) which is operated by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and provides grants to assist in the development or refurbishment of sports facilities and the provision of sports equipment.

Although the Sports Capital Programme is not open for applications at the moment, the club can contact the Sports & Recreation Office who can arrange for a FAI Development Officers to work with the club to help them prepare the relevant documentation should the programme open for applications in the future.

The Council's Community Infrastructure Fund is now open for applications, the closing date is the 5th April 2019. This is a fund of €350,000 which offers Community Groups (including Sports Clubs) the opportunity to apply for funding, to assist with the costs of either constructing new Community Facilities or for the modernisation and/or expansion of existing premises, requests from a minimum of €5,000 up to a maximum of €50,000 will be considered. Each application is considered on it's own merits and is subject to terms and conditions which can be found in the document provided on the Council's website, click [here](https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/community/funding-and-support/community-infrastructure-fund/community-infrastructure-fund.html) “

Following contributions from Councillors F. Timmons and T. Gilligan, Mr. B. Leonard, Administrative Officer responded to the Members queries.

The motion was **AGREED.**

### **C/157/19 – (M7) Item ID: 61803 – Family Resource Centre National Forum**

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

"That this council supports the recommendations of the Family Resource Centre National Forum - Ireland's largest network of community childcare providers - following on from compliance visits from Pobal which are resulting in already stretched community childcare centres having to alter and even close down their valuable services as funding is taken back based on children's individual absences and attendance.  This could have serious consequences for the childcare services of Quarryvale FRC and the other two FRCs with childcare services in our county: Ballyboden and St. Kevin's, Kilnamanagh.  Childcare is an important link in the family support work carried out by FRCs, as is evidenced by the fact that three of the four FRCs in our county provide this service.

"We recommend the following five proposals to be urgently implemented in the subvention process if more of us are to avoid reductions of services or possible closure of our centres.

1. An one hour’s grace period at the beginning and at the end of any part-time, full-time and  sessional placement
2. As is the case with primary schools, a minimum of 22 days absence allowed for every child; it is worth noting that childcare services usually have the children for more weeks than schools do.
3. A change of the compliance month from November to January.
4. Recompense for the many voluntary managed community childcare services that will have to close if the current compliance reports are allowed to stand.
5. Department officials to work with community projects to help them review and identify their true unit costs to ensure future sustainability of our voluntary managed, not for profit, community childcare services.

We commit to writing to the Minister for Children for consideration and the Manager of QFRC to express our support ’’

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

“If the motion is agreed, a letter will be issued to the Minister and to the Quarryvale Family Resource Centre for their attention, and when a reply is received, the Committee will be notified accordingly.”

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, M. Johansson and B. Bonner, the report was **NOTED.**

## **Transportation**

### **C/158/19 – (Q6) Item ID: 61879 – New Road to access N7 from Saggart/Rathcoole**

Proposed by Councillor B. Bonner

"To ask the Chief Executive when will the future road indicated on the County Development Plan from the Blessington Road across towards Saggart and then to new intersection over the N7 at Tootenhill west of Rathcoole and then heading Northwards past Newcastle and Greenogue be built and to make a statement on it."

**REPLY:**

The first section of this road will be delivered if a proposed application in Rathcoole receives Planning Permission. This will give residents in Rathcoole an option for access to the N7. There are no plans in the short to medium term to plan or deliver the remainder of the road.

### **C/159/19 – (Q7) Item ID: 61682 – Swing Gate at gap between Oakwood Grove and St. Patrick’s Estate**

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan

"To ask the Chief Executive to put the swing gate back at the gap between Oakwood Grove and St. Patrick's Estate?"

**REPLY:**

There has not been a swing gate at this location. It has consisted of two individual panels.

<https://goo.gl/maps/EyGBzv718zn>

### **C/160/19 – (Q8) Item ID: 61877 – Removal Of Unsightly Poles**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive to liaise directly with Clondalkin Tidy Towns in the removal of a number of unused and unsightly poles within the Clondalkin area and work towards their removal before the Tidy Towns judges visit to adjudicate?"

**REPLY:**

The Tidy Towns should contact the Area Engineer Anthony Donegan to arrange the removal of unused poles.

### **C/161/19 – (H6) Item ID: 61839 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/162/19 – (H7) Item ID: 61838 – Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

(No Business)

**C/163/19 – (H8) Item ID: 61869 - Upgrade of Public Lighting at Monastery Estate**

The following report was presented by Ms. C. Lambert, Senior Executive Engineer:

[Existing Pole Type](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=62909)

“The Public Lighting installation at Monastery Estate is non-standard in comparison to estates of similar vintage in the county. The columns and fittings were originally very specific to the estate itself. Over the years, this has presented challenges regarding the maintenance of the public lighting at this location. Modifications have been made throughout the estate at various intervals to improve the lighting levels, such as the installation of bracket extensions to the unusually short 4m columns to bring them to a height of 5m, thereby improving the light distribution. In order to make any further upgrades to the lighting, changes will need to take place. There cannot be any meaningful upgrade to the lighting while keeping the existing columns and light fittings in situ.

* A trial column was installed of a modern version of the column/light fitting configuration in early 2017 at the Monastery Walk entrance, pole no. 1A. This includes an LED upgrade. A photo is shown attached. A photo of the existing column/light fitting is also shown attached.
* The existing light fitting cannot be retrofitted with LED.
* The existing cabling in the estate is also non-standard and presents some issues:

1. We must use a column of a very specific type with a lower door height at 300 mm so that the existing cable can be used as it is.
2. No changes can be made to the cabling. This means that no additional columns can be added to the existing lighting circuits if there are issues with the existing spacing between the columns.

* Many columns cannot be upgraded as they are. If a new LED fitting is installed, it will require the column to be replaced.

All these items are adding up to the prospect of an extremely expensive retrofit and the old columns/fittings will be have to be removed. In addition, the new columns will be galvanized steel, unlike the existing columns that are powder coated and are very high maintenance.

It is proposed to carry out a trial to assess the performance and associated cost of upgrading/replacing the lighting here. We will also need to examine and test the cabling to ensure that there are no safety issues involved with the installation fo new columns and fittings.

We will then be able to estimate how much the upgrade of the whole estate will cost and what technical issues we can expect to meet.

It is also important to note that the interaction of LED light fittings and mature tree canopies is generally problematic, due to the high efficiency operation of the LED fittings. Serious tree pruning/tree removal will also need to occur if any upgrades are made to the existing lighting and approval will have to be sought from Public Realm. There may also be local opposition to any removal of existing trees.

It is proposed that this trial be carried out in the coming months between the new pole 1A on Monastery Walk and the junction of Monastery Drive. This will entail the upgrade of four columns: P1, 2, 17 and 18.”

[New Pole Type on Monastery Walk](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=62910)

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, B. Bonner and T. Gilligan, Ms. C. Lambert, Senior Executive Engineer responded to the Members queries and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/164/19 – (C3) Item ID: 61840 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/165/19 – (M8) Item ID: 61741 – Hole in wall at Canal 9th Lock Road**

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

"That this Area Committee repair the hole in the wall at Canal 9th Lock Road."

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

“The damaged wall is part of the boundary to a private property. Repairs are the responsibility of the owner/resident.”

Following a contribution from Councillor T. Gilligan, Mr. T. O’Grady, Senior Engineer responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/166/19 – (M9) Item ID: 61882 – Installation of Pedestrian Crossing at top of Castle Park**

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

"That this Area Committee supports the installation of a signal controlled pedestrian crossing at the top of Castle Park to enable people to cross to the shops there."

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

“The provision of a signal controlled crossing at such a location would be contrary to good practice and regulation**.”**

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors B. Bonner, F. Timmons and T. Gilligan, Mr. T. O’Grady, Senior Engineer responded to queries raised, and it was agreed to bring this matter to the next Traffic Management Meeting.

The report was **NOTED.**

### **C/167/19 – (M10) Item ID: 61910 – Pothole Repairs**

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

"That this Area Committee agrees that the Council fix the potholes at the following locations:

\* Outside the Neilstown Boxing Club

\* On Ballyowen Meadows beside the Clondalkin Equine Club and CASP

\* At the entrance to Liscarne on the Neilstown Road"

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

“Neither the area outside the Boxing Club nor Ballyowen Meadows (entrance to Equine Centre) are maintained by Roads Department.

The Area Engineer will examine the location at Liscarne.”

Following a contribution from Councillor M. Ward, Mr. T. O’Grady, Senior Engineer and Ms. M. Maguire, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/168/19 – (M11) Item ID: 61913 – Mill Shopping Centre Car Park**

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

“That the area committee invites the owners of Mill shopping centre to a meeting on behalf of the public regarding the implementation of parking restrictions in the car park, and seeks an acknowledgement that this car park is a vital infrastructural facility serving the use of vital public services in Clondalkin village such as An Garda Siochana, Post office, INTREO and SDCC public offices.

Furthermore to ask the Chief Executive, if the Company operating Mill Shopping Centre are acting in compliance with the original planning application in relation to the new parking restriction now being imposed on users of the car park?

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 owners of Mill Shopping Centre for their attention, and when a reply is received, the committee will be notified accordingly.”

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors M. Ward, F. Timmons and B. Bonner, Mr. T. O’Grady, Senior Engineer responded to queries raised, and report was **NOTED.**

## **Planning**

### **C/169/19 – (H9) Item ID: 61841 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/170/19 – (C4) Item ID: 61842 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/171/19 – (M12) Item ID: 61768 – Pollinator Strategy**

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

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

"That this Area Committee requests that South Dublin County Council assist the Clondalkin Community to formulate a pollinator strategy that is line with the All Ireland Pollinator Plan 2015-2020 (and that contact is made with Clondalkin Tidy Towns and Sruleen Community Development Association who have expressed a particular interest in this)."

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

“Local Authorities around the country, including South Dublin County Council, have been undertaking, and are continuing to undertake, numerous projects that benefit pollinators under the objectives of local County Heritage Plans, local County Biodiversity Action Plans and most recently, under the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan. A draft Biodiversity Action Plan for South Dublin County is currently under preparation and is expected to be on display in May 2019, at which time comments on SDCC’s plan for biodiversity on the County will be invited from interested individuals and bodies.

The SDCC County Development Plan also has numerous policies and objectives which outline the Council’s commitment to biodiversity which are mainly contained within Chapter 8, Green Infrastructure, and Chapter 9, Heritage, Conservation, and Landscapes of the County Development plan 2016-2022.

The majority of actions currently undertaken by the Council that benefit pollinators involves a restructuring of mowing patterns and timings.  Altered mowing regimes are in place in a number of the Council’s larger parks for the benefit of pollinators and biodiversity in general: 13 separate areas in Tymon Park totalling 18 ha and 3 areas along the Dodder Valley Park totalling 5 ha.  These areas were chosen for their particular soil types, the nature of their botanical composition, and their contribution to the amenity enjoyment of these parks. The Heritage Officer is currently developing the Biodiversity Action Plan for the Council which will expand on this work and develop further objectives for the county. The Biodiversity Action Plan can act as a basis for community groups to respond to and develop their own priorities and actions in local areas that respond to county wide objectives. It is suggested that interested groups and individuals get involved in the development of the County Biodiversity Action Plan via the public consultation portal once the public consultation commences.”

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons and B. Bonner, Ms. H. Craigie, Senior Planner responded to the Members queries, and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/172/19 – (M13) Item ID: 61801 – Works behind the Mill Centre/Mill Park Apartments**

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan

"That this Area Committee outline what previous planning application has been approved.  What works is going on behind the Mill Centre/Mill Park Apartments. I understand this planning application is a few years old, however, no one seems to know what the planning permission includes."

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

## **Economic Development**

### **C/173/19 – (Q9) Item ID: 61878 – Purchase of Steering Wheel Car Park**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"To ask the Chief Executive to consider investigating the purchase of the Steering Wheel car park for the development of a multi-story car park as a means of addressing the lack of car parking in the village as per County Development Plan and also to comment on how it might be delivered long term?"

**REPLY:**

There are no specific policies or objectives that isolate Clondalkin from general county wide car-parking policies and objectives, the underlying strategic approach in the County Development Plan is to promote a transition to a more sustainable modal split.

The Steering Wheel premises is located on the Main Street in Clondalkin and is zoned ‘Village Centre’ with an objective to protect, improve and provide for the future development of the Village Centre. Under this zoning, the County Development Plan promotes mixed use development (CDP UC3 Obj 7). The CDP also promotes the re-use and regeneration of derelict lands and buildings for appropriate centre uses (commercial/civic/residential), including upper floors and backlands (UC3 Obj 6).

In terms of car-parking specifically, this area would be classified as Zone 2 in terms of car parking assessment for planning applications, by virtue of accessibility to high frequency public transport. Zone 2 provides for a more restrictive maximum car parking spaces for proposed development.  In general terms, it is envisaged that significant new car parking in Clondalkin should only be provided as part of mixed use redevelopment schemes on key sites in the village. In this regard, the Planning Authority would not be seeking the delivery of high-density car-parking at this location and instead would favour a mixed use scheme, which promotes higher density living accommodation and supports cycling, walking and the use of public transport.

As such, the Council do not intend to pursue the purchase of the Steering Wheel car park.

### **C/174/19 – (H10) Item ID: 61843 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/175/19 – (C5) Item ID: 61844 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/176/19 – (M14) Item ID: 61880 – Farmer’s Market**

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

"That this Area Committee asks that a farmer's market or food co-operative could be accommodated by the Council in the Clondalkin area."

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

“The success of a 'farmers market' is highly dependent on location and volumes of pedestrian traffic. Despite efforts to establish 'farmers markets' in two prominent locations some years ago in Tallaght and in Corkagh Park, areas all frequented by pedestrians, the experience has highlighted the difficulties in establishing and maintaining the critical mass necessary for a successful 'farmers market'.

There are a number of criteria which are used to determine the suitability of a site including site location, road frontage, footfall, composition and diversity of the market, demand for and pricing of produce and the interaction with surrounding businesses. In addition, farmers markets are very vulnerable to weather conditions, in particular, wet and windy weather.

From an economic perspective, the holding of any Farmers Markets would need to be very carefully considered in relation the quality and content of any offering and also in relation to potential impact on existing established businesses.”

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors B. Bonner, F. Timmons, M. Ward and M. Johansson, Mr. B. Martin, Administrative Officer responded to the Members queries, and the report was **NOTED.**

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **C/177/19 – (Q10) Item ID: 61876 – Talks on Teenager & Anxiety for Parents**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"To ask the Chief Executive to look at holding talks on teenager and anxiety for Parents in Clondalkin Library and to make contact with the HSE in this regard?"

**REPLY:**

 "As part of the Healthy Ireland at your Library initiative, South Dublin Libraries provide a range of resources, information, services and events, including talks to support customers, including teenagers and parents in our communities. So far this year we held talks on the following topics in Clondalkin Library:

* Anxiety - 'Helping Children who worry too much', delivered by assistant psychologists from Cherry Orchard Hospital as part of their outreach programme. Parents with children of all ages attended, including teenagers, who found the talk beneficial. There was a question and answer session at the end.
* Exam Stress, delivered by Psycotherapist Deirdre O'Shea, aimed at teenagers sitting exams and their parents.
* 'Help your child grow up resilient and strong', delivered by Counsellor and Psychotherapist Stella O'Mahony. This talk aimed to give parents some practical advice to help their children grow up confident, resilient and strong.

As well as the above talks a comprehensive collection of books on health and wellbeing are available in all our branch libraries. Further E-books, E-audio and E-magazines on health related topics are available in libraries which can be downloaded from home with your library membership card".

**C/178/19 – (H11) Item ID: 61845 – Library News & Events**

The following report was presented by Ms. M. Bentley, Senior Executive Librarian

[HI 11](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=62889)

### Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons and B. Bonner, Ms. M. Bentley, Senior Executive Librarian responded to the Members queries, and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/179/19 – (H12) Item ID: 61846 – Application for Arts Grants**

(No Business)

### **C/180/19 – (H13) Item ID: 61847 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/181/19 – (C6) Item ID: 61848 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/182/19 – (M15) Item ID: 61909 – Dolly Parton Imagination Library**

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

"As Mayor I launched the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Tallaght in February. This area committee agrees that the Council should look to expand this initiative to Clondalkin and that the initiative should be launched from the new North Clondalkin Library. This will see all children under the age of 5 receive a free book a month until they reach the age of 5 in the Clondalkin Area. This will be a great way to get children reading early in line with the opening of the new library."

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

"The Dolly Parton Imagination Library launched in the County Library, Tallaght in February is a pilot initiative in conjunction with the Childrens' Development Initiative for the Dublin 24 area. While we might like to see this programme rolled out also in Clondalkin, it is up to CDI to review it and expand the programme.

South Dublin Libraries are involved in the CLOVER project (Children Learn on Very Early Reading) which is a literacy initiative focusing on DEIS schools in Clondalkin and parts of Lucan. The library service is providing a literacy and numeracy book to children from the early start programmes in these schools. We have selected 10 titles to encourage family literacy, supported by school visits to the library, and talks for parents on the importance of early reading with their children. The project is bringing books into homes where there may be very little reading material for children, and will be a pathway to establishing usage of the new library in North Clondalkin, which is currently under construction. Other initiatives include regular storytime from the Mobile Library Service in Rowlagh Community Centre, along with book drops to creches and schools in the area."

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors M. Ward and b. Bonner, Ms. M. Bentley, Senior Executive Librarian responded to the Members queries, and the report was **NOTED.**

## **Corporate Support**

### **C/183/19 – (Q11) Item ID: 61874 – Scoil Aine 50th Anniversary**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"To ask the Chief Executive to write to Scoil Aine on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary and wish them well on their celebrations on 23rd March, 2019?"

**REPLY:**

If the question is approved, a letter of congratulations will be issued to Scoil Áine.

### **C/184/19 – (H14) Item ID: 61849 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/185/19 – (C7) Item ID: 61850 - Correspondence**

[Cor. 1 Jigsaw, Clondalkin](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=62796)  
[Cor. 2 Minister Zappone](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=62797)  
[Cor. 3 Dr. Steevens Hospital](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=62799)

### **C/186/19 – (M16) Item ID: 61759 – Clondalkin Celtic Football Club**

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

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

"That this Area Committee extends its congratulations to Clondalkin Celtic Football club for reaching its 50 years milestone this year. The committee recognises the huge commitment from everyone involved and commits to supporting Celtic Football club in its valuable contribution to the Clondalkin Community."

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

“If the Motion is approved, a letter of congratulations will be issued to Celtic Football Club.”

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

### **C/187/19 – (M17) Item ID: 61919 – Primary Care Centre in Collinstown**

It was proposed by Councillor M. Johansson and seconded by Councillor M. Ward:

"That this Committee agrees to write to the HSE to express our concern about the possible delay of the proposed new Primary Care Centre in Collinstown and to request a timeframe for its construction."

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 HSE for their attention, and when a reply is received, the Committee will be notified accordingly**.”**

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

### **C/188/19 – (M18) Item ID: 61921 – HSE’s Adult Mental Health Team**

It was proposed by Councillor M. Johansson and seconded Councillor M. Ward:

"That this Committee agree to write to all relevant authorities to express our deep concern with the potential move of the HSE's Adult Community Mental Health team from Clondalkin Village to Glenabbey in Tallaght. The services provided by the team are absolutely essential and so is the location at which they are accessed. This committee agrees that all services need to be retained in the Clondalkin 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 the HSE for their attention, and when a reply is received, the Committee will be notified accordingly**.”**

Following contributions from Councillors M. Johansson, B. Bonner and M. Ward, the motion was **AGREED.**

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **C/189/19 – (Q12) Item ID: 61630 – Funding Support for Corkagh Park Fisheries**

It roposed by Councillor T. Gilligan

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline any funding support for Corkagh Park Fisheries €1 million and to specify how the funding will be allocated?"

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council are commissioning consultants to undertake a feasibility study to look at the tourism potential of Corkagh Park. The future of the Corkagh Park Fisheries, and its potential development, will be assessed as part of the feasibility study. Members will be briefed of the findings of the feasibility study in due course.

### **C/190/19 – (H15) Item ID: 61851 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/191/19 – (C8) /0319 Item ID: 61852 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

## **Public Realm**

### **C/192/19 – (Q13) Item ID: 61620 – Rubbish in Swiftbrook Park**

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan

"To ask the Chief Executive to clear the rubbish in Swiftbrook Park near the new housing at Millrace?"

**REPLY:**

The location in question will be identified, investigated by the Litter Warden and cleaned up by the Council's Public Realm Section, once examined by the Ltter Warden.

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### **C/193/19 – (Q14) Item ID: 61623 – Cycle Lane between Monastery Road and Luas Station**

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan

"To ask the Chief Executive to look into cleaning the cycle lane (Monastery Road through the Luas Station over the Red Cow Bridge).  It is full of glass and the markings could do with a re-painting?"

**REPLY:**

The cycle lane from Monastery Road to the Luas Station over the Red Cow Bridge has been added to the programme of mini-sweeper works for the area and arrangements will be made to have it swept. The Area Engineer in Road Maintenance has been requested to include the location for re-lining.

### **C/194/19 – (Q15) Item ID: 61743 – Update on Astro Turf Pitch for Knockmitten United FC**

Proposed by Councillor M. Ward

"To ask the Chief Executive to bring forward a report to the Area Committee for discussion providing an update on the astro turf pitch for Knockmitten United FC outlining a timeline for the delivery of the project?"

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council were notified that the proposed All Weather Pitch Knockmitten 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.

The 4 No. 2015 Sports Capital Grant allocated projects are currently underway; 2 are close to completion and are at establishment stage, 1 is on site and close to completion and 1 will be subject to an imminent re-tender process. Once those projects are progressed the Knockmitten All Weather Pitch, which is from the 2018 Capital Grant Allocations, will be detailed design and tendered. In the interim, to ensure that the Knockmitten project can progress SDCC have engaged with the ESB to allow the relocation of the ESB lines that are required prior to commencement of the project. It is envisaged that the tender for consultants will take place in Q2. The timelines for the project will be subject to successful outcomes in terms of tendering for the design and construction stages and agreement of a construction programme with the successful contractor.

### **C/195/19 – (H16) Item ID: 61853 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/196/19 – (C9) Item ID: 61854 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/197/19 – (M19) Item ID: 61767 – Bollards between Westbourne Drive/Lawn**

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

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

"That this Area Committee requests that a wall with a kissing gate be built to replace the bollards between the Westbourne Drive and Westbourne Lawn in order to stop stolen cars, quads and scramblers that have been driving through them."

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

“The area between Westbourne Drive and Westbourne Lawn is currently protected by a line of 9 bollards, two of which are located on the footpath. While the bollards assist to restrict access for cars it was noted that the spacing between a number of bollards was excessive and may permit vehicle access. It is proposed to address this issue by the provision of additional bollards. The Public Realm Section do not provided kissing gates on public footpaths.”

Following contributions from Councillors F. Timmons and M. Ward, the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/198/19 – (M20) Item ID: 61747 – Update on Astro Turf Pitch for Knockmitten United FC**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to bring forward a report to the Area Committee for discussion providing an update on the astro turf pitch for Knockmitten United FC outlining a timeline for the delivery of the project.

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

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Following contributions from Councillors F. Timmons and M. Ward, the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/199/19 – (M21) Item ID: 61911 – Collinstown Park Play Space & Pavillions**

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

"Collinstown Park is in line to get a play space, a teen space and pavilions. There is also a high usage of the park by the local football team. There is already parking problems around the Park and in adjoining Estates. This Area Committee asks for a report to be produced in the Council providing a car park in Collinstown Park similar to what is in Esker Park."

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

“A play space and teenage facility is proposed for Collinstown Park and both are currently subject to design.

In relation to the proposed pavilion at Collinstown Park; this is included in the Council's pavilion programme and a recent Sports Capital Grant application refers. Subject to successful funding this project will be subject to detailed design and a car park can be considered at that stage subject to funding being available.”

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors M. Ward and M. Johansson, Ms. S. Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent and Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the Members queries, and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/200/19 – (M22) Item ID: 61923 – Site for Community Composting Facility**

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

"That this Area Committee agrees that a site should be found in one of the parks in the CLondalkin LEA for a community composting facility."

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

“In order for this request to be considered, further details are required. These details should include but not be limited to the following; the user group, type of material that will be composted, anticipated quantities of material, size of area required, how will the site be secured and managed etc.

It should also be noted that facilities which accept waste in general require authorisation from either the EPA or the relevant local authority, and in the case of a community composting facility in a public park it is most likely that the authorisation would have to come from the EPA.  The Council's Parks Department operated a green waste acceptance facility for a number of years in the Lucan area which eventually closed at the end of 2009.  At that time a licence to operate the facility had been obtained from the EPA however, the conditions attached to the permission were extremely difficult to comply with and this contributed to the decision to close the facility and surrender the licence at the time.  It was also felt that the provision of a door to door organic waste collection to all households in the County in 2009/2010 meant that the need for a green waste acceptance facility had greatly reduced as a result.”

Following a contribution from Councillor B. Bonner, Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

## **Environment**

### **C/201/19 – (H17) Item ID: 61855 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/202/19 – (C10) Item ID: 61856 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/203/19 – (M23) Item ID: 61881 – Reduction of volume of plastic Incentive Scheme**

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

"That this Area Committee supports an incentive scheme for shopkeepers who agree to reduce the volume of plastic and other packaging by offering loose fruit and vegetables, by offering paper bags instead of plastic bags and by facilitating customers who bring their own refillable containers."

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

“The issue of disposable or single use plastics has attracted a lot of national and international attention of late.

In efforts to address this issue South Dublin County Council, in conjunction with Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council, as part of our waste prevention programme, launched a major awareness campaign to tackle the growing environmental issue of disposable coffee cups in the Dublin region. This campaign highlights how careless actions can have serious consequences on the environment, and asks consumers to think about their coffee drinking habits in a new way.

In addition to this reusable cup awareness:

* A [**Conscious cup campaign**](https://consciouscup.ie/) was launched in SDCC and Café CoCo is incentivising all customers by offer of a 10c discount when they bring their own reusable cup.
* A SDCC staff reusable cup campaign was launched by the Mayor, Councillor Mark Ward, on the 16th August 2018 in County Hall and multiple pledges were received.
* Community groups are also being encouraged to engage with and promote the reusable cup campaign by taking part in the Councils reusable cups community project. Community groups through the Social credits Scheme can request reusable cups, pledge forms and pops-ups to promote the cups at community events. A number of community groups have already engaged with the initiative such as St Cuthbert's community day.
* EWCC will also continue to work closely with the Conscious Cup Campaign ([www.consciouscup.ie](http://www.consciouscup.ie/)), to encourage cafes, coffee shops, garages etc. to become a supporter of the campaign by accepting reusable cups and offering discounts to those choosing not to use disposable cups. In addition SDCC, as part of the Local Authority Prevention Network (LAPN), has made submission to the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment in relation to the proposed introduction of a levy (15c) on disposable cups.

In line with the above initiatives the Council is currently engaged with, SDCC would encourage all businesses to engage in similar initiatives which are appropriate to their individual business to assist them to reduce the volume of plastics they offer and work with their customers on how this might be achieved.”

Following a contribution from Councillor B. Bonner, Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised, and the report was **NOTED.**

## **Water & Drainage**

### **C/204/19 – (H18) Item ID: 61857 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/205/19 – (C11) Item ID: 61858 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

The meeting concluded at 5.40pm

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