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

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

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

Councillor William Joseph Carey

Councillor Kenneth Egan

Councillor Trevor Gilligan

Councillor Emer Higgins

Councillor Peter Kavanagh

Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

Councillor Francis Timmons

Cathaoirleach, Councillor Peter Kavanagh presided.

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

A/Senior Executive Officer Mr. Michael McAdam

Senior Engineer Mr. Leo Magee, Mr. Willie Purcell

Senior Planner Mr. Jason Frehill

Senior Executive Officer Ms. Elaine Leech

Senior Executive Architect Ms. Máire O’Sullivan

Senior Executive Parks Supt. Ms. Máire Ní Dhomhnaill

Senior Executive Librarian Ms. Rosena Hand

Staff Officer Ms. Patricia O’Reilly

Assistant Staff Officer Ms. Ita Kenny

### **C/347/19 – (H1) Item ID: 63522 - Confirmation & Re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting of 18th September, 2019**

Notwithstanding Councillor W. Carey’s expressed dissatisfaction with the accuracy of the information provided in the response to Question No. 1 which was duly **NOTED,** albeit not challenged at the September 2019 meeting, it was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor E. Higgins, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the September meeting of the Clondalkin Area Committee dealing with Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management, Water & Drainage, Public Realm, Environment, Housing, Community, Transportation and Planning, held on Wednesday 18th September 2019 which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

[Minutes](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=64423) 18th September

## It was proposed by Councillor P. Kavanagh and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons and **RESOLVED:**

“That the recommendations contained in the minutes of 18th September 2019, be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**C/348/19 – QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Kavanagh and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons and **RESOLVED:**

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Questions 1 to 18 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **C/349/19 – (H2) Item ID: 63484 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/350/19 – (C1) Item ID: 63485 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

## **Corporate Support**

### **C/351/19 – (Q1) - Item ID: 63616 – 300K Have Your Say Projects**

Proposed by Councillor E. Higgins

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the 300K Have Your Say Projects?"

**REPLY:**

The Council can provide the following progress report 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 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. A tender for the research element of this work was issued during the summer but received no responses. The Council have met with the National Women's Council of Ireland and the Clondalkin Women's Network around advancing the research piece. |
| Acoustic Piano for the Rathcoole Community Centre | The piano is now available in Rathcoole Community Centre. Project is complete. |
| Gym Equipment and Activities for Rathcoole Community Centre | The gym equipment is now available in Rathcoole Community Centre. Project is now complete. |
| New Christmas Lights for Clondalkin Village | Clondalkin Chamber requested to use funding on infrastructure improvements for lighting to provide for a more sustainable Christmas lights programme for Clondalkin. The Council met with the Clondalkin Chamber in September and work will be complete in time for Christmas 2019. |
| Renovate Portocabin for the Clondalkin Men Shed | The Clondalkin Men's Shed have drawn down the funding to carry out these works. Project is complete. |
| A Community Orchard, Clondalkin Electoral Area | The Council are planting 67 native apple trees across five different locations. These are; Corkagh Park, Clondalkin Park, Monastery Gate and the open spaces at Boot Road and Riversdale. |
| Pedestrian Link between the Round Tower and Corkagh Park | This is an inter-departmental project that will see assessments carried out on the area and recommendations made to any relevant department within the Council. Assessment work is still be carried out. |
| Restoration of Old Nangor Road Water Pump | The Council's Heritage Officer met with Clondalkin Tidy Towns on their suggestions for potential works for the water pump. The pump is listed as a Feature of Special Local Heritage Interest. |
| WiFi Activated Self-Guided Walk - Historical Trail of Clondalkin | The County Promotion Unit have signed contracts on the development of the app and work is ongoing on its creation. The County Promotion Unit are exploring sites for signage and what signage is appropriate for each site. |
| Bottle banks and recycling facilities for Cherrywood | The Council identified five suitable locations for this project, at Cherrywood Shopping Centre, Cherrywood Villas, Clondalkin Tus Nua, Bawnogue Church and Melrose Estate but following consultation with the public, all sites have been rejected by the residents living in those areas. This means that this project is unlikely to be completed as no other sites have been identified as suitable in the location. |
| New Play Ground, Forest Hill Estate | The Council has agreed to meet with Forest Hill Residents Association prior to commencement of any works. |
| Planting Flowers across the Bawnogue Area | The flowers have been delivered to the Council for planting throughout October and November so that they bloom in Spring. Project is complete. |
| On Street Bicycle Pump, Clondalkin Village | Site at the Ninth Lock Road has been identified as the original site at Pope's Lane was deemed unsuitable. The bicycle maintenance stand has been procured and installation will commence shortly. |
| Welcome to Clondalkin Hedge Signage | Site to be identified and work carried out. This project is being co-ordinated by the Council's Public Realm section. |
| Irish Signs for Clondalkin | The County Promotion Unit are exploring linking this project with the wifi historical trail of Clondalkin so as to provide Irish signage along the heritage route. |

### **C/352/19 – (H3) Item ID: 63486 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/353/19 – (C2) Item ID: 63487 - Correspondence**

[Cor 1. Letter from Minister Harris - M58007](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=64372)  
[Cor 2. Ack. from Minister for Justice Equality - M62921](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=64376)  
[Cor 3. Ack. from Minister for Justice Equality - M 62910](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=64377)  
[Cor 4. Ack. from Min. for Education Skills - M63246](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=64391)  
[Cor 5. Ack. from An Garda Síochána M62910](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=64392)

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

### **C/354/19 – (M1) Item ID: 63555 – Tidy Towns**

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

"That this Area Committee congratulates and commends Clondalkin Tidy Towns, Newcastle Tidy Towns, Rathcoole Tidy Towns and Brittas Tidy Towns and we thank them for all the incredible work they do.  We commend the volunteers who work tirelessly to improve our villages and make South Dublin County Council a better county. We commit to writing to each Tidy Towns in The Clondalkin Area to commend their efforts."

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

“If the Motion is approved, letters of Congratulations will be issued to Clondalkin Tidy Towns, Newcastle Tidy Towns, Rathcoole Tidy Towns and Brittas Tidy Towns. “

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors T. Gilligan, E. Higgins, E. Ó Broin and P. Kavanagh, the motion was **PASSED.**

**C/355/19 – (SM) Suspensory Motion - Spinzara**

In accordance with Standing Order No. 77, it was **AGREED** to suspend Standing Orders to deal with the following Suspensory Motion:

It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh:



The suspensory motion was supported by Councillors P. Kavanagh, K. Egan, E. Higgins, W. Carey, E. Ó Broin and T. Gilligan.

The motion was **AGREED.**

## **Public Realm**

### **C/356/19 – (Q2) Item ID: 63618 – Corkagh Park Programme of Works**

Proposed by Councillor E. Higgins

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the programme of works for Corkagh Park?"

**REPLY:**

An update on Corkagh Park projects listed in the 2019 Improvement Works Programme is set out in the table below.

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| **No** | **Description** | **STATUS** |
| 1 | Provision of vehicle & pedestrian gate to Oak Avenue entrance off Green Isle Road | Materials are being procured for project with gate fabrication to occur during winter months. |
| 2 | Widen cycle path from Fonthill Rd to Kavanaghs Bridge (near allotments) | Path has been widened and a contract has been awarded to surface the path in November. |
| 3 | Upgrade access road to allotments to include surfacing and fencing | A contract has been awarded to surface the road in November. Fencing is in production and will be installed in November/December. |
| 4 | Surface section of path at NE end of lake near walled garden | A contract has been awarded to surface the path in November. |
| 5 | Watercourse upgrade works | Silt has been removed from the Powder Mills pond. Vegetation will be cut back in week 43. Pond will be filled thereafter. |
| 6 | Replace K-barrier with kissing gate at Cherrywood Crescent entrance to park | Kissing gate has been manufactured. Installation to occur in November. |

### **C/357/19 – (Q3) Item ID: 63683 – 300K Have Your Say Initiative**

Proposed by Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

"In the 300K Have Your Say initiative for the Clondalkin Area the project entitled: A Community Orchard, Clondalkin Electoral Area and with the  following description: 'This is a combination of four separate project suggestions that ask for tree planting and community orchards to be made available throughout the Clondalkin Electoral Area.  These trees will be visually striking and will add to the natural landscape.' received the 5th most amount of votes.  One of the people who submitted this proposal has expressed concern to me that South Dublin County Council do not intend to create an orchard at all but rather disperse fruit trees around the Clondalkin Area.  To ask the Chief Executive if this is the case?"

**REPLY:**

The provision of Community Orchards in the Clondalkin Electoral Area will be carried out in accordance with the proposed project as identified in the 300K Have Your Say initiative. The locations for apple tree planting are as follows:

* Corkagh Park – between cycle track and dog run.
* Clondalkin Park – In wildflower meadow near R113/St John's Estate.
* Monastery Gate – open space near M50.
* Riversdale Estate – open space.

Subject to agreement with a local primary school, a small number of trees will also be planted in the Quarryvale area. This is based on a request by the previous Clondalkin Area Committee members to plant trees in North Clondalkin. The request was made prior to the electoral area boundaries changing.

### **C/358/19 – (H4) Item ID: 63488 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/359/19 – (C3) Item ID: 63489 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/360/19 – (M2) Item ID: 63667 – Dublin Tree Canopy Study**

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Kavanagh and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:

"That this area Committee calls on the Chief Executive to outline what actions South Dublin County Council have undertaken based on the findings and principles of the Dublin Tree Canopy Study specifically to increase canopy on South Dublin County Council's owned lands, and to report on South Dublin County Council's policy regarding Native Woodland establishment and the reason that natural native Woodlands seem to be omitted from the Tree Management document."

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

“The Council's Climate Change Action Plan contains a number of intended actions under the Nature Based Solutions section which will help to increase tree canopy cover in the County into the future.  These include the following actions -

* To develop an urban woodland management strategy and action plan, and
* To increase tree canopy cover in the County through annual planting and maintenance.

The Public Realm Section currently plants in the region of 1,500 trees in on-street and open space locations with a budget of approximately €150,000 provided annually for this work.  The planting proposed in the motion is intended to be additional to that planned tree planting programme, details of which are due to be presented to the Council's area committees in October and November.    South Dublin County Council has adopted a tree management policy that seeks to manage existing trees appropriately and reduce the amount of trees being removed from public open space for non-essential reasons.  The council manages a large quantity of public trees within the streetscape; which presents its own challenges, so the management and retention of these trees is also an important facet in the Council’s Climate Change Action Plan.  Tree and hedgerow protection and retention is arguably as important as new tree planting, as it serves to retain a mature tree canopy that already supports an established ecosystem and existing ecological corridors.

All proposed schemes are examined for opportunities for new tree planting. For example - 500 trees were planted as part of the Ogham Tree trail in Dodder valley. 367 trees were planted as part of Phase 1 of the upgrading of N81.

The conversion of any open space area to woodland has to be carefully assessed and managed to ensure unintended consequences do not result. Quite a number of SDCC’s parks and open spaces contain species-diverse meadowlands that are important from a biodiversity point of view and support species that do not thrive in a woodland setting; such as protected flora and fauna species, ground nesting birds etc.

SDCC have examined Coillte’s recent announcement regarding Coillte Nature. SDCC intend, through its partnership with Coillte and other partners in the Dublin Mountains Partnership, to engage with Coillte on this initiative.  Coillte Nature have announced they will target the delivery of new woodlands facilitating species diversity, biodiversity and carbon sequestration as part of the Government’s National Forestry Programme.  The establishment of Coillte Nature will also see the conversion of certain commercial Coillte forests to recreational forests, notably in the Dublin Mountains.  South Dublin County Council will engage with Coillte in the development of their programme to examine if co-ordinated and complementary actions within South Dublin County Council owned lands can complement and enhance their proposed actions regarding the transition to broadleaf, mainly native woodlands.”

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, T. Gilligan, E. Higgins, E. Ó Broin and P. Kavanagh, Ms. M. Ní Dhomhnaill, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the Members queries.

The motion was **AGREED.**

### **C/361/19 – (M3) Item ID: 63254 – Lealand Tree Assessment**

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

"That this Area Committee view the assessment from South Dublin County Council re. trees in Lealand. There are also 2 large dead trees in the Central Green Area. Lastly, can we get a time frame for tree maintenance for Lealand?"

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

“In line with the Council's Tree Management Policy 2015-2020 "Living With Trees", the focus of the Tree Maintenance Programme is on entire roads or whole Estates. Lealand Estate is listed on the 2017-19 Tree Maintenance Programme for 'whole estate' Tree Maintenance.

A full survey of all trees in the Estate has been completed and this will inform the scheduling of Tree Maintenance works. The survey included the 2 trees on the open space. The planned tree maintenance work will be listed for Lealand before the end of the year.”

The motion was **AGREED** without debate.

### **C/362/19 – (M4) Item ID: 63556 – “The Faces of Clondalkin”**

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

"That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to look at commissioning a canvass art project that could be called "The Faces of Clondalkin'' that would include well know people from Clondalkin like Jim Gavin, Mary Kennedy, Bernard Dunne, Aidan Turner, Mic Christopher, Kenneth Egan and Graham Norton etc. We also commend South Dublin County Council for the fantastic canvass initiative."

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

“Following on from the successful 2018 pilot (South) Dublin Art Canvas Scheme, and the approval of an appropriate budget for 2019, the pilot Scheme was continued into 2019.

The South Dublin Canvas project is an action within the 2019 SDCC Litter Management Action Plan, which aims at eliminating/minimising visual litter as the issue of graffiti (visual litter) remains high on the agenda.

The project format has been run as follows to date: Cross-county traffic signal boxes (locations agreed in collaboration with LUPT), Project Coordinator call for submissions and an SPC steering group (established in 2018) assessment of submissions comprising Chair of the Environment SPC, the Council’s Arts Officer, and Conservation Officer,  the Senior Executive Office from EWCC, the Environmental Awareness Officer and the Project Coordinator of the Dublin Canvas project - all of whom have background in conservation and environmental matters, media production/public relations, the Arts, and similar projects.

It is intended to re-establish an SPC steering group from the new SPC, after the recruitment of the new Environmental Awareness Officer and to extend the pilot scheme into 2020. We will then seek locations and subsequently Artists to continue with the successful initiative. The issue will be added to the SPC agenda for discussion.”

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, K. Egan and W. Carey, Mr. M. McAdam, A/Senior Executive Officer responded to the Members queries.

The motion was **AGREED.**

### **C/363/19 – (M5) Item ID: 63569 – Entrance to Rathcoole Park**

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

"That this Area Committee agrees not to re-open the entrance to Rathcoole Park at Springbank Estate. (Tallaght Area Committee Meeting September 24th 2018). There are two entrances to Rathcoole Park within a short distance of Springbank Estate – gate at Fitzmaurice Road and footbridge in Millrace."

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

“The proposal to construct a new entrance to Rathcoole Park from Springbank Estate was discussed on a number of occasions by the Tallaght Area Committee of this Council in 2017 and 2018.  Local residents were consulted on the matter in February/March of 2018.  In summary 19 of the 40 households in Springbank returned a survey questionnaire on the matter with 10 of the 19 indicating their support for the entrance being developed and 9 against it.  Of the 10 houses (numbers 31 to 40) which are in close proximity to the proposed entrance location, 8 of these were against the proposal, 1 in favour and 1 did not return a questionnaire.  Those who are against the proposal have cited anti-social behaviour and public safety as their reasons for opposing it. As opinion among the local Tallaght Councillors was divided a vote was taken on the matter at the meeting of the ACM on 24 September 2018, the outcome of the vote was in favour of the project proceeding.

Following the vote of 24 September 2018 the proposal was examined in further detail and it was established that a formal application to the OPW for the construction of a new crossing of the Camac River is required and this requires approval before the project can proceed.  This will involve the completion of an assessment of the river catchment area by a specialist consultant to be appointed by the Council.  The River catchment assessment and application to the OPW have not been undertaken to date.”

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors E. Higgins, P. Kavanagh, T. Gilligan and E. Ó Broin, Mr. L. Magee, Senior Engineer responded to the Members queries.

Cathaoirleach, Councillor P. Kavanagh called for a show of hands on the proposal that the Members choose not to re-open the entrance to Rathcoole Park at Springbank Estate, the result of which was as follows:

**FOR:** 4 (FOUR)

**AGAINST:** 3 (THREE)

**ABSTAIN:** 0 (ZERO)

The motion was **APPROVED.**

## **Environment**

### **C/364/19 – (H5) Item ID: 63490 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/365/19 – (C4) Item ID: 63491 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

## **Water & Drainage**

### **C/366/19 – (Q4) Item ID: 63622 – Proposed Electric Car Charging Points**

Proposed by Councillor E. Higgins

"To ask the Chief Executive for a list of existing and proposed electric car charging points in the Clondalkin Electoral Area."

**REPLY:**

Currently there are 24 No. charging points that are available to the public on ESB’s e-Cars network on a 24hr/day basis for the county as a whole. This number is constantly increasing as commercial operators install charge point for use by their customers. This figure includes 3 No. fast charger Combi 50KWh charging points that are located on private/commercial property. The remaining points typically can provide up to 22KWh depending on the make and model of the vehicle being charged.

Locations of EV Charge points and their availability can be found here <https://www.esb.ie/our-businesses/ecars/charge-point-map> or by downloading the  "ecar connect" app. SDCC do not currently hold information on privately managed EV charging facilities located at places of employment for the exclusive use of employees.

Recently the government launched an initiative to support the roll out of Electric Vehicle Public Charge Points. SEAI are administrating this new grant scheme aimed at Local Authorities to increase the number of on street electric vehicle (EV) chargers.   [https://www.seai.ie/grants/electric-vehicle-grants/public-charge-point/](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.seai.ie%2Fgrants%2Felectric-vehicle-grants%2Fpublic-charge-point%2F&amp;data=02%7C01%7Ccgalvin%40SDUBLINCOCO.ie%7Cd7f276cb3ba946942f9b08d74cabe6a1%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C637062173506004935&amp;sdata=gCQw%2FW1io2WE5Qp06hras0BjYjKXO%2Bpf5t1cGRbUDbk%3D&amp;reserved=0)

The Council is carrying out assessments of the potential locations in the county and will be making an application for this grant aid in order to deliver additional EV Charging units across the county.

The Council is also collaborating with the 3 other Dublin Local Authorities to introduce a standardised system of public EV charging stations at our town centres and municipal facilities which will facilitate motorists accessing charging points across the city and county areas without need to be registered on different systems.

### **C/367/19 – (Q5) Item ID: 63581 – “Friends of the Camac”**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"To ask the Chief Executive that he write to ‘Friends of the Camac‘ and extend the Clondalkin Area Committees congratulations on winning the Tidy Towns - WATERS & COMMUNITIES AWARD, both Regional & National level?"

**REPLY:**

If the question is approved, a letter of Congratulations will be issued to 'Friends of the Camac'**.**

### **C/368/19 – (H6) Item ID: 63492 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/369/19 – (C5) Item ID: 63493 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/370/19 – (M6) Item ID: 63676 – National Tidy Towns Awards**

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

"That this Area Committee congratulates the Friends of the Camac Group on their recent success in winning the Waters and Communities Special Award in the National Tidy Towns Awards."

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 ''Friends of the Camac.” 

Following contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, W. Carey, E. Ó Broin and P. Kavanagh, the motion was **AGREED.**

## **Community**

### **C/371/19 – (Q6) Item ID: 63572 – St. Brigid’s Festival Committee**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for liaison with the St. Brigid's Festival Committee, Clondalkin?"

**REPLY:**

The local Community Officer is available to make contact with the Committee, and will contact the Elected Member for contact details for the Committee.

### **C/372/19 – (H7) Item ID: 63494 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/373/19 – (H8) Item ID: 63682 - Deputations**

(No Business)

### **C/374/19 – (C6) Item ID: 63495 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/375/19 – (M7) Item ID: 63621 – Inspired at South Dublin**

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

"That this Area Committee congratulates Sports Partnership on the successful organisation of Inspired at South Dublin."

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

“If the Motion is passed, a letter will be issued to Sports Partnership.”

Following contributions from Councillors E. Higgins and E. Ó Broin, Mr. M. McAdam, A/Senior Executive Officer responded to the Members queries.

The motion was **AGREED.**

## **Housing**

### **C/376/19 – (Q7) Item ID: 63672 – Part 8 Lands North of Ashwood & Lindisfarne**

Proposed by Councillor William Joseph Carey

"To ask the Chief Executive when he will bring forward a Part 8 Planning Application for the lands North of Ashwood and Lindisfarne on Grand Canal Park?"

**REPLY:**

The lands at Grand Canal Lindisfarne have been identified for potential social housing provision. Further work is required to be carried out by the Architects Department on the lands.  The lands are in our Housing Supply Construction Pipeline.  However, there is no timeframe at present for Part 8 publication.

### **C/377/19 – (H9) Item ID: 63497 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/378/19 – (H10) Item ID: 63722 – Anti Social Behaviour – Quarterly Statistics**

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

**Anti Social Behaviour - Quarterly Statistics**

The following is an statistical analysis of anti social behaviour by Council tenants, which have been reported to South Dublin County Council for the Clondalkin area.

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| **STATISITICAL ANALYSIS OF ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORTED TO COUNCIL IN CLONDALKIN ACM AREA** | | | | | |
| **Incidents** | **1st Qtr 2019** | **2nd Qtr 2019** | **3rd Qtr 2019** | **4th Qtr 2019** | **2019 TOTAL** |
| **CATEGORY A** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Drugs Activity reported to SDCC | 4 | 5 | 14 |  | **23** |
| Criminal Activity reported to SDCC | 2 | 1 | 2 |  | **5** |
| Joyriding reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | **0** |
| Violence/intimidation/ harassment reported to SDCC | 5 | 2 | 7 |  | **14** |
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| **CATEGORY B** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Squatters/illegal occupiers reported to SDCC | 1 | 3 | 4 |  | **8** |
| Vandalism reported to SDCC | 3 | 0 | 4 |  | **7** |
| Physical condition of property reported to SDCC | 3 | 1 | 1 |  | **5** |
| Physical condition of Garden reported to SDCC | 7 | 2 | 5 |  | **14** |
| Racism reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | **0** |
| Vacant House reported to SDCC | 0 | 2 | 1 |  | **3** |
| Neighbour Dispute (including parking)reported to SDCC | 3 | 1 | 2 |  | **6** |
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| **CATEGORY C** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Noise/disturbance reported to SDCC | 2 | 7 | 10 |  | **19** |
| Pets/animal nuisance reported to SDCC | 2 | 0 | 2 |  | **4** |
| Children Nuisance reported to SDCC | 1 | 0 | 0 |  | **1** |
| Selling alcohol | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | **0** |
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| **Total Incidents reported to SDCC** | 33 | 24 | 52 | 0 | 109 |
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| **Total Complaints reported to SDCC** | 34 | 28 | 54 |  | **116** |
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| **Total Actions taken by Allocations Support Unit Staff -     Main actions listed below** | 551 | 411 | 453 |  | **1415** |
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| Housecall / Inspection | 136 | 89 | 174 |  | **399** |
| Demand for Possession Section 15 & 17 | 6 | 2 | 0 |  | **8** |
| Abandonment notice served | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | **0** |
| Surrenders Obtained (including Termination of Tenancy under Section 15) | 3 | 3 | 2 |  | **8** |
| Warnings issued | 2 | 7 | 5 |  | **14** |
| Interviews held (formal office and by phone) | 131 | 85 | 112 |  | **328** |
| Pre-Tenancies (includes following up Tenancy Checks) | 49 | 26 | 9 |  | **84** |

[HI 10](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=64520)

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors P. Kavanagh, F. Timmons, W. Carey, E. Ó Broin and E. Higgins, Ms. E. Leech, Senior Executive Officer responded to the Members queries.

The report was **NOTED.**

### **C/379/19 – (C7) Item ID: 63498 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/380/19 – (M8) Item ID: 63545 – Clondalkin Boardwalk**

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

''That this Area Committee ask the Chief Executive to issue a full and detailed report to explain why it has taken so long for 'repairs' into the Clondalkin Boardwalk.  Bearing in mind this issue was highlighted by the Tidy Towns National adjudicator a few times and raised at previous ACMs. What is the delay and when will work be finished? What has been the costs involved in the Boardwalk and its repairs?  Also that this Committee asks for a commitment timeframe of when the work will be completed?"

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

“The Clondalkin Boardwalk was built in 2006 as part of the upgrade to the Clondalkin Civic Plaza project. This is a timber deck finish on a steel cantilevered structure over the Camac River in Clondalkin village outside the South Dublin County Council Clondalkin Civic office.

The issue of the condition of the Boardwalk has been noted previously, and repairs were carried out.

The repairs, in the original material, have not been of long-term value. As a result, a review has been undertaken to seek a long term and sustainable solution to the Board Walk surface that would avoid continual maintenance.

It has been agreed with the Roads maintenance Department that they will maintain the Boardwalk if an alternative robust material, that has an extended life and minimal maintenance is used to replace the timber deck. The material proposed is granite paving to match the existing pavement in the area. The issue with this approach is that the alternative product is heavier than the current timber deck.

An Engineer was appointed to carry out calculations and certify that the boardwalk structure can take the extra load of concrete over timber. Meetings were held on site to agree proposed construction make-up and to ascertain present condition of existing structure.

The Consultant prepared a Report which included calculations on additional loading and capacity of existing structural steelwork elements and foundations. He also provided drawings for scope of works to allow tenders to be sought for the alternative paved solution.

A maintenance contractor was appointed to carry out repairs that would allow the boardwalk to be opened to the public while the bigger job of the concrete and paving was being procured. However, when sections of the boardwalk were opened up it was discovered that significant areas of the timber substructure which holds the timber decking boards in place had suffered from water damage. This meant that the damage was more widespread than appeared and an interim quick fix was not possible.

This contractor had difficulty getting a commitment from the larger concrete slab manufacturers to supply the slabs on such a small job and an alternative method of procuring the concrete had to be considered. It has been agreed that the job will be tendered using bigger contractors on an existing roads framework. This procurement process will be conducted by a Consultant Engineer in the next few weeks, with contractor appointment following directly. The Programme for the completion of the works will be dependent on the concrete slab delivery and will be agreed when the contractor is appointed.

The reinstatement of the boardwalk has proved to be a complex issue that had to be redesigned from first principals having due consideration for the Health and Safety of the contractors carrying out the work and the public who will enjoy the boardwalk when it is completed.”

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, T. Gilligan, P. Kavanagh, E. Ó Broin and W. Carey, Ms. M. O’Sullivan, Senior Executive Architect responded to the Members queries.

The motion was **AGREED.**

## **Planning**

### **C/381/19 – (Q8) Item ID: 63674 – Planning Applications for Nursing Homes**

Proposed by Councillor William Joseph Carey

"To ask the Chief Executive if the intensification of planning applications for nursing homes in the Clondalkin Village is in keeping with the County Development Plan, or is it a manipulation of gaps in the strictures of the plan?"

**REPLY:**

Having carried out a preliminary planning search of Clondalkin Village and its environs, two planning applications for nursing home developments in recent years have been identified.

1. A nursing home development was granted on appeal by An Bord Pleanala in December 2017 at Monastery Road, Clondalkin.
2. A nursing home development located at Presentation Covent, Covent Road, Clondalkin is currently on appeal with An Bord Pleanala and a decision is due on the 18th October 2019.

Section 2.1.2 of the South Dublin County Development Plan 2016-2022 discusses ‘*Housing for Older People’.* This section states that *“the Plan will seek to address the housing needs of older people within their communities, with the aim of providing a range of attractive accommodation choices for people wishing to downsize and in turn to address the underutilisation of larger houses, particularly within more established areas*”.

Housing for elderly people is an essential and an important provision within the County Development Plan. The policy for the provision of accommodation for older people within the Council area is set out under:

***HOUSING (H) Policy 3 Housing for Older People***

*It is the policy of the Council to support the provision of accommodation for older people in established residential and mixed use areas that offer a choice and mix of accommodation types to older people (independent and semi-independent living) within their communities and at locations that are proximate to services and amenities.*

***H3 Objective 1****: To support housing that is designed for older people (including independent, semi-independent or nursing home accommodation) in residential and mixed use areas, at locations that are proximate to existing services and amenities including pedestrian paths, local shops, parks and public transport.*

***H3 Objective 2:*** *To provide for the subdivision of large houses or amalgamation of smaller houses within established areas for the purpose of providing independent, semi-independent or nursing home accommodation. Such development should be subject to the car parking standards and the standards on dwelling subdivision as set out under Chapter 11 Implementation. A Traffic Impact Statement will be required in the case of major traffic generating developments or where it is considered that there would be a significant impact on the County’s road network.*

*The County Development Plan also sets out the Zoning Objectives to all lands within the County. Zoning Objectives and corresponding Land Use Zoning tables are located in chapter 11 of the plan. For example, lands zoned ‘Residential’, ‘Town Centre’ or ‘Village Centre’ list nursing homes as a type of use class that is permitted in principle, subject to further assessment against other polices, objectives and standards.*

*With the above in mind, there are clear policies and objectives set out in the County Development plan which support the provision of nursing homes in established residential and mixed use areas in order to utilise the existing services and amenities such as shops, transport links and parks, subject to appropriate zoning and other assessments. Given that Clondalkin village is an established and mixed use area, complete with supporting public amenities, the principle of locating nursing home facilities and elderly accommodation on appropriately zoned land in Clondalkin village is in line with County Development Plan policy, subject to detailed site assessment.*

### **C/382/19 – (Q9) Item ID: 63613 – Habitats Directive**

Proposed by Councillor Peter Kavanagh

"To ask the Chief Executive what is the Council’s position and policy on habitats outside of those listed in Annex 1 habitats of the Habitats Directive which, although not protected, are nonetheless rare and valuable such as the Rathcoole Woodland which is a self-generated pioneer natural native woodland given that all new native woodlands are afforestation projects i.e. man made? Further, if the Chief Executive would report on same?"

**REPLY:**

Habitats and species of national and international biodiversity value may be designated as Natura 2000 sites (Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) or Special Protection Areas (SPAs)), as Natural Heritage Areas (NHAs) or as proposed Natural Heritage Areas (pNHAs). These are variously protected under either European Directives or Irish legislation and also through the planning system.

Within South Dublin County, there are 3 Natura 2000 sites (2 SACs and 1 SPA) and 5 pNHAs designated by National Parks and Wildlife Service. These sites are identified and mapped in the South Dublin County  Development Plan 2016-2022 and the protection of these designated sites is addressed in a range of Objectives listed in the Plan under the following policy headings:

**Policy (HCL) 12 Natura 2000 Sites:**

*It is the policy of the Council to support the conservation and improvement of Natura 2000 Sites and to protect the Natura 2000 network from any plans and projects that are likely to have a significant effect on the coherence or integrity of a Natura 2000 Site*.

**Policy (HCL) 13 Natural Heritage Areas**

*It is the policy of the Council to protect the ecological, visual, recreational, environmental and amenity value of the County’s proposed Natural Heritage Areas and associated habitats.*

Substantial areas of land in the County, however, occur outside of these protected areas. Some of these non-designated areas such as rivers, streams, hedgerows and woodlands, and parks and open spaces, may also have a high biodiversity value for habitats and species.

It is to be noted that for some protected species listed under Annex IV of the Habitats Directive (*e.g.* bats and otters), protection is extended to these species wherever they occur, whether in protected sites or in non-designated areas.

Together, protected areas and non-designated areas form an important network of green habitats and wildlife corridors and are considered in the South Dublin County Development Plan 2016-2022 to be a key component of the County’s ‘Green Infrastructure’ (see Chapter 8, Green Infrastructure for more detail). This Chapter outlines a range of different Policies and Objectives that aim to identify, protect and incorporate biodiversity in general within a network of green spaces for the benefit of wildlife and people in the County.

Support for species and habitats in non-designated areas is also addressed in Chapter 9 of the County Development Plan in Section 9.3.4:

**Policy (HCL) 15 Non-designated Areas**

*It is the policy of the Council to protect and promote the conservation of biodiversity outside of designated areas and to ensure that species and habitats that are protected under the Wildlife Acts 1976 and 2000, the Birds Directive 1979 and the Habitats Directive 1992 are adequately protected.*

Below are the most relevant objectives from the adopted County Development Plan in relation to the matters as described above:

**G1 Objective 2:**

To prepare and implement a South Dublin County Green Infrastructure Strategy during the lifetime of this Plan that will form the basis for the identification, protection, enhancement and management of the Green Infrastructure network within the County.

**G2 Objective 9:**

To preserve, protect and augment trees, groups of trees, woodlands and hedgerows within the County by increasing tree canopy coverage using locally native species and by incorporating them within design proposals and supporting their integration into the Green Infrastructure network.

**G6 Objective 1:**

To protect and enhance existing ecological features including tree stands, woodlands, hedgerows and watercourses in all new developments as an essential part of the design process.

**HCL15 Objective 1:**

To ensure that development does not have a significant adverse impact on rare and threatened species, including those protected under the Wildlife Acts 1976 and 2000, the Birds Directive 1979 and the Habitats Directive 1992.

**HCL15 Objective 2:**

To ensure that, where evidence of species that are protected under the Wildlife Acts 1976 and 2000, the Birds Directive 1979 and the Habitats Directive 1992 exists, appropriate avoidance and mitigation measures are incorporated into development proposals as part of any ecological impact assessment.

**HCL15 Objective 3:**

To protect existing trees, hedgerows, and woodlands which are of amenity or biodiversity value and/or contribute to landscape character and ensure that proper provision is made for their protection and management in accordance with Living with Trees: South Dublin County Council’s Tree Management Policy 2015-2020.

### **C/383/19 – (Q10) Item ID: 63668 – Woodlands at Rathcoole**

Proposed by Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

"The written response to Motions 15 (63225), 17 (62768) and 18 (63235), of the September 2019 Clondalkin Area Meeting included the following paragraph:

'The reference to woodlands at Rathcoole in the ownership of SDCC are partially zoned New Residential (RES-N), Rural (RU) and Open Space (OS). The Council is currently considering how new homes and associated community facilities could be provided in this area to support a new residential community. An initial discussion on this was held at the full Council meeting on 8th July. A preliminary urban framework layout was displayed at that meeting. The preparation of that preliminary urban framework for the area was carried out by a multi disciplinary team including an urban designer, planner, architect, transport engineer, archaeologist, ecologist, arborist, landscape architect and an environmental planner. As such, the preliminary layout is informed by environmental and biodiversity considerations.'

To ask the Chief Executive, what contributions the Archaeologist, Ecologist, Arborist made to the preliminary urban framework layout and if in general there is a hierarchy of importance given to the inputs of any of the Urban Designer,  Planner, Architect, Transport Engineer, Archaeologist, Ecologist, Arborist, Landscape Architect and an Environmental Planner?"

**REPLY:**

In general, a multi disciplinary design team is required as part of preparing an urban framework or indeed a planning application. As part of the preparation of a layout for an area, key baseline analysis is required to be undertaken to inform the process. Baseline analysis includes for, but is not limited to, topography, watercourses and flood risk, trees, hedgerows and woodland, views and noise, edge conditions, ecology: European and national designations, ecology: other ecological receptors, archaeology and cultural heritage, walking, cycling and public transport, road infrastructure and utilities. These considerations are amended based on the site characteristics. Each of the sections of baseline analysis generally provide preliminary recommendations for integration into the urban design process/layout and outline further research that may be required. There is no defined hierarchy of consideration and the consideration of the inputs in the layout varies from site to site depending on the context and characteristics of the site, as well as from team to team.

### **C/384/19 – (Q11) Item ID: 63544 – Architectural Conservation Area in Clondalkin**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"To ask the Chief Executive for a full and detailed report into Clondalkin as a designated Architectural Conservation Area as per the South Dublin County Council Development Plan. What efforts are being made by South Dublin County Council to ensure Clondalkin remains as an Architectural Conservation Area?  What buildings and walls are protected around the village area?"

**REPLY:**

The purpose of an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) designation is to define the boundaries of an area that merits protection and to use appropriate controls over development in order to protect and enhance the special character of the Architectural Conservation Area under the following objectives:

* *Ensure that all proposed developments are carried out in a manner sympathetic to the special character of the area.*
* *Conserve, restore, and rehabilitate the existing building stock in the area*.

There are policies and objectives in the South Dublin County Council County Development Plan (CDP) 2016-2022 which relate to Architectural Conservation Areas within the County. Planning Applications that are submitted to the Planning Authority are assessed in accordance with the CDP and legislation pertaining to Architectural Conservation Areas and are also referred to the Councils Architectural Conservation Officer to formally assess to ensure that the proposed development does not materially affect the character of the ACA.

The designated ACA area is shown on the County Development Plan Map (2016-2022) and all buildings or features that are protected are also indicated on the Development Plan Maps and listed in the CDP written statement under Schedule 2 on the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) – Abstract below.

There is no specific listing of boundary walls as part of our Record of Protected Structures however there is a policy in the CDP to retain and incorporate features of interest/street furniture, any such removal would be assessed against the existing policies on a case by case basis.

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|  | 118 | 12th Lock Grand Canal,Ballymakaily | | Stone Two Storey Industrial Building | |  |
|  | 119 | Lock House, 12th Lock Grand Canal, Ballymakaily | | Victorian Style House | |  |
|  | 120 | Grange Cottage, Grange, Clondalkin | | Detached Six-Bay Single-Storey Farm House &  Outbuildings | |  |
|  | 121 | 7 Ballymanaggin Lane, Clondalkin | | Semi-Detached Four-Bay Single-Storey House | |  |
|  | 121 | Annes Brook Cottage, 8 Ballymanaggin  Lane, Clondalkin | | Semi-Detached Four-Bay Single-Storey House | |  |
|  | 122 | Orner Lock House, 11th Lock, Cappagh | | Remains Of House | |  |
|  | 123 | 1oth Lock,Cappagh, Clondalkin | | Single-Stage Canal Lock | |  |
|  | 124 | 1 Ninth Lock Road, Ballymanaggin, Clondalkin | | Semi-Detached Three-Bay Two-Storey House | |  |
|  | 124 | 2 Ninth Lock Road, Ballymanagin, Clondalkin | | Semi-Detached Thee-Bay Two-Storey House | |  |
|  | 125 | 12th Lock,R120,Lucan | | Single-Stage Canal Lock, 12th Lock | |  |
|  | 126 | 3 Ballymanaggin Lane, Clondalkin | | Semi-Detached Four-Bay Single-Storey House | |  |
|  | 126 | 4 Ballymanaggin Lane, Clondalkin | | Semi-Detached Four-Bay Single-Storey House | |  |
|  | 127 | Leek Bridge,12th Lock Grand Canal, Ballymakaily | | Bridge With Stone Capping | |  |
|  | 128 | 11th Lock, Cappagh, Clondalkin | | Single-Stage Canal Lock | |  |
|  | 129 | 9th Lock,Ballymanaggin, Clondalkin | | Two-Stage Canal Lock | |  |
|  | 130 | 9th Lock Road, Clonburris Great, Clondalkin | | Detached Three-Bay Two-Storey Former Lock  Keeper's House | |  |
|  | 131 | Gollierstown Bridge,Gollierstown | | Stone Bridge | |  |
|  | 132 | Grange Castle, Clondalkin | | Stone Tower House (Ruin) (RM) | |  |
| 133 | | | Kilmahuddrick | | Stone Church (Ruin},Graveyard, & Moated Site  Possible (RM) | |
| 134 | | | Aras Chronain,Watery Lane, Clondalkin | | Detached Four Bay Two Storey House | |
| 135 | | | Deansrath Castle | | Stone Castle(s) (Ruin} (RM} | |
| 136 | | | Riverside, Nangor Road, Clondalkin | | Semi-Detached Five Bay Two Storey House | |
| 137 | | | 1 Millview,Nangor Road, Clondalkin | | End Of Terrace Two Bay Single Storey House With  Dormer Attic | |
| 137 | | | 2 Millview,Nangor Road, Clondalkin | | Tenraced Two Bay Single Storey House With Dormer  Attic | |
| 137 | | | 3 Millview,Nangor Road, Clondalkin | | End Of Terrace Two Bay Single Storey House With  Dormer Attic | |
| 138 | | | Tower Road, Clondalkin | | Stone Round Tower, Church & Cross (RM) | |
| 139 | | | St. John's Church,Tower Road, Clondalkin | | Church (RM} | |
| 140 | | | Tower Road, Clondalkin | | Church 'Site Of' (RM) | |
| 141 | | | St. John's Cottages, Tower Road, Clondalkin | | Two Storey House Terrace (3) & Front Boundary Walls | |
| 142 | | | Deansrath House, Clondalkin | | House | |
| 143 | | | Patrick Massey FuneralHome, Orchard  Lane, Clondalkin | | Semi Detached Three Bay Two Storey Building | |
| 144 | | | St. John's National School, Tower Road, Clondalkin | | School | |
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| 146 | The Black Lion, Orchard Lane, Clondalkin | Semi-Detached Five Bay Two Storey Public House |
| 147 | Tully's Castle, Clondalkin | Stone Castle (Ruin) (RM) |
| 148 | Clondalkin | Mill Pond |
| 149 | Public Library,Monastery Road, Clondalkin | Two Storey Library |

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| 153 | Convent Road,Clondalkin | Detached Multiple Bay Single Storey Former Gate  Lodge |
| 154 | Moyle Park House, off Convent Road, Clondalkin | Detached Former Country House |
| 155 | Milltown | Detached Four-Bay Two-Storey Farm House |

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| 156 | Oak Lodge, New Road, Clondalkin | Detached Three Bay Single Storey Over Basement  House | |
| 158 | Presentation Convent & Church Of Immaculate Conception, Clondalkin | | Church & Convent |

### **C/385/19 – (Q12) Item ID: 63582 – Community Space Ballynakelly**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report into a Community space in Ballynakelly, Newcastle, that is lying idle over 10 years. An application for this to be changed to Housing has been fast-track to An Bord Pleanála.

Could clarification from the Planning Department be given on how planning permission was granted for a Community space and now is changed to Housing?

A creche facility at Newcastle Manor was granted approval 15 years ago but remains boarded up.

The Committee requests a report on both issues?"

**REPLY:**

The Newcastle LAP 2012 (as extended) sets out the policies and objectives for Community facilities in Newcastle.

A Strategic Housing Development has been lodged with an Bord Pleanala by CAIRN Homes Properties Limited for 406 dwellings and associated facilities in Ballynakelly. The SHD application includes proposed works to the existing two-storey building in Ballynakelly to facilitate a change in use from community centre to residential use to provide for 2 no. one bed apartments and 1 no. three bed apartment. The applicant has indicated that the community centre is not in use and is no longer required for its original purpose. The application includes for a childcare facility (518sq.m GFA); 1 commercial unit (67.7sq.m GFA) and the reservation of a school site (1.5ha).  A decision on the SHD application is expected from An Bord Pleanala by the 2nd of January 2020.

South Dublin County Council Local Community Team are identifying the community space needs for Newcastle Village and in particular the suitability of the space in Ballynakelly.

### **C/386/19 – (H11) Item ID: 63499 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/387/19 – (C8) Item ID: 63500 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/388/19 – (M9) Item ID: 63554 – Local Area Plan for Rathcoole**

It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh:

"That this Area Committee calls on the Chief Executive to initiate a Local Area Plan for Rathcoole."

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

“The County Development Plan 2016 - 2022 outlines what Local Area Plans will be prepared during it's 6 year lifetime. Under this Plan, Rathcoole is not an area which will be subject to the preparation of a Local Area Plan (LAP).

The Local Area Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2013) advise that the decision to make a Local Area Plan should take cognisance of the degree to which major development is anticipated such as to justify the preparation of a stand alone plan, the resource implications and the need to focus resources in using the local area plan process for areas where major alterations to the built environment are anticipated. In this context and having regard to the established nature of the Rathcoole area, it is considered that the County Development Plan is an appropriate policy context for Rathcoole.

Furthermore, the Chief Executive outlines that the LAP process requires resources and the priority for these resources is in completing the Tallaght Town Centre LAP, continuing the formulation of a Framework/LAP for the Naas Road area and implementing the Planning Schemes and LAP for Clonburris, Adamstown, Fortunestown and Ballycullen – Oldcourt respectively.”

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, P. Kavanagh, E. Higgins, T. Gilligan and E. Ó Broin, Mr. J. Frehill, Senior Planner responded to the Members queries.

The motion was **AGREED.**

## **Transportation**

### **C/389/19 – (Q13) Item ID: 63677 – Headless Pole on Watery Lane**

Proposed by Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

"There are numerous 'headless' poles around the Clondalkin Area. See attached photo of one on Watery Lane. These are poles that once held a sign or signpost but no longer do so. To ask the Chief Executive if the Clondalkin Tidy Towns could on a case by case basis put signs on these poles with messages such as 'Keep Clondalkin Tidy'?"

[Headless pole](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=64314)

**REPLY:**

Traffic Section will be prepared to assist in this matter once adequate resources are restored to the Department.

### **C/390/19 – (Q14) Item ID: 63553 – Newcastle Outer Ring Road**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"To ask the Chief Executive to issue a report into when the Outer Ring Road in Newcastle will be built and has money been allocated for same to alleviate traffic congestion in the area as per Newcastle Local Area Plan?"

**REPLY:**

The road which is the subject of the query is called the “Western Orbital Route (North)  - Tootenhill to the Leixlip Interchange”

It is a medium to long term objective on South Dublin County Council’s 2016 - 2022 Development Plan.

It has not been included in the 3 Year Capital Programme 2019 – 2021.

There are no plans for this scheme in the near future.

### **C/391/19 – (H12) Item ID: 63502 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/392/19 – (H13) Item ID: 63501 – Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

(No Business)

### **C/393/19 – (C9) Item ID: 63503 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/394/19 – (M10) Item ID: 63552 – Flyover from Main Street to N7 in Rathcoole**

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

"That this Area Committee commits to writing to the NTA to investigate the possibility and viability of a flyover from Main Street to N7 in Rathcoole to alleviate traffic congestion."

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 National Transportation Authority for their attention, and when a reply is received, the Committee will be notified accordingly.”

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, E. Higgins and T. Gilligan, Mr. M. McAdam, A/Senior Executive Officer responded to the Members queries.

The motion was **AGREED.**

### **C/395/19 – (M11) Item ID: 63620 – Traffic Management Report for Rathcoole**

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

"That this Area Committee orders a Traffic Management report for Rathcoole which includes a feasibility study of a HGV ban through the village."

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

“This reply should be read in conjunction with the report provided for Motion/Item No. 63670.

This request will be considered in accordance with the policy document "The Mobility and Management of Heavy Goods Vehicles on South Dublin County Road Network". This involves examination and analysis of traffic data, accident data, use of the route by vulnerable road users, impact on commercial activity, alternative routes and consultation with the Garda Commissioner. It is also subject to staff resources being available.”

Following a contribution from Councillor E. Higgins, Mr. W. Purcell, Senior Engineer responded to queries raised.

The report was **NOTED.**

### **C/396/19 – (M12) Item ID: 63670 – Chronic Traffic Congestion in the Rathcoole Area**

It was proposed by Councillor W. Carey and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:

"That this Area Committee calls upon South Dublin County Council to bring forward plans to address the chronic traffic congestion in and around the Rathcoole Area and that Council liaise with community groups in addressing this problem."

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

“The recently adopted National Planning Framework “Project Ireland 2040”, is the official blueprint for population distribution and the basis from which individual county population targets will be set. Within each county population growth areas are determined, to ensure alignment with county and national targets and to guide infrastructural investment. Within the Council’s Development Plan, Rathcoole is defined as a “small town” with limited capacity for growth. In the context of existing plans including SDZs at Adamstown and Clonburris, Local Area Plans at Ballycullen, Tallaght and Fortunestown, the growth areas are well defined and not going to change. Furthermore, the National Planning Framework is heavily committed to the consolidation of growth, with the regeneration of brownfield sites a priority.

Given this clear strategic direction, I do not envisage the “small town” status of Rathcoole changing. In terms of traffic, the Council appreciates that Rathcoole is impacted by peak traffic associated with driver behaviour and the general upturn in economic activity. While traffic movements on and off the N7 are a matter for TII, the Council does of course take an active interest in traffic patterns and will continue to do so.

The Council will continue to assess traffic patterns in this area, which are presenting difficulties at peak times, but no more than you would expect in an edge of city environment. Driver behaviour may be part of the problem and if this can be moderated through basic interventions such as signage or redirection it will be examined, provided of course, it simply does not move this issue to another junction with less capacity and make matters worse. I hope these clarifications are of assistance.

The Council is in the process of preparing a county wide Sustainable Transport Plan that will assess and identify what new transport measures can be put in place to enable people to move onto more sustainable modes of transport. As part of this work we will be looking at the busiest routes and locations across the County.”

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors E. Ó Broin, P. Kavanagh and E. Higgins, Mr. W. Purcell, Senior Engineer responded to the Members queries.

The motion was **AGREED.**

### **C/397/19 – (M13) Item ID:63671 – Provision of Parking Spaces at cul de sac Lealand Drive**

The following motion which was proposed by Councillor W. Carey and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons was **WITHDRAWN** at the request of Councillor W. Carey, with the agreement of the Members in accordance with Standing Order No. 19.

"That this Area Committee calls upon South Dublin County Council to provide parking spaces at the cul de sac at Lealand Drive. That the Chief Executive presents a report for discussion outlining options and estimated costs for the provision of these spaces."

**REPORT**

Most dwellings at this location have the space available to provide two on curtilage parking spaces. The maximum standard in our County Development Plan is 2 spaces per dwelling. There is also some visitor parking at the entrance to the Estate. South Dublin County Council make a big effort to avoid removing open space in favour of providing parking.

The Member may provide photographs and times of maximum congestion to support his case but South Dublin County Council will be extremely reluctant to provide additional spaces.

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **C/398/19 – (H14) Item ID: 63504 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/399/19 – (H15) Item ID: 63506 – Library News & Events**

The following report was presented by Ms. R. Hand, Senior Executive Librarian:

Library News & Events

[HI 15](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=64429)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors E. Higgins, F. Timmons, E. Ó Broin and P. Kavanagh.

The report was **NOTED.**

### **C/400/19 – (H16) Item ID: 63507 – Application for Arts Grants**

(No Business)

### **C/401/19 – (C10) Item ID: 63505 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

## **Economic Development**

### **C/402/19 – (Q15) Item ID: 63609 – Orchard Lodge Apartments**

Proposed by Councillor William Joseph Carey

A condition of the planning permission granted in 2003 for the building of Orchard Lodge apartments (SD3A/0271) was that the developer would provide space for a community meeting room measuring approx. 1,500sq ft.

Can the Council confirm the current ownership of this space, what ownership model is envisaged for this premises and when they will be able to transfer the premises to an appropriate community based group.

**REPLY:**

The Council continues to engage with the owners of the site and their legal representatives to secure the possession of the unit for the establishment of the community facility.

Complexities in progressing the lease arrangement on the community facility have arisen which have led to delay. Documentation confirming compliance in relation to building regulations is awaited. The receipt of this documentation is necessary to allow the transfer of the legal title of the unit to the Council. The Council will continue to endeavour to complete the transfer as soon as possible.

### **C/403/19 – (Q16) Item ID: 63617 – Green Way to Hazel Hatch**

Proposed by Councillor E. Higgins

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Green Way to Hazel Hatch?"

**REPLY:**

Part 8 Approval has been granted for this scheme, however the anticipated grant funding has not been awarded. Until a source of funding is identified, this section of the scheme cannot proceed.

### **C/404/19 – (Q17) Item ID: 63583 – Orchard Lodge Apartment Block Clondalkin**

Proposed by Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

A condition of the planning permission granted in 2003 for the Orchard Lodge apartment block in Clondalkin (SD03A/0271) was that there would be a community meeting space (Senior Citizens Centre) provided. Sixteen years later the Community Space has never been fitted out or made accessible to community groups. Can the manager confirm that now in 2019 a budget has finally been allocated to cover the fit out of the space to the extent that it would make the space useable? Can the manager also state if there are any existing agreements or leases with regard to the use of the space between the property developer, SDCC or any community groups?

**REPLY:**

The Council continues to engage with the owners of the site and their legal representatives to secure the possession of the unit for the establishment of the community facility.

Complexities in progressing the lease arrangement on the community facility have arisen which have led to delay. Documentation confirming compliance in relation to building regulations is awaited. The receipt of this documentation is necessary to allow the transfer of the legal title of the unit to the Council. The Council will continue to endeavour to complete the transfer as soon as possible.

### **C/405/19 – (Q18) Item ID: 63673 – Family Centre for Bawnogue**

Proposed by Councillor William Joseph Carey

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the provision of land for a new child and family centre for Bawnogue?"

**REPLY:**

The Property Section of Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development have not been requested to identify land for the purpose of providing a new child and family centre for Bawnogue.

### **C/406/19 – (H17) Item ID: 63508 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/407/19 – (C11) Item ID: 63509 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

The meeting concluded at 5.05pm

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