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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting dealing with Transportation, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management, Public Realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Housing and Community, held on Wednesday 15th January 2020.

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

 Councillor William Joseph Carey

 Councillor Trevor Gilligan

 Councillor Peter Kavanagh

 Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

 Councillor Francis Timmons

An apology for inability to attend, was received from Councillor E. Higgins.

Cathaoirleach, Councillor P. Kavanagh presided.

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Senior Engineer Mr. Tony O’Grady

Senior Executive Officer Ms. Laura Leonard

A/Senior Executive Officer Mr. Michael McAdam

Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Mr. David Fennell

Senior Executive Engineer Mr. Darby Mullen

Senior Executive Librarian Ms. Rosena Hand

Administrative Officer Mr. Ralph McGarry

Staff Officer Ms. Patricia O’Reilly

Assistant Staff Officer Ms. Ita Kenny

### **C/001/20 – (H1) Item ID: 64740 - Confirmation & Re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting of 18th December 2019**

The Minutes of the December meeting of the Clondalkin Area Committee dealing with Community, Housing, Planning, Transportation, Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Performance & Change Management, Corporate Support, Water & Drainage, Public Realm and Environment, held on Wednesday 18th December 2019, which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

[Minutes of 18th December 2019](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=65381)

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

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

**C/002/20 – 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 13 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**Transportation**

### **C/003/20 – (Q1) Item ID: 64648 – Woodford Close**

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan

"Can the Chief Executive please put in a small pathway or remove some grass between the road and the bus stop no 1966 at the end of Woodford Close on Woodford Hill /Monastery Gate side - possibly a pedestrian crossing. It is difficult to get through the grass verge to bus stop with a buggy, pram etc?"

**REPLY:**

Yes, this work will be added to the Traffic Crew work list.

### **C/004/20 – (Q2) Item ID: 64762 – Clondalkin Village Enhancement**

Proposed by Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

One way to further enhance the Clondalkin Village Area could be to pedestrianize certain streets for example, Main St and Tower Road, to encourage more pedestrians to spend time in the area, increase the appeal of the area to higher end shops and restaurants, hold outdoor events such as concerts and markets, and provide more public spaces and plazas. With this in mind, to ask the Chief Executive to inform the area committee as to how a process could be commenced at the LEA level and also among the general public to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of pedestrianization of certain roads in the Clondalkin Village area?

**REPLY:**

Where restrictions are being considered on a single road or street this matter could be consulted on through a procedure in the Roads Act.

Where a larger scheme is being presented, it might be more appropriate that such a scheme is introduced through the CDP before using the Roads Act.

### **C/005/20 – (H2) Item ID: 64714 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/006/20 – (H3) Item ID: 64716 - Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

(No Business)

### **C/007/20 – (C1/0120 Item ID: 64715 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/008/20 – (M1) Item ID: 64753 – Village Renewal Scheme**

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

"That this Area Committee is provided with a brief presentation on what works are involved in the Village Renewal Schemes in Saggart and Clondalkin Villages that have been budgeted in the 3 Year Capital Programme. The presentation should also cover what the new programme of District Enhancements for district centres could cover."

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

“The Village Renewal Scheme in Saggart is on site and currently in its final phase of construction. The works include a new public plaza on Main St and new footpaths and road surfacing on Mill Lane.

The works planned for Clondalkin Village are being progressed by the Projects Design Team.

A Headed Item will be presented to each of the Area Committees on the District Enhancement programme in the coming weeks. A draft programme has already been formulated and when a final programme is agreed with Senior Management, it will in turn go before the ACMs for discussion and agreement.”

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors E. Ó Broin, F. Timmons, W. Carey and P. Kavanagh, Mr. T. O’Grady, Senior Engineer and Mr. M. McAdam, A/Senior Executive Officer responded to the Members queries.

The motion was **AGREED.**

**C/009/20 – (SM) Suspensory Motion – Status of Repair Works in Saggart Village**

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

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

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors P. Kavanagh, F. Timmons, W. Carey and E. Ó Broin, Mr. T. O’Grady, Senior Engineer responded to the Members queries.

The motion was **AGREED.**

## **Planning**

### **C/010/20 – (Q3) Item ID: 64745 – Presentation Order of Nuns**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"To ask the Chief Executive if the Presentation Order of Nuns have the deeds in their name to the land beside Clondalkin Convent given planning permission for a Nursing home and if they submitted the land deeds as part of the planning process. Is this a legal requirement? and who owns the land the Church and car park are on?"

**REPLY:**

Under the Planning Regulations, 2001 as amended, a planning applicant who is not the legal owner of the land or structure in question must submit a letter of consent from the owner in order to make the planning application. There is no requirement in planning law for the submission of land deeds as part of the planning process. The subject planning application was accompanied, as required, by a planning application form which indicated that the applicant was not the owner or occupier of the land but that the application was made with the consent of the owner of the lands, the Presentation Sisters. The required letter of consent from the Presentation Sisters accompanied the planning application.

Planning application SD18A/0328 was granted by South Dublin County Council and granted on appeal for a nursing home by An Bord Pleanala on 19th November 2019. The Board considered a submission which related to a stated right of way through the lands and, on the basis of the documentation before them, indicated that this was a matter between the Board of Management of Scoil Mhuire and the Presentation Sisters and not a planning consideration. The Board also noted the response to this matter by way of additional information requested by the Local Authority.

The Development Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities published by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in 2007 state as follows:

*The planning system is not designed as a mechanism for resolving disputes about title to land or premises or rights over land; these are ultimately matters for resolution in the Courts. In this regard, it should be noted that, as section 34(13) of the Planning Act states, a person is not entitled solely by reason of a permission to carry out a development.*

### **C/011/20 – (Q4) Item ID: 64755 – Presentation Sisters Order Property**

Proposed by Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

"Applicants for planning permission to South Dublin County Council should indicate whether they are freeholders or leaseholders of the property for which the permission is being sought. In the case of planning application, SD18A/0328 ( Nursing home building comprising 155 bedrooms and all associated ancillary accommodation ), the application included a letter stating that the applicant, Bartra, had permission to apply from the owner of the property, the Presentation Sisters Order. In the 'further information' received by South Dublin County Council as part of the same application, a statutory declaration was submitted stating that the Presentation Order had owned the property since 1857. To ask the Chief Executive to justify as to how 'letters of permission' and 'statutory declarations' are valid indicators of ownership and interest in a property for which planning permission is being sought?"

**REPLY:**

Under the Planning Regulations, 2001 as amended, a planning applicant who is not the legal owner of the land or structure in question must submit a letter of consent from the owner in order to make the planning application. There is no requirement in planning law for the submission of land deeds as part of the planning process. The subject planning application was accompanied, as required, by a planning application form which indicated that the applicant was not the owner or occupier of the land but that the application was made with the consent of the owner of the lands, the Presentation Sisters. The required letter of consent from the Presentation Sisters accompanied the planning application.

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### **C/012/20 – (H4) Item ID: 64717 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/013/20 – (C2) Item ID: 64718 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

## **Economic Development**

### **C/014/20 – (H5) Item ID: 64719 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/015/20 – (C3) Item ID: 64720 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/016/20 – (M2) Item ID: 64749 – Lighting up the Round Tower**

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

"That this Committee ask that South Dublin County Council light up the Round Tower blue for World Autism Awareness Day on the 2nd April this year and every year after, as a symbol of solidarity for all who live with Autism."

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

“The Round Tower at Clondalkin is under the auspices of the Office Of Public Work. The Tower forms part of the Round Tower Visitor Centre – Brú Chrónáin, which comprises an interactive exhibition, café and retail area. The project is one of the most significant new attractions to open in South Dublin County in recent years, with the potential to attract local and international visitors to the area.

As part of the drive to animate the heritage and culture of the locality, and to enhance the tourism potential of the site, the Round Tower has been lit up to mark St Patrick’s Day, Christmas, World Tourism Day, the Chinese New Year and the success of the men’s and women’s gaelic football teams in 2019. These have been agreed with the OPW. Limiting the number of times the Tower is illuminated increases its impact and represents a statement of identity. It is neither proposed nor would it be appropriate to commit to further annual lightings of the Tower beyond those agreed as they arise with the OPW.”

Councillor P. Kavanagh proposed an **AMENDMENT** to the motion, and it was seconded by Councillor W. Carey:

"That this Committee ask that South Dublin County Council **write to the OPW and ask them** **to** light up the Round Tower blue for World Autism Awareness Day on the 2nd April this year and every year after, as a symbol of solidarity for all who live with Autism."

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, P. Kavanagh and E. Ó Broin, Mr. R. McGarry, Administrative Officer responded to the Members queries.

The motion as **AMENDED,** was **AGREED.**

### **C/017/20 – (M3) Item ID: 64752 – Orchard Lodge Apartment Block**

It was proposed by Councillor Eoin Ó Broin and seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh:

"That this Area Committee is provided with an update on the process of South Dublin County Council 'taking in charge' the Community Meeting Space in the Orchard Lodge Apartment Block on Orchard Road in Clondalkin for which planning permission was granted in 2003 (SD03A/0271)."

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

“Consultants engaged by the owners to advise on compliance have requested that remedial work be carried out on the unit. The Council has been informed that the works have commenced [week commencing 6th January] and that will take a couple of weeks. The expectation then is that the owners will be in a position to meet the Council's requirements by submitting the outstanding compliance certification.

An opportunity for Councillors and representatives of the community groups to view the unit has been offered and can be arranged through the Council if the Committee wish to proceed.”

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

The motion was **AGREED.**

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **C/018/20 – (Q5) Item ID: 64747 – Joe Williams (Late Historian)**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"To ask the Chief Executive to meet with the family and friends of the late Historian, Joe Williams to look at how best his legacy can be preserved for future generations. How his vast historical collection can be stored and displayed to the public? (The collection belongs to Joe's Family and they request it be all kept together and they have full input into its future), contact is via Cllr Timmons?"

**REPLY:**

"The County Librarian and the Local History Librarian would be pleased to meet with the family and friends of the late Joe Williams to discuss how the collection can be stored and preserved into the future. If Councillor Timmons could give contact details of a relevant family member that the County Librarian could liaise with to discuss the matter, a meeting could be set up at a time convenient to both".

### **C/019/20 – (H6) Item ID: 64721 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/020/20 – (H7) Item ID: 64723 – Application for Arts & Grants**

(No Business)

### **C/021/20 – (H8) Item ID: 64724 – Library News & Events**

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

[HI 8](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=65385)

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors E. Ó Broin and P. Kavanagh, Ms. R. Hand, Senior Executive Librarian responded to the Members queries.

The report was **NOTED.**

### **C/022/20 – (C4) Item ID: 64722 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

## **Corporate Support**

### **C/023/20 – (Q6) Item ID: 64748 – Rathcoole Woodlands**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the Biodiversity and other studies at Rathcoole Woodlands, will these studies be done at one point in time, or will they be seasonal - 2./3/4 seasons, or monthly over a year? and which ones are what? We want to know how comprehensive they are from a time perspective?"

**REPLY:**

The first step in the process is to have a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) report carried out. The PEA report will help determine the scope, timing and need for an Ecological Impact Assessment (EcIA).  The PEA report is due to be carried out in Q1 2020.

The PEA/EcIA will in turn help inform the need for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) under Section 172 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) in terms of (inter alia) whether the proposed development is likely to have a significant effect on the environment with reference to Schedule 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

### **C/024/20 – (H9) Item ID: 64725 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/025/20 – (C5) Item ID: 64726 - Correspondence**

Correspondence

[Cor 1 - Ack. from Commissioner Harris](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=65392)
[Cor 2 - Ack. from Min. for Justice](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=65393)

The correspondence was **NOTED.**

### **C/026/20 – (M4) Item ID: 64743 – ASD Placements**

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

"That this Area Committee commits to writing to the appropriate Minister in relation to ASD placements within the Clondalkin area to ask how many places are available and where? and how many additional ASD places will be provided in September 2020 and to request that all new schools planned have an ASD unit as part of the build."

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

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, P. Kavanagh and E. Ó Broin, Mr. M. McAdam, A/Senior Executive Officer responded to the Members queries.

The motion was **AGREED.**

### **C/027/20 – (M5) Item ID: 64750 – LGBTQ+ Pride Festival**

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

"That this Committee asks South Dublin County council to look at how it can be actively involved in Dublin LGBTQ Pride Festival. It runs from 18th - 28th June 2020 and to ask that Libraries look at hosting events during this time to promote diversity and inclusion within our county.  Also to look at lighting up some well known South Dublin County Council landmarks during the Pride Festival and to report back on same."

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

“South Dublin County Council's LGBTQ+ Staff Network marched in the Dublin Pride Festival in 2019 and are considering doing so again this year. Libraries are currently planning their events for later in the year and will be looking for a suitable exhibition to have on display in June 2020 to mark Pride. Each branch library will also have a specific book display and Ballyroan Library are screening an appropriate film as part of the June Film Club. Other events will be communicated to elected members and the public as they are scheduled.

The Council will display the Rainbow flag throughout the month of June at County Hall, Tallaght and the Civic Office in Clondalkin. Having discussed the lighting of Council buildings in a similar manner to the recent Purple Lights Campaign with the Council's Facilities Manager, the method used to do so and available to the Council would not be suitable for the multiple Rainbow colours associated with the Pride flag. It was also noted that the Pride Festival in 2020 (27 June) occurs close to the summer solstice (20 June) when there be very few hours where the lighting of buildings would be visually effective.”

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons and P. Kavanagh, Ms. R. Hand, Senior Executive Librarian responded to the Members queries.

The motion was **AGREED.**

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **C/028/20 – (H10) Item ID: 64727 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/029/20 – (C6) Item ID: 64728 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

## **Public Realm**

### **C/030/20 – (Q7) Item ID: 64754 – Removal of Chewing Gum from Footpaths**

Proposed by Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

To ask the Chief Executive if it is possible, feasible or economical to include the removal of chewing gum from footpaths that are within the Clondalkin Architectural Conservation Area [(Image)](https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/planning/heritage-and-conservation/conservation-areas/clondalkin-architectural-conservation-area.pdf) in regular street and footpath cleaning?"

**REPLY:**

The removal of chewing gum from footpaths requires specific machinery and is therefore undertaken by specialist contractors. It would not be possible to include chewing gum removal in the regular street and footpath cleansing programme.

While there has been no provision made in the current budget to undertake this type of work, the cost will be evaluated to determine if it is feasible to fund it from existing budgets in the current year. In the event that this is not possible it will be listed for consideration for the 2021 draft budget.

### **C/031/20 – (Q8) Item ID: 64759 – Nitrates Directive / Action Programme**

Proposed by Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

"Question 11 at the South Dublin County Council meeting of 9th December 2019 elicited the response that 6 inspections had been carried out in 2019 in the Clondalkin Local Electoral Area under the Nitrates Directive and the Nitrates Action Programme (NAP). To ask the Chief Executive to present the general findings of these inspections in terms of the level of compliance found."

**REPLY:**

One farm required improvement to dung storage facilities, and one was required to remove dung from open storage in a field.

One farm had minor non-compliances and was dealt with as low risk under the Circular WQ 01/18 *Nitrates Progressive Inspection Protocol for L.A Inspections.*

Three farms which were fully compliant.

All farms are now compliant and all farmers were co-operative and help to Council staff throughout the farm assessment process.

### **C/032/20 – (H11) Item ID: 64729 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/033/20 – (H12) Item ID: 64820 – Public Realm Improvement Works Programme 2020**

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

**Public Realm Improvement Works Programme 2020**

The following is the list of improvement works proposed for the Clondalkin area for 2020.  These proposals have been compiled from issues raised as agenda items at area committee meetings throughout the course of the year, undertakings given in response to members representations throughout the year as well as works that have been identified by staff.  It should be noted that the list provided does not include those works which have already been included in the Council's three year rolling capital works programme, it includes only those works of a small scale which are to be funded from the revenue budget.

This list of schemes, along with lists of schemes for the other electoral areas, will be presented to the meeting of the County Council in February 2020 for the approval of the elected members.

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| **No** | **Location** | **Description of Works** |
| 1 | Castlegrange Open Space | Widen and upgrade footpath |
| 2 | Clondalkin Park, Corkagh Park - Green Isle Road Car Park & Camac Caravan Park | Car Park markings |
| 3 | Clondalkin Park Play area | Replace a number of play items |
| 4 | Corkagh Park | Upgrade access path from Cherrywood Crescent at Oil Mills |
| 5 |   | Drainage improvement works at Cherrywood Drive entrance |
| 6 |   | Provision of vehicle & pedestrian gate to Oak Avenue entrance off Green Isle Road |
| 7 |   | Repair and restore ha-ha (Phase 1) |
| 8 |   | Repair & restore water course walls |
| 9 |   | Fish accessible weir in back field |
| 10 |   | Footpath upgrade at rugby pitch to Cherrywood |
| 11 |   | Footpath repairs Oak Avenue, Back Avenue, Zorbing mound |
| 12 | Corkagh & Clondalkin Park | Watercourse upgrade works |
| 13 | Knockmitten Play area | Surface access path |
| 14 | Knockmitten open space | Surface under kissing gate at Yellow Meadows Ave & 2 kissing gates at Monastery Gate |
| 15 | St Brigid’s Well | Repair & restore wall |
| 16 | Melrose/Lindisfarne and the Lockview Rd | Public lighting on path between Melrose/Lindisfarne & Lockview Rd |
| 17 | Clondalkin Pk pitch 50 (GAA) | Drainage Works |

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, P. Kavanagh and E. Ó Broin, Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent and Mr. M. McAdam, A/Senior Executive Officer responded to the Members queries.

The report was **NOTED.**

### **C/034/20 – (C7) Item ID: 64730 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/035/20 – (M6) Item ID: 64742 – Dog Park in Corkagh Park**

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

"That this Area Committee requests South Dublin County Council to present a report on the dog park in Corkagh Park? Another dog was killed there, ripped apart in front of children. This is not the first dog to die in this dog park and there have been many attacks by dogs on other dogs. Please advise what measures the Council can take to make this a safe facility for people to enjoy because as it stands, it is not fit for purpose and it is only a matter of time before someone gets seriously hurt. Please report if the Council is aware of incidents of dogs being killed in other dog parks in the South Dublin County Council Area."

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

“The primary legislation pertaining to dogs is the [**Control of Dogs Act 1986**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1986/act/32/section/9/enacted/en/html#sec9). It is a legal requirement under the Control of Dogs Act 1986 that a dog must always be under effectual control when outside of the premises of the owner/person in charge of the dog.

Any person who is found to be in charge of a dog that is not under effectual control is liable for a fine in the sum of €100. Failure to pay the fine can result in prosecution with a maximum fine of €2,500 and /or up to 3 month imprisonment if convicted.

Section 4.1 of the South Dublin County Council's Parks and Open Spaces Bye Laws 2011 provide as follows in relation to Dogs**:**

*4.1       Dogs:-*

*4.1.1    No person:*

*a) Shall take into or allow to remain in a Park any dog unless it is under effective control on a leash other than in areas designated (dog runs) or at times specified by the County Council.*

*b) In charge of a dog in a Park shall engage it in coursing or permit it to be engaged in coursing in a Park.*

*4.1.2**Persons in charge of a dog in a park shall*

*a) Take reasonable care to prevent it from causing annoyance to any person using the Park or worrying, chasing, injuring or disturbing any animals, birds or other creatures in the Park.*

*b) Be liable for any damage or injury which may be caused by the dog*

*c) Remove it from the Park if so directed by an Employee of the Council or an Authorised Person.*

The Council promotes responsible dog ownership and there is an emphasis on the need for dog owners to keep their dog under control. Signage to this effect has been erected in the Council's parks. The park ranger service is responsible for patrolling parks and enforcing the park bye laws including where they relate to dogs in parks. The Dog Wardens enforce the Act as listed above. Dog runs are provided in some parks for those dog owners who wish to allow their dogs to run off leash for a period. However, it is expected that dogs in the runs remain under effectual control while off leash and are returned to the leash once they leave this area.”

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, K. Egan, E. Ó Broin and P. Kavanagh, Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent and Mr. M. McAdam, A/Senior Executive Officer responded to the Members queries.

The motion was **AGREED.**

## **Environment**

### **C/036/20 – (H13) Item ID: 64731 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/037/20 – (C8) Item ID: 64732 - Correspondence**

[Cor 1 Reply from Min. R. Bruton T.D.](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=65433)

### The Correspondence was **NOTED.**

### **C/038/20 – (Q9) Item ID: 64751 – Mill Wheel at Clondalkin Garda Station**

Proposed by Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

"During the construction of the Clondalkin Garda Station the Mill Wheel shown in attached photo that had been located at the site of the Garda Station disappeared. To ask the Chief Executive what became of the Mill Wheel?"

[Mill Wheel Photo](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=65328)

**REPLY:**

Public Realm have searched through our files and do not have any information on the Mill Wheel.  Works to Garda Stations fall under the remit of the Office of Public Works so they may be in a position to provide an answer.

### **C/039/20 – (M7) Item ID: 64741 – Quarterly Report on Litter Fines/Notices**

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

"That this committee asks that a published (quarterly) report on litter fines/notices that have been issued is given to this Area Committee."

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

This information is currently provided in the updates on the annual implementation/action plans devised under the Litter Management Plan. Under the Draft Litter Management Plan 2020-2024 it is proposed that this will remain as an indicator.

It should be noted that in accordance with Circular WP 20.10, the Council may not publish the names or addresses of private individuals fined or convicted as a result of littering.

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

The motion was **AGREED.**

## **Water & Drainage**

### **C/040/20 - (Q10) Item ID: 64761 – St. Brigid’s Well**

Proposed by Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

"It is understood that the St Brigid's Well on Boot Road, Clondalkin, is no longer a well as the source of the well water was diverted perhaps during the construction of the Fonthill Road. It is understood that the water that emanates from St Brigid's Well is mains tap water. To ask the Chief Executive if it is the case that it is mains tap water that emanates from the St Brigid's Well and also what he would estimate the financial cost of reconnecting the well head to the original source of well water would be?"

**REPLY:**

The water supply to St Brigid's Well on Boot Road was found to have dried up several years ago.  It was originally fed from a natural spring which appears to have dried up following developments in the area, and it is unlikely to be possible to reinstate the spring supply.  There is currently a small water supply to the well structure from a public water main.

### **C/041/20 – (H14) Item ID: 64733 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/042/20 – (H15) Item ID: 64819 – Climate Change Action Plan Update**

The following report was presented by Mr. D. Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer:

[HI 15 Climate Change Action Plan Update](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=65432)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, E. Ó Broin and P. Kavanagh. Mr. D. Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer responded to the Members queries.

The report was **NOTED.**

### **C/043/20 – (C9) Item ID: 64734 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

## **Housing**

### **C/044/20 – (Q11) Item ID: 64757 – Boardwalk on Orchard Road**

Proposed by Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

"This Area Committee welcomes the placement of a public notice on the railings cordoning off the boardwalk on Orchard Road, Clondalkin, and asks the Chief Executive for an update on the process of reinstating the boardwalk?"

**REPLY:**

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 existing boardwalk structure can take the extra load of concrete with granite paving instead of 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. The boardwalk continues to be fenced off for health and safety reasons. Two signs have been put up on the fencing informing the public of the situation.

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.

In the past month, a Consultant Engineer has been appointed to peer review the first set of calculations and proposed solution, carry out a risk assessment for the construction phase, prepare the tender documents and oversee the construction. This Engineer has completed his peer review and risk assessment, which included full on-site investigations of sections of the boardwalk. As a result of this he has proposed an alternative more lightweight metal support structure for the granite slabs. This has many advantages over the first proposal. It negates the need for concrete slabs and the difficulty of procuring same. It is a much safer method of construction for the contractor on site. It removes the requirement of having large precast items craned onto site.

The consultant has completed the tender documents for this preferred option, which consist of revised drawings, specifications, risk assessments and schedules. The solution now envisaged is estimated to cost approximately €23,000. However, with the proximity of the boardwalk to the river and the risk this poses to the contractor, the Engineer has recommended that the work be carried out in the Summer when the water levels and flow rates in the Camac are at their lowest. It is now our intention to proceed on this basis.

### **C/045/20 – (Q12) Item ID: 64744 – Kilcarberry (NDFA & Sisk)**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"To ask the Chief Executive if the Council are not a party to the contract between the NDFA & Sisk in relation to Kilcarberry - why are the NDFA & Sisk reporting back to them after our meetings? Would it not speed up matters if they appointed someone to attend the meetings in the first place?"

**REPLY:**

This is a PPP project with 6 sites being developed in 5 local authority areas and is being funded by the Department of Housing.  As part of the process, a project team was set up which meets on a monthly basis and is made up of representatives from the five local authorities, representatives from the Department and representatives from the NDFA.  The NDFA report on the progress of the sites to the project team.  As the housing being provided is 100% social housing, all nominations will come from each of the local authority’s housing lists.  Each local authority must be kept informed of progress on the project.

### **C/046/20 – (H16) Item ID: 64735 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/047/20 – (C10) Item ID: 64736 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

## **Community**

### **C/048/20 – (Q13) Item ID: 64746 – West Dublin MS Branch**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"To ask the Chief Executive to appoint some contact person from Community Department to meet the newly formed West Dublin MS Branch and to advise what funding might be available to help the branch and to ask that this person meets with the branch via Cllr. Timmons?"

**REPLY:**

The local Community Officer for the area is available to meet the group and make contact with Cllr. Timmons to get the group's contact details.

### **C/049/20 – (H17) Item ID: 64737 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/050/20 – (H18) Item ID: 64823 – Deputations for Noting**

(No Business)

### **C/051/20 – (C11) Item ID: 64738 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

The meeting concluded at 5.25pm

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