

COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS
SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL



Minutes of Environment Public Realm & Climate Change SPC Meeting held on 25th February 2020

Venue: IT Conference Room

In attendance:

Elected Members

Councillor Brian Lawlor (Chair)
Councillor Francis Timmons
Councillor Alan Edge
Councillor Yvonne Collins
Councillor Liam Sinclair
Councillor Madeleine Johansson

Sectoral Members

Donie Anderson
Una Ruddock
Deirdre Mooney (Apologies)

Officials

Teresa Walsh, Director of Service
Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer
Leo Magee, Senior Engineer
Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent
Michael McAdam, A/Senior Executive Officer
Derek Sargent, A/Senior Engineer
David Dodd, Regional Coordinator Dublin CARO
David Grant, Project Engineer
Rosaleen Dwyer, Heritage Officer
Brenda Shannon, Administrative Officer
Anne O’Gorman, Administrative Officer

Observers

Councillor Eoin Ó Broin
Arlene Hughes, Senior Staff Officer

Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 6th November 2019

The [Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 6th November 2019](#), were proposed by Councillor Lawlor, seconded by Councillor Timmons and agreed.

Item 2: Presentation by the Climate Action Regional Office

David Dodd, Co-ordinator of the Climate Action Regional Office delivered a presentation on the work of the [Climate Action Regional Office \(CARO\)](#) to the Committee.

David Dodd, Co-ordinator responded to the member's queries.

The report was **NOTED**

Item 3: Presentation on the Climate Action Plan – Theme: Flood Resilience

The following report as circulated was presented by David Grant, Project Engineer.

Update on: River Poddle Flood Alleviation Scheme

Works are now completed under Stage 1 – Preliminary Design and the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Planning Drawings for Part X Planning Application

Following an extensive design and a broad non statutory public consultation, notification of intent seeking Part 10 Planning approval from An Bord Pleanála for the scheme was advertised on February 13th 2020. All planning documents will be available to view and inspect from February 27th 2020 at the following locations

1. South Dublin County Council offices, County Hall, Belgard Square North, Tallaght, Dublin 24 between the hours of **9:00 am to 5:00 pm on working days from 27th February to 16th April (inclusive)**.
2. Dublin City Council Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8, between the hours of **9:00 am to 5:00 pm on working days from 27th February to 16th April (inclusive)**.
3. The offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 between the hours of **9:15 am to 5:30 pm on working days from 27th February to 16th April (inclusive)**.
4. The County Library, Library Square, Tallaght, Dublin 24 between the hours of **9:45am to 8:00pm Monday to Thursday and 9:45 am to 4:30 pm Friday and Saturday from 27th February to 16th April (inclusive)**.
5. Rathmines Library, 157 Lower Rathmines Road, Dublin 6, between the hours of **10:00 am to 8:00 pm Monday to Thursday and 10:00 am and 5:00 pm Friday and Saturday from 27th February to 16th April (inclusive)**.

In South Dublin, the Document will be available to view on the Public Consultation Portal on-line and on the portals in County Hall.

All information relating to the scheme is available and will continue to be updated on the website www.poddlesfas.ie.

Following the availability of the planning documents, no less than 7 weeks of Statutory Public Consultation will take place up until April 16th 2020 where local public information events will be held in early March in both the SDCC and DCC Administrative areas. Details of the events will be made through social media and a leaflet drop once venues have been secured.

During this period submissions or observations may be made in writing to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1

The Part X Planning process is estimated to take between 6 and 8 months and An Bord Pleanála may call an oral hearing if there are substantial objections to the scheme. Subject to a favourable decision from An Bord Pleanála construction is hoped to commence in late 2020 or early 2021.

Whitechurch Stream Flood Alleviation Scheme

The Whitechurch Stream Flood Alleviation Scheme commenced with the appointment of RPS Group in October 2018 as Technical Consultants.

In Q2 2019, following the review by the consultant of by the draft Preliminary Design Report issued by the OPW in Q1 2019, significant changes have taken place in relation to the Planning route required for the scheme. Following environmental impact screening of the scheme and as a result of the Sweetman v Coillte judgement by the CJEU in June 2018, it was recommended by the consultant that planning would now have to be applied to An Bord Pleanala under Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as opposed to the Part IIX process which was originally intended.

Following the recommendation, it was established that greater details of design and environmental reporting is required under Sec177AE which includes for Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment - Natura Impact statement.

Since the recommendation a Natura Impact Statement, an Ecological Assessment Report and a Screening for Environmental Impact Assessment Report have been compiled which have included comprehensive Bat Surveys, Habitat Surveys and Flora and Fauna Surveys. The Cost Benefit Analysis for the scheme has also been completed.

A broad Tree Survey has also recently been completed along the route and when the result of this has been analysed a number of Public Information Days/Evenings were held in November on the 20th, 26th & 27th, informing the public and relevant stakeholders of the proposed details of the scheme. These information dates were held in SDCC Head Office and in the Whitechurch library building.

Since the last SPC meeting ground investigations were carried out and due to the soil conditions foundation options are under review.

It is currently estimated that the planning submission to ABP will be in March 2020 where a decision on planning is expected to take 6 months.

Camac Flood Alleviation Scheme

Following a competitive tender process under the Multi Party Framework Agreement for Consultant Engineering Design Services for future Flood Alleviation Projects in County Dublin, AECOM Ireland Ltd were appointed as technical consultants for the scheme in October 2019 and works will commence with a comprehensive site walkover and a full review of all available data.

Following the appointment of AECOM, a Steering Group has been formed consisting of representatives from the OPW, DCC and SDCC with DCC selected as the Lead Authority on the scheme.

There have been a number of Steering Group meeting over the past number of months. The collection of records is progressing in relation to mapping, GIS and CCTV. Hydraulic modelling has commenced, and some visual inspection work has taken place. In February and March there will be a Risk identification Workshop to assess the risks for the scheme and a hydrology and hydraulic modelling workshop to agree the parameters for this work on the scheme in the coming weeks.

Public engagement events have taken place in Clondalkin and in Kilmainham and there is a Camac Scheme website where everyone can keep up to date with the progress on the scheme. www.camacfas.ie

END OF REPORT

The Project Engineer responded to the member's queries.

The Report was **NOTED**

The following report as circulated was presented by Derek Sargent, A/Senior Engineer:

SURFACE WATER MINOR WORKS PROGRAMME 2020

1. Minor Surface Water Capital Works:

Provision has been made for the following surface water minor capital works and assessments to be carried out during 2020 at a cost of €435k:

Location	Project Details	Projected Exp. For 2020
Rathcoole Park	Regrade River bank to alleviate overflow during heavy rainfall migrating down to Rathcoole village	€50,000
Tay Lane Rathcoole	Road Design required to Regrade road and allow installation of upsized Surface Water pipe	€80,000
Templeogue Village Main Street	Initial assessment and feasibility for new surface water sewer – slit trenches to determine location of underground services	€25,000
Old Lucan Road near village centre	New surface water pipeline required to facilitate road drainage	€160,000
Corkagh Park	Level Survey of existing flood alleviation works and desiltation of channels	€20,000
Butterfield Park	New surface water sewer required to allow separation of surface water and foul to alleviate foul sewer flooding – joint funding to be agreed with IW	€25,000
Woodville/Esker Lane	New surface water pipeline required to connect road gulleys to existing surface water network	€30,000
Palmerstown Woods	New surface water pipeline required to provide improved connection to surface water network	€25,000
Adamstown Road	Link from Castlegate to Finnstown to remove Surface Water Pumping Station	€20,000
Total		€435,000

The majority of the above schemes are at preliminary design stage and are subject to detailed design and full budgetary estimates.

2. Flood Alleviation Minor Capital Works – River & Stream 2020

A provision has been made in 2020 of €250k for Flood Alleviation Minor Capital Works to address pluvial and other flooding issues at various locations as follows:

Location	Project Details	Projected Exp. For 2020
Camac River	Clearing & regrading	€50,000
Poddle River	Clearing & regrading	€60,000
Jobstown Stream Tributary	Upgrade pipework from N81/DeSelby to discharge to 525mm .	€80,000
Wendover Stream	Clearing & regrading	€20,000
Mill Ponds & Camac Screen at Toyota	Replace River Screens	€15,000
Ballycragh Lake	Clear out debris and silt from lake	€25,000
Total		€250,000

A risk assessment and environmental impact will be carried out in advance of all the above works.

The A/Senior Engineer responded to the member's queries.

The Report was **NOTED**

Item 4: Litter Management Action Plan – Results of Consultation & New Draft Litter Management Plan

A report on the Draft Litter Management Plan 2020-2022 and the Public Consultation process was presented by Brenda Shannon, Administrative Officer. Members were informed that there were 195 submissions as part of the public consultation, resulting in changes to the Draft Litter Management Plan. See Presentation.

The SPC agreed that the [Draft Litter Management Plan 2020-2022](#) should be submitted to the March Council meeting for adoption with the recommendation of the SPC.

Item 5: Pitch Strategy – Action Plan arising from recommendations

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent provided an update to the SPC in relation to the development of the Action Plan arising from the adoption of the Sports Pitch Strategy for the Council under the following headings:

- Increase maintenance of pitches to improve match play equivalents
- Develop revised allocation policy, including pitch sharing and multipurpose use of facilities
- Reserve ability to change configuration of pitches
- Provide new pitches to meet capacity issues
- Provide AGPs to augment long term capacity and meet training need

The Senior Parks Superintendent responded to Member's queries.

The report was **NOTED**

Item 6: Draft Biodiversity Plan Update

Rosaleen Dwyer, Heritage Officer presented a report to update the members on the Draft Biodiversity Plan in advance of the upcoming public consultation.

The Heritage Officer responded to Member's queries

The Report was **NOTED**

Item 7: Any Other Business

- a. Eco Village Cloughjordan - Úna Ruddock, PPN extended an invitation to the members of the Strategic Policy Committee to visit the Eco Village at Cloughjordan, Co. Tipperary. Una to forward on the official invitation to Michael McAdam who will ensure that it is circulated to the SPC members.
 - 3-hour visit and lunch taking place on 9th May 2020
 - 1-hour visit taking place on 21st May 2020

- b. Councillor Johansson enquired if a presentation from a group that promotes the elimination of single use plastics could be arranged for an SPC later in 2020. Cllr Johansson to forward on full details to Michael McAdam.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.15 p.m.

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