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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting dealing with Planning, Transportation, Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Performance & Change Management, Corporate Support, Water & Drainage, Public Realm, Environment, Community and Housing, held on Wednesday 17th June 2020.

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

 Councillor William Joseph Carey

 Councillor Kenneth Egan

 Councillor Peter Kavanagh

 Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

 Councillor Shirley O’Hara

 Councillor Francis Timmons

Cathaoirleach, Councillor P. Kavanagh presided.

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Senior Engineer Mr. Willie Purcell

County Librarian Ms. Bernadette Fennell

Senior Executive Officer Ms. Cristina Hurson

Senior Executive Planner Mr. Eoin Burke

A/Senior Executive Officer Mr. Michael McAdam, Mr. Brian Hora

Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Mr. David Fennell, Mr. Laurence Colleran

Administrative Officer Ms. Fiona Hendley, Mr. Des English

Road Safety Officer Mr. Ally Menary

Senior Staff Officer Ms. Pamela Brennan

Staff Officer Ms. Patricia O’Reilly

Assistant Staff Officer Ms. Ita Kenny

### **C/174/20 – (H1) Item ID:66240 – Confirmation & Re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 20th May 2020**

Councillor E. Ó Broin raised a query in relation to the response to motion no. 11, and it was proposed by Councillor P. Kavanagh and seconded by Councillor W. Carey to amend the draft minutes of the May meeting of the Clondalkin Area Committee dealing with Housing, Community, Transportation, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management, Environment, Water & Drainage and Public Realm, held on Wednesday 20th May 2020, which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

[HI(1) Minutes of 20th May 2020](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66684)

## It was proposed by Councillor P. Kavanagh and seconded by Councillor W. Carey and **RESOLVED:**

## “That the recommendations contained in the minutes of 20th May 2020, be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

## **C/175/20 – 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.”**

## **Planning**

### **C/176/20 – (Q1) Item ID: 66362 – Sally Park Gunpowder Mill**

Proposed by Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

"The ruin of the Sally Park Gunpowder Mill stood in Clondalkin for over 200 years on Mill Lane. It was demolished under mysterious circumstances sometime in the last twenty five years. Is there anything on record in the files or archives of SDCC which can indicate on whose authorisation the ruin was demolished and for what reasons? On the SDCC Planning Applications interactive map the site is listed as Old Mill Site and Mill Pond Apartments. See two photos of the Mill attached before it was demolished."

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**REPLY:**

The Planning Department have reviewed the recent electronically available planning history (since 2000) and haven’t identified a planning application that permitted the demolition of ruins at the location of Mill Pond Apartments. Any further information available, including maps, would help with a future, more extensive, planning history.

### **C/177/20 – (H2) Item ID: 66214 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/178/20 – (C1) Item ID: 66215 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/179/20 – (M1) Item ID: 66169 – Tree Preservation Orders**

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

"That the Clondalkin Area Committee request Tree Preservation orders for trees in and around Clondalkin Convent. We believe these trees to be around 100 years old and that this is a matter of extreme urgency as there could be major building work at this area and we must protect the trees."

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

**Approach to Tree Preservation Orders**

Please note that that legislation for a TPO is set out in Section 205 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). Following discussions with the Forward Planning Team, there are no plans, at this time, to initiate any Tree Protection Orders in parallel with the County Development Plan process or under Section 205 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. The consideration of further TPOs in SDCC by the Planning Department and Public Realm would require a comprehensive countywide study to identify suitable and priority locations. The Planning Department have not allocated resources in 2020 to carry out such a study. As such, the Planning Department do not have an evidence base to justify initiating and prioritising a TPO for one site. Furthermore, the protection of trees on development sites is best carried out through the planning application and enforcement of the planning permission.

**TPO for Clondalkin Convent**

Permission was granted (by SDCC and the Board) under SD18A/0328 and ABP-304708-19 for nursing home and retirement home buildings at the subject site. The submitted request for a TPO does not indicate the exact trees that the TPO would apply to and as such it is difficult to compare if the trees for the proposed TPO and the trees required to be protected in the planning permission are the same trees.

A TPO can be made on a single tree, group of trees or woodland. Tree Preservation Orders are not granted to protect ecological value but if there is a special amenity value present. Special Amenity Value is not defined. In this case, if the purpose of the proposed TPO is to protect the trees that are specified for retention within the grant of permission and prevent their removal, then the Grant of Planning Permission has already done that. Trees that are proposed for retention have been designated as such and a condition requires their protection (Condition no.11) and another condition (no. 24) provides a financial incentive to ensure their protection.

Trees to be retained as part of a Grant of Planning Permission is a high level of protection. In this instance, under the conditions of the permission, the developer is required to ensure tree protection fencing is in place prior to any construction commencing and for the duration of the works. This ensures trees are protected and is in line with British Standard BS5837:2012 Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction. Failure to adhere to these conditions (even without damage being done to the trees) results in the developer not being in compliance with their grant of permission and enforcement action can be taken.

 As an added layer of protection, SDCC looked for a tree bond to be lodged to ensure there is a severe financial penalty if the developer fails to either implement tree protections or indeed damages trees. The bond is a strong financial disincentive that encourages strong compliance with the conditions of planning in relation to tree protection and prevention of damage to them.

The decision by ABP requires (condition 24) a tree bond but didn’t state the amount. SDCC recommended a tree bond of €111,520.00 in the Parks report. The applicant has not submitted a commencement notice and as such, the bo, and is not agreed. The €111,520.00 calculation is the SDCC bond proposal for this site.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, W. Carey and E. Ó Broin. Mr. E. Burke, Senior Executive Planner responded to the Members queries and the report was **AGREED.**

## **Transportation**

### **C/180/20 – (Q2) Item ID: 66188 – Millrace Taking in Charge**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed report into what is the delay in taking in charge of Millrace in Saggart? What in the Millrace Development will South Dublin County Council eventually take in charge?  Also to include in the report if the Old Mill and The Mill pond area as an extension to Rathcoole Park will be part of the area taking in charge by South Dublin County Council.  Is there any timeframe of when the area may be taken in charge by South Dublin County Council?"

**REPLY:**

The Developer has failed to submit the required information under various headings to support TIC.

South Dublin County Council will TIC Roads, Footpaths, Sewers, Public Lighting, Public Open Space and incidental additions.

Yes, the old Mill area will be included in TIC.

Without the cooperation of the Developer, the scheme will not be TIC.

South Dublin County Council have maintained an open line of communication with Neville's regarding TIC for about 10 years now.

### **C/181/20 – (Q3) Item ID: 66281 – Bollards in Clondalkin**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report in regards to bollards in Clondalkin - There are 3 issues -1) A New bollard requested at Round Tower; 2) Repairs to bollard opposite Round Tower and 3) bollards at entrance to South Dublin County Council car park were to have been repainted - to give an update on each?"

**REPLY:**

The proposed Bollards can be included in the NTA Social Distancing measures implementation phase.

Area Engineer has been requested to repair the bollards.

### **C/182/20 – (H3) Item ID: 66216 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/183/20 – (H4) Item ID: 66217 – Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

(No Business)

### **C/184/20 – (H5) Item ID: 66276 – South Dublin School Street Project**

The following report was presented by Mr. A. Menary, Road Safety Officer:

**South Dublin School Street Project** – an overview to exploring the feasibility of a School Street Pilot within South Dublin.

* SDCC School Street Project **Report**
* SDCC School Street Project **Presentation**

[SDCC School Street project Presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66732)
[SDCC School Street Project Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66731)

The Councillors NOTED that this item was not visible on Members Net prior to the meeting.

Following the presentation, a discussion took place with contributions from Councillors P. Kavanagh, E. Ó Broin, W. Carey and F. Timmons.

Mr. A. Menary, Road Safety Officer responded to the Members queries, and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/185/20 – (C2) Item ID: 66218 – Correspondence**

[Cor. 1 Reply from Minister for Transport](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66760)

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

### **C/186/20 – (M2) Item ID: 66354 – Cycling Infrastructure Improvement**

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Kavanagh and seconded by Councillor W. Carey:

"This Area Committee calls on South Dublin County Council to improve cycling infrastructure within the Clondalkin Area as a matter of priority in advance of people returning to work and public transport capacity remaining low. Cycling should be supported as a safe and healthy option for commuters, through improving existing cycling infrastructure and adding safe cycle lanes on other roads, including the Newcastle Road."

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

“The Members will have received a report on Social Distancing (SD) measures at the June full Council Meeting. This sets in train South Dublin County Council response to Covid 19 SD in the built up areas and commences the review of cycling facilities throughout the county. A pilot cycling scheme at Wellington Road is included in the document.

SDCC welcome suggestions from Members on locations where SD measures, both Walking and Cycling might be effective. The AIB in Clondalkin Village is to have a roll out of a trial queueing system for the bank (at the expense of car parking spaces under South Dublin County Council control) imminently. This will keep the footpath free.

The Members will be aware that all the GDA Authorities have been rolling out measures and it is important that South Dublin County Council are seen to work in harmony with adjoining authorities.

South Dublin County Council will carry out a technical assessment of locations received from Members on receipt of suggestions. This will include but not be limited to: Existing use, Impacts, Taking In Charge, Positive and Negative effects, Behaviour change etc.”

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors. P. Kavanagh and E. Ó Broin. Mr. W. Purcell, Senior Engineer responded to the Members queries, and the motion was **AGREED.**

### **C/187/20 – (M3) Item ID: 66355 – Rath Gael Estate Bus Stop**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Kavanagh and seconded by Councillor W. Carey:

"This Area Committee agrees to write to the National Transport Authority to ask that Dublin Bus rename Bus Stop 3419 from "Rath Geal Estate" as it is misleading, and the stop is not adjacent to Rath Geal."

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 National Transport Authority and when a reply is received, the Committee will be notified accordingly.”

The motion was **AGREED** without debate.

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **C/188/20 – (H6) Item ID: 66219 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/189/20 (H7) Item ID: 66220 – Library News & Events**

The following Headed Item was presented by Ms. B. Fennell, County Librarian:

[HI 7 (b) Library Programme of Online Events](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66690)
[HI 7 (a) Library Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66689)

Following the presentation, a discussion took place with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, P. Kavanagh and W. Carey. Ms. B. Fennell, County Librarian responded to the Members queries and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/190/20 – (H8) Item ID: 66221 – Application for Arts Grants**

(No Business)

### **C/191/20 – (C3) Item ID: 66222 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

## **Economic Development**

### **C/192/20 – (Q4) Item ID: 66352 – Farmers Markets**

Proposed by Councillor Peter Kavanagh

"To ask the Chief Executive if any feasibility studies have been run into open air or street markets in the county, with a view to establishing a Clondalkin Market, and if he will report on same."

**REPLY:**

Over the years, Farmers Markets have been tried at several locations in South Dublin County including Tallaght Village, outside County Hall and Corkagh Park, regrettably without long term success. A farmers market was established in 2010 in Corkagh Park following detailed discussions and planning in 2009 with Irish Farmers Markets. The market ran for a short period during the summer months but ultimately proved to be unsustainable.

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

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

### **C/193/20 – (H9) Item ID: 66223 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/194/20 – (C4) Item ID: 66224 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/195/20 – (M4) Item ID: 66359 – Liaison Officer/Biodiversity Group**

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

"This area committee calls on SDCC to appoint a liaison from the Economic Development and/or Tourism Units to engage with Clondalkin Tidy Towns with a view to establishing a street market in Clondalkin. Clondalkin Tidy Towns established an Environment and Biodiversity subgroup in 2020, who have met with a number of managers of markets including ones in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown (see [https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/parks-outdoors/markets/apply-market-stall](https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/parks-outdoors/markets/apply-market-stall?fbclid=IwAR2-clqoa4LmGUQ0-8PKGjAlSUhfzsMTm4bmokMliQ193-DOo5DnxYtUPEw)) and would appreciate support from SDCC to begin a Clondalkin Market from late August 2020."

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

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

From an economic perspective, the holding of any Street Markets would need to be very carefully considered in relation the quality and content of any offering and also in relation to potential impact on existing established businesses. Accordingly any proposal for a market will require a plan from an operator with awareness and experience of these issues. On submission of such a proposal the County Promotion Unit will engage with the Tidy Towns Committee on the plan.”

Following contributions from Councillors E. Ó Broin, F. Timmons and P. Kavanagh, Mr. D. English, Administrative Officer responded to the Members queries, and the report was **AGREED.**

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **C/196/20 – (H10) Item ID: 66225 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/197/20 – (C5) Item ID: 66226 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

## **Corporate Support**

### **C/198/20 – (Q5) Item ID: 66356 – An Post**

Proposed by Councillor Peter Kavanagh

"To ask the Chief Executive to write to An Post and ascertain the number of An Post post-boxes in the Clondalkin Area and if this information can be made available to the public?"

**REPLY:**

If the Question is agreed, a letter will be issued to the An Post and when a reply is received, the Committee will be notified accordingly.

### **C/199/20 – (H11) Item ID: 66227 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/200/20 – (C6) Item ID: 66228 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/201/20 – (M5) Item ID: 66353 – George Floyd & Acts of Racism**

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

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

"This Area Committee condemns absolutely the racist murder of George Floyd and all acts of racism; and stands in solidarity with oppressed peoples in Ireland and abroad, be they in direct provision, Travellers, people of colour, LGBTQI+ or any victimised group."

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

“If this motion is passed it will be noted in the minutes and released to the Press via Press net.”

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

### **C/202/20 – (M6) Item ID: 66282 - Spinraza**

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

"That this Committee agrees to write to the Minister for Health in relation to Spinraza for Clondalkin Local, Glen McHugh and to ask the Minister what is the delay and when he will get this medication."

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 contribution from Councillor F. Timmons, the motion was **AGREED.**

## **Water & Drainage**

### **C/203/20 – (H12) Item ID: 66229 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/204/20 – (C7) Item ID: 66230 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

## **Public Realm**

### **C/205/20 – (Q6) Item ID: 66002 – Sports Changing Rooms**

Proposed by Councillor William Joseph Carey

"To ask the Chief Executive to set out what monies are available for the provision of sports changing rooms in the Clondalkin LEA  and what plans are in place for these funds?"

**REPLY:**

**Pavilion Programme.**

In line with the recently developed Sports Pitch Strategy; Sports Pavilions are being provided on a shared basis for several clubs, at locations that have a number of playing pitches that require changing facilities. Pavilions are ideally located in areas with good passive surveillance, with good access to car parking and with good access to the pitch facilities they will serve.

SDCC’s pavilion construction programme is in progress and aims to provide for the provision of further changing facilities in public parks, commencing with provision at Dodder Valley-Old Bawn Park.

The following list of pavilions-county wide was agreed by the Council; within the Clondalkin LEA, a sports pavilion is proposed for Corkagh Park.:

* Dodder Valley Old Bawn
* Griffeen Valley Park
* Corkagh Park ORR
* Tymon Park South
* Dodder Valley Mt Carmel
* Griffeen Valley – Arthur Griffith Park
* Collinstown Park

To date, SDCC have been successful with applications for Sports Capital Grants for four of the above pavilions; including the pavilion at Corkagh Park in the sum of €550,000 and SDCC will continue to seek funding for the programme going forward.

Once Old Bawn Pavilion is completed the contractor will progress to the design and build of the pavilion at Griffeen Valley Park and then Corkagh Park all of which have funding from the Sports Capital Grants programme.  Subsequent appointment for the contracts for these pavilions will be dependent on overall performance and adherence to agreed programme on the first pavilion; which to date has been satisfactory.

A Part 8 is currently underway for the Pavilion at Corkagh Park; this consultation commenced in early 2020; and a link is available here:

<https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/proposed-sports-changing-rooms-pavilion-corkagh-park-outer-ring-road-r136-clondalkin-dublin-22>

The period for public consultation has been extended as a result of Covid 19 and the CE report on the Part 8 process is expected to issue to the Council Meeting in July 2020.

Please note that the Covid-19 restrictions necessary to protect our public health has had an impact on all construction projects and will continue to do so going forward, as work can only proceed in line with risk assessments and control measures to reduce risk to construction workers and adjacent communities. This will necessarily have an impact on project planning and programming and may also have an adverse impact on costs.

### **C/206/20 – (Q7) Item ID: 66003 – St. Cuthbert’s Task Force**

Proposed by Councillor William Joseph Carey

"To ask the Chief Executive why there have been no meetings of the St Cuthbert's Taskforce for almost a year and when the meetings will resume?"

**REPLY:**

St Cuthbert's High Level Task Force membership includes the following:

* SDCC Elected Members
* Oireachtas Members
* An Garda Síochána
* Local Safety Forum
* SDCC Senior Housing & EWCC personnel

A work programme was agreed and the majority of those works are complete.

Works carried out to date include the following:

* **CCTV** system installed in 2018 and commissioned in November.
* **Hedge** maintenance in November 2018 included the removal of vegetation, briars and rubbish in the vicinity of Kilmahuddrick Church.
* **Pitch** developed Spring 2019 with goal posts installed in February 2019.
* **Club facilities** - Clondalkin Celtic FC container moved into park July 2019.
* **Houses** - 63 housing units constructed in south east corner of park off Lealand Avenue 2018/2019.
* **Landscaping** - Area between Lealand and Lindisfarne estates landscaped following completion of housing project. Includes tree planting boundary treatment and link footpath.
* **Surfacing:** Entrance at Westbourne Rise resurfaced November 2019
* **Boundary:** Tender advertised for boundary upgrade works at Melrose Park/Deansrath Park.

Remaining Works To Complete:

* **Boundary** - Award contract for boundary upgrade works.

We informed Members in February that we intended to re-convene a meeting of the St. Cuthbert's High Level Task force as soon as could be arranged. In the interim the Covid pandemic has led to restrictions and difficulties in scheduling a meeting that all of the membership of the committee (as it stood at the last meeting) could attend.

We intend to convene a remote/virtual meeting of the committee shortly and will contact the membership in that regard.

### **C/207/20 – (Q8) Item ID: 66024 – 2m Distance Signs**

Proposed by Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

**"**That this Area Committee compliments South Dublin County Council staff for the stencilling of the 2 metre distance signs on paths in public parks around the LEA and asks the Chief Executive if some additional stencilling can be carried out with messages encouraging citizens to dispose of their litter properly?"

**REPLY:**

The stencils placed in parks were a once off measure to help address the issues arising from the Covid pandemic. There are no proposals to extend this type of stencilling at present.

We will be examining the options for signage in the development of a Signage Strategy for parks on open spaces. In that context we will consider guidelines such as those issued by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government in June 2010, which set out what is considered to be best practice and includes a requirement to control the proliferation of signage. It is now accepted practice to minimise signage where possible as proliferation of signage, can reduce the effectiveness of essential signage.

### **C/208/20 – (Q9) Item ID: 66212 – Litter in Corkagh Park**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"To ask the Chief Executive that as there is high level of litter in Corkagh Park can the Chief Executive Officer issue a litter picking schedule within Corkagh Park? and also a number of Clondalkin Residents are asking if South Dublin County Council collect litter in the park and if so how frequently?"

**REPLY:**

There has been an increase in the number of visitors to Corkagh Park due to restrictions imposed by Covid 19 combined with the fine weather that has been experienced in the months of April, May and June. This increase has resulted in higher levels of litter being generated by park users.

There are 17 litter bins placed at strategic locations throughout the park to facilitate users in their disposal of litter. The bins are emptied daily Monday to Friday throughout the year. Where use is high with individual bins as was seen during April/ May, a second emptying is carried out as required. A Saturday bin emptying service has also been introduced in response to the higher levels of use which are currently being experienced.

In addition to the provision of litter bins there are 3 members of staff rostered to pick litter each Monday in the park. This is repeated on Wednesdays and Fridays by 2 members of staff. The Council would encourage all park users to adopt the “Leave no Trace” approach and take their waste home with them rather than discarding it.

### **C/209/20 – (H13) Item ID: 66231 – St. Cuthbert’s Park Presentation**

The following report was presented by Mr. L. Colleran, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent:

[St Cuthberts Park](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66766)

Following the presentation, a discussion took place with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, E. Ó Broin and W. Carey. Mr. L. Colleran, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the Members queries and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/210/20 – (C8) Item ID: 66232 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/211/20 – (M7) Item ID: 66357 – Status of Clondalkin Fishing Lakes**

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

It was **AGREED** by the Cathaoirleach in consultation with the Members, to consider Motion 8 in tandem with this item as they were of a similar subject matter.

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

"This Area Committee calls on the Chief Executive to report on the status of Clondalkin Fishing Lakes and the attached cafe facility, in relation to reports of stock and equipment being moved into the units."

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

“The former fishery in Corkagh Park and associated shop/cafe was managed by operator of the Camac Valley Caravan park under that contract since 2013. This contract was extended to September 2020 pending the completion of the Corkagh Park Master Plan. A study carried out by Tyréns was presented to the full Council meeting on 9th December.

The study is available; <http://intranet/Cmas/documents/County%20Council/2019/December/December2019CountyCouncilMeeting/26fe287e-2069-45b8-9cee-fd30477d935e.pdf>

Stage 3 of that plan, which is currently ongoing and is planned to be completed by the end of 2020, will research and make recommendations into commercial leisure opportunities, such as a commercial fishery. Initial indications indicate limited interest in operating a commercial fishery in the park.

The operator of the Caravan Park recently requested to reopen the cafe/shop beside the lakes in Corkagh. South Dublin County Council has agreed for him to do so with the following conditions;

* Adherence to Government and HSE guidance relating to the Covid pandemic
* Sales are take away only
* Provision for litter collection is made
* A queuing system, indicating the social distance separation requirements to be set up.

The operation will be reviewed on an ongoing basis for South Dublin County Council operational purposes and in the context of the development of the Corkagh Master Plans.”

### **(M8) Item ID: 66022 – Corkagh Fishery Ponds**

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

"That this Area Committee agrees that a new tender should be put together for the Corkagh Fishery Ponds in Corkagh Park Clondalkin. The Corkagh Fisheries were a fantastic amenity for people from far and wide but unfortunately have not been open for over five years. The new tender should focus on service provision rather than on profit maximisation for both the successful applicant and South Dublin County Council."

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

“A study carried out by Tyréns was presented to the full Council meeting on 9th December. The study is available; <http://intranet/Cmas/documents/County%20Council/2019/December/December2019CountyCouncilMeeting/26fe287e-2069-45b8-9cee-fd30477d935e.pdf>

Stage 3 of that plan, which is currently ongoing and is planned to be completed by the end of 2020, will research and make recommendations into commercial leisure opportunities, such as a commercial fishery. Initial indications indicate limited interest in operating a commercial fishery in the park.”

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

## **Environment**

### **C/212/20 – (Q10) Item ID: 66361 – Litter and Dog Fines**

Proposed by Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

"How many fines for both littering and dog fouling were issued in the Clondalkin LEA in the months of April 2020 and May 2020? Please list a table for each of the two items for each of the two months?"

**REPLY:**

Throughout the Covid 19 crisis and the implementation of Social Distancing restrictions, South Dublin County Council in conjunction with Waste Collectors and Civic Amenity Site Operators/Collectors, maintained waste collection services throughout the county.  Despite maintaining the level of service, South Dublin County Council witnessed a sizeable increase of illegal dumping and burning of waste, particularly domestic household waste.

To address the illegal dumping activities, Litter Wardens and Public Realm Crews increased patrols and removed the illegal dumped items at the earliest opportunities, whilst taking the necessary health and safety precautions to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

Waste Enforcement Officers carried out covert surveillance of litter pollution black spots with the use of Drones and CCTV. Detection rates were high, and a number of fines and prosecutions are pending relating to offences identified during April and May 2020.

Through South Dublin County Council Social Media, the Council sought to highlight the increase in dumping and requested the public to play their part.

### **C/213/20 – (Q11) Item ID: 66289 – Dog Wardens (Rathcoole Park)**

Proposed by Shirley O'Hara

"To ask the Chief Executive to increase the Dog Warden patrols in Rathcoole Park?"

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council currently employs two full time Dog Wardens within the administrative area.

The Dog Warden's role is the enforcement of the Control of Dogs Act 1986 as amended. This includes:

* responding to complaints relating to dogs not under effectual control and/or dangerous dogs
* carrying out of licence checks and the initiation of enforcement proceedings where possible
* seizure and collection of unwanted/stray dogs and removal to the Dog Pound.

The Dog Wardens can be contacted on 01 414 9000.

The Bye-Laws for Parks and Open Spaces 2011 came into force on the 1st August 2011 and are for the use, operation, protection, regulation and management of Parks and Open Spaces owned, controlled and managed by, or in the charge of South Dublin County Council.

Section 4 of the Bye-Laws deals specifically with the control of dogs, while Section 8 and 9 deal with enforcement, penalties and fixed payment notices in relation to the contravention of any of the provisions of the Bye-Laws.

Park Rangers as employees of the Council are authorised to enforce the South Dublin County Council Bye-laws. In the event that a member or members of the public fail to co-operate with an instruction or direction of a Park Ranger, the next step, depending on the severity of the breach of the Bye-laws is to seek the assistance of An Garda Siochána to enforce the Bye-law. They are empowered to direct the public to comply with the Bye-laws and a frequent activity in this regard is to request members of the public to put dogs on a leash.

### **C/214/20 – (H14) Item ID: 66233 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/215/20 – (C9) Item ID: 66234 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/216/20 – (M9) Item ID: 66351 – Illegal Dumping in Corkagh Park**

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

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

"This Area Committee calls on the Chief Executive to tackle illegal dumping in Corkagh Park at peak times through increased signage and an increased deterrent through Park Rangers, and asks him to prepare a report on litter management in Corkagh Park."

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

“There has been an increase in the number of visitors to Corkagh Park due to restrictions imposed by Covid 19 combined with the fine weather that has been experienced in the months of April, May and June. This increase has resulted in higher levels of litter being generated by park users.

There are 17 litter bins placed at strategic locations throughout the park to facilitate users in their disposal of litter. The bins are emptied daily Monday to Friday throughout the year. Where use is high with individual bins as was seen during April/ May, a second emptying is carried out as required. A Saturday bin emptying service has also been introduced in response to the higher levels of use which are currently being experienced.

In addition to the provision of litter bins there are 3 members of staff rostered to pick litter each Monday in the park. This is repeated on Wednesdays and Fridays by 2 members of staff. The Council would encourage all park users to adopt the “Leave no Trace” approach and take their waste home with them rather than discarding it.

Deterring littering through Park Ranger presence has limited effect as littering generally takes place when the rangers are not around. Corkagh Park extends to 120 hectares in size and opportunities to discard litter arise quite often.

We will be examining the options for signage. In that context we will consider guidelines such as those issued by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government in June 2010, which set out what is considered to be best practice and includes a requirement to control the proliferation of signage. It is now accepted practice to minimise signage where possible as proliferation of signage can reduce the effectiveness of essential signage.”

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors P. Kavanagh, E. Ó Broin, F. Timmons and W. Carey. Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the Members queries and the report was **AGREED.**

### **C/217/20 – (M10) Item ID: 66211 – Business Litter Fines**

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

"That this committee requests in light of the Data Protection Commission report dated 26th March ref. C-20-2-660 - SDCC ref M65153 - can the CEO report on the names of businesses in Clondalkin who have received fines under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 and subsequent Amendments. We ask that this report includes the regularity of fines per business. Also is there any fines outstanding per business? As there are a number of high profile businesses regularly not adhering to their obligations this Committee requests a monthly report on named  businesses to have received notices and or fines."

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

“Current systems do not facilitate the reporting of historical information in the format requested. A procedure has been put in place to record this data with effect from 1st June 2020 so that reports may be provided in conjunction with Litter Management Plan updates presented to area committee.”

Following a contribution from Councillor F. Timmons, Mr. M. McAdam, A/Senior Executive Officer responded the Members queries and the report was **AGREED.**

## **Community**

### **C/218/20 – (H15) Item ID: 66235 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/219/20 – (H16) Item ID: 66382 - Deputations**

(No Business)

### **C/220/20 – (C10) Item ID: 66237 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/221/20 – (M11) ID: 66183 – Bawnogue Community Centre**

It was **AGREED** by the Cathaoirleach in consultation with the Members, to consider Motion 12 in tandem with this item as they were of a similar subject matter.

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

"That this Area Committee requests that a feasibility study for a play space be investigated for the Bawnogue Community Centre from space within the grounds that would meet some of the needs for the Bawnogue area and liaise with the Bawnogue Board of Management on same."

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

“The Community Development Team will make arrangement to discuss this proposal from the Board of Management of the Community Centre and will also request advice and guidance from the Public Realm Department to determine what may or may not be feasible within the grounds of the centre.”

### **(M12) Item ID: 66280 – Bawnogue Community Centre**

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

"That this Committee requests that a full accessible wheelchair facility is built in Bawnogue Community Centre, the current facility is not fully accessible and safe."

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

“The Community Development Team will liaise with the Board of Management of the Bawnogue Community Centre to advise and assist on getting the existing facility assessed in terms of the buildings accessibility. A report will be completed identifying any recommended measures to be actioned.”

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons and E. Ó Broin. Mr. B. Hora, A/Senior Executive Officer responded to the Members queries and the reports were **AGREED.**

## **Housing**

### **C/222/20 – (Q12) Item ID: 65999 – Clondalkin Boardwalk**

Proposed by Councillor William Joseph Carey

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the works to be carried out on the Clondalkin Boardwalk. Can he confirm a start date for the works and can he confirm that this work be treated as a essential priority during the current crisis and also take into consideration that weather is an important factor for the completion of this project?"

**REPLY:**

With the proximity of the boardwalk to the river and the risk this poses to the contractor, the Consultant Engineer recommended that the work be carried out in the Summer when the water levels and flow rates in the Camac are at their lowest.

The tender process which was planned for the Spring was delayed due to restrictions as result of Covid-19. The Architectural Services Department issued the tender documents to five contractors for pricing on 12th May. The contractors are due to submit their tenders by 23rd June.

It is envisaged that on successful completion of this tender process, a contractor will be recommended and appointed to carry out the works in July/August.

### **C/223/20 – (Q13) Item ID: 66279 – Update on Clondalkin Boardwalk**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Clondalkin Boardwalk?"

**REPLY:**

**Clondalkin Boardwalk update to Clondalkin ACM 17.6.20**

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### **C/224/20 – (H17) Item ID: 66238 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/225/20 – (C11) Item ID: 66239 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

Cathaoirleach Councillor P. Kavanagh on his own behalf and on behalf of the Elected Members expressed his appreciation to the Officials for their support during his time in the Chair. He similarly expressed his appreciation to his fellow Councillors for their courtesy and co-operation during the year.

The Members congratulated Councillor P. Kavanagh on his excellent service to the Committee during his tenure as Chair, and the Executive conveyed his thanks to everybody.

The meeting concluded at 5.00pm

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