

COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS
SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL



Minutes of Environment Public Realm & Climate Change SPC Meeting held on 23rd September

2020

Venue: Virtual Teams Meeting

In attendance:

Elected Members

Councillor Brian Lawlor (Chair)
Councillor Francis Timmons
Councillor Alan Edge
Councillor Yvonne Collins
Councillor Madeleine Johansson
Councillor Dermot Richardson
Councillor Clare O'Byrne

Sectoral Members

Donie Anderson
Una Ruddock
Deirdre Mooney

Guest

Raoul Empey

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
Brenda Shannon, Administrative Officer
Fionnghuala Ryan, Climate Change & Environmental Awareness Officer
Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer
Richard Fitzpatrick, Executive Environmental Scientific Officer
Hazel Craigie, Senior Planner

Apologies

Derek Sargent, A/ Senior Engineer
Rosaleen Dwyer, Heritage Officer

Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 27th May 2020

The [Minutes of the Environment SPC Meeting held on 27th May 2020](#), were proposed by Councillor Lawlor, seconded by Councillor Timmons and agreed.

Item 2: Presentation on the Climate Change Action Plan. Theme - Transport, EV Charging Point Study

Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer delivered a report on the [Climate Change Action Plan Theme - Transport, EV Charging Point Study](#)

Councillors Collins, Timmons, Johansson, Edge, O'Byrne and Lawlor raised queries and commented on the report. The Senior Executive Engineer, the Senior Engineer and the Director of Services responded to the members' queries.

The Report was **NOTED**

Item 3: Sustainable Energy Communities Presentation

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer introduced Raoul Empey who delivered a report on the [Sustainable Energy Communities Project](#).

There were no questions from the committee members.

The Report was **NOTED**

Item 4: Green Infrastructure Strategy Update

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent delivered a report on the [Green Infrastructure Strategy](#).

There were no questions from the committee members.

The Report was **NOTED**

Item 5: Parks and Open Spaces Strategy

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent delivered a report on the [Parks and Open Spaces Strategy](#).

Councillor Timmons commented on the report.

The Senior Parks Superintendent responded to the member's comment.

The Report was **NOTED**

Item 6: Update on Poddle and Whitechurch Surface Water Schemes

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer delivered an update on the [Poddle and Whitechurch Surface Water Schemes](#)

Councillor Lawlor raised a query on the report.

The Senior Engineer responded to the member's query

The Report was **NOTED**

Item 7: Update on Dublin Urban Rivers LIFE Project

Richard Fitzpatrick, Executive Environmental Scientific Officer delivered an update on the [Dublin Urban Rivers LIFE Project](#)

Councillor Collins and sectoral member, Una Ruddock raised queries.

The Executive Environmental Scientific Officer responded to the committee members' queries

The Report was **NOTED**

Item 8: Solar Bin Trial Update

Leo Magee, Senior Engineer delivered an updated report on the [Solar Bin Trial](#)

A discussion ensued with contributions from Councillors Johansson, Timmons and Lawlor and sectoral members Una Ruddock and Deirdre Mooney.

The Senior Engineer and the Director of Services responded to the members' queries. The Chair proposed that the Committee recommend to the Council that the replacement of 88 standard litter bins with 70 Solar Bins in Clondalkin, Lucan and Tallaght as set out in the report be delivered over a three-year period and that the required budgetary provisions should be made to meet this objective. A discussion ensued and it was agreed that clarifying information will be circulated to the committee members in advance of the proposal being submitted to the Council Membership for approval.

It was proposed by Councillor Lawlor, seconded by Councillor Timmons and agreed that Standing Orders be suspended for 10 minutes to allow for business to be concluded.

Item 9: Commercial Rates

It was agreed that this item will be resubmitted to the next meeting of the Committee

Item 10: Any Other Business

Michael McAdam, A/ Senior Executive Officer presented an update on the [Biodiversity Action Plan](#)

There were no questions.

The Report was **NOTED**

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.10 p.m.