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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting dealing with Performance & Change Management, Corporate Support, Environment, Water & Drainage, Public Realm, Community, Housing, Planning, Transportation, Libraries & Arts and Economic Development held on Wednesday 21st October.

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

Councillor William Joseph Carey

Councillor Kenneth Egan

Councillor Trevor Gilligan

Councillor Peter Kavanagh

Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

Councillor Shirley O’Hara

Councillor Francis Timmons

Cathaoirleach, Councillor E. Ó Broin presided.

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Senior Engineer Mr. Willie Purcell, Mr. Tony O’Grady

Senior Executive Officer Ms. Cristina Hurson

A/Senior Executive Officer Mr. Michael McAdam, Ms. Brenda Pierce

A/Senior Planner Mr. Eoin Burke

Senior Parks Superintendent Ms. Suzanne Furlong

Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Mr. David Fennell

Senior Executive Librarian Ms. Rosena Hand

Conservation Officer Ms. Irenie McLoughlin

Administrative Officer Ms. Sheila Kelly

Senior Staff Officer Ms. Pamela Brennan

Staff Officer Ms. Leona Maher

Assistant Staff Officer Ms. Ita Kenny

**C/389/20 – H1 Item ID:67986 Confirmation & Re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 18th November 2020**

The minutes of the November meeting of the Clondalkin Area Committee meeting dealing with Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management, Public Realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Transportation and Planning held on 18th November 2020 which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

[HI 1 Minutes of 18th Nov 2020](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=68183)

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

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

**C/390/20 – QUESTIONS**

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

“That pursuant to Standing Order 13, Questions 1 to 11 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

## **Community**

### **C/391/20 – (H2) Item ID:67961 New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/392/20 – (H3) Item ID:67987 Deputations**

(No Business)

### **C/393/20 – (C1) Item ID:67962 Correspondence**

(No Business)

## **Housing**

### **C/394/20 – (H4) Item ID:67963 New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/395/20 – (C2) Item ID:67964 Correspondence**

(No Business)

## **Planning**

### **C/396/20 – (Q1) Item ID:67995 Planning Permission for Single Dwellings**

Proposed by Councillor S. O'Hara:

"To ask the Chief Executive, how many planning permissions for single dwellings in our LEA were approved by South Dublin County Council in their Rural Metropolitan Area since the current plan commenced in 2016?

**REPLY:**

Our research on this issue has outlined that five single house applications in rural areas were granted by SDCC since the last plan was adopted in 2016 two of these were APB Decisions Register Reference numbers are SD17A/0191, SD16A/0351, SD18A/0110, SD18A/0431 and SD19A/0244.

### **C/397/20 – (Q2) Item ID:68120 Mast on Bawnogue Road**

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey:

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report detailing the purpose of the erection of a large mast on Bawnogue Road close to the junction of Alpine Heights. Was there a planning application approved for this structure and who is responsible for it?"

**REPLY:**

Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) was amended by the Communications Regulation Act, 2002. The amended Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 enables a licence application for overground electronic communications infrastructure and any associated physical infrastructure to be lodged as licenses along public roads. Section 254(7) states that ‘Development carried out in accordance with a licence under this section shall be exempted development for the purposes of this Act.’

The Planning Authority assessed the application for the licence having regard to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, the relevant provisions of the development plan, the number and location of existing appliances, apparatuses or structures on, under, over or along the public road, and the convenience and safety of road users including pedestrians. The Planning Authority has granted a licence, subject to conditions, including limiting the licence to three years. Please note that the license decision and Chief Executive Order is available at www.sdcc.ie under reference S25419/07. The Planning Authority assessed the application for the licence as submitted by Cignal Infrastructure Ltd. The applicant on the licence states in the further information submitted that the structure is required by Eir Mobile.

Please note that Section 254 (6) ( a) states that ‘any person may, in relation to the granting, refusing, withdrawing or continuing of a licence under this section or to the conditions specified by the planning authority for such a licence, appeal to the Board.’

### **C/398/20 – (Q3) Item ID:68131 Submission made to An Bord Pleanála**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin:

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that South Dublin County Council made a submission to An Bord Pleanála on the Garters Lane SHD (http://www.garterslaneshd.com/)?"

**REPLY:**

Cape Wrath Hotel ULC lodged a SHD planning application (reg ref SHD3ABP-308088-20). The Chief Executive submitted a report to An Bord Pleanala as part of the process in October 2020. The ABP decision is due on January 4th 2021.

### **C/399/20 – (H5) Item ID:67965 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/400/20 – (C3) Item ID:67966 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/401/20 – (M1) Item ID:68130 – Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2021**

It was Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin and Seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh:

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

"That this Area Committee notes with interest the recently announced, Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2021 and the Historic Structure Fund (HSF) 2021, both administered by SDCC, and, receives a presentation on the types of structures that can typically receive funding under such schemes so as the members may have a better idea of what in the Clondalkin LEA could in principle apply for such funding."

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

The Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) and the Historic Structures Fund (HSF) are running again this year and both are funded by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.  Both schemes run in tandem and there are different streams and funding available.  Applicants apply to South Dublin County Councils Architectural Conservation Section before the closing date of the 28th January 2021 and applications are then assessed and submitted for formal provisional approval by the Departments Architectural Protection Unit.

**Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2021**

The allocation for South Dublin County Council under the scheme for 2021 is €72,000.  The fund is intended to assist with works to safeguard Protected Structures under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and, in certain cases, works to structures within Architectural Conservation Areas, and to support the employment of skilled and experienced conservation professionals and tradespeople. The fund is not intended to assist in the carrying out of routine maintenance, alterations, improvements, or pre-existing works.

South Dublin County Council have invited owners of Protected Structures and buildings within Architectural Conservation Areas to apply under this scheme and details have been advertised and are available on the Councils website.  Applications can be lodged for grants of between €2,500 up to a maximum of €15,000, with applicants required to provide a minimum of 50% of total costs.   Only one application under BHIS can be made by the Local Authority.  Circular BHIS21/1 provides full details of qualifying works and works approved under this scheme must meet all statutory requirements including the need for planning permission, where appropriate.

Under BHIS 2020, six projects were completed, five of which were private owners and one was Council owned (Whitechurch Library) which was for the repair and energy efficiency upgrading of original timber sash windows.

**Historic Structures Fund 2021**

The primary focus of the Historic Structures Fund is on caring for and restoring historic structures and buildings for the benefit of communities and the public.  There are a number of changes to the scheme, as set out in the HSF Guidance Circular.  The principal change for 2021 is the introduction of two pilot streams:

**The Historic Structures Fund 2021** will have four Streams:

1. *Stream 1* will offer grants from €15,000 up to €50,000 and is aimed at essential repairs and smaller capital works for the refurbishment and conservation of heritage structures.
2. *Stream 2* will offer a small number of grants from €50,000 up to €200,000 for larger enhancement, refurbishment or reuse projects involving heritage structures, where a clear community or public benefit has been demonstrated (funding of up to €3m for 2021 under this Stream).
3. *Pilot Stream for* ***Vernacular Structures*** - In the context of the forthcoming strategy for built vernacular, a pilot stream for vernacular structures is being introduced for 2021, with funding of €50,000. The purpose of the stream is to support conservation repairs and small capital works to vernacular structures that are not listed in local authority Records of Protected Structures or otherwise legally protected. Such structures may be located within an Architectural Conservation Area. All local authorities can apply for funding for specific projects of between €5,000 and €10,000 for eligible projects.
4. *Pilot Stream for* ***Historic Shopfronts*** – To incentivise the conservation of historic shop fronts, each Local Authority is invited to submit an additional application under Stream 1 for eligible essential repairs and small capital works for the refurbishment and conservation of historic shop facades, windows, signage and other associated details to safeguard them and keep them in use.

Circular HSF/2021 sets out the operation of the scheme, funding available and qualifying works.

Two applications were submitted by SDCC to the Department under HSF 2020, unfortunately neither were successful in being awarded grant funding due to the high volume of applications and priority of works.

Applicants cannot avail of funding under both the Historic Structures Fund and the Built Heritage Investment Scheme in the same year.

A copy of the Councils Architectural Conservation Officers Visual Proof Report on completed projects under BHIS 2020 has been attached to provide details on the type of projects completed this year. Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2020 Projects.

<https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/planning/heritage-and-conservation/financial-support/>

[M 1 PDF](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=68326)

### A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors P. Kavanagh and W. Carey. Ms. I. McLoughlin, Conservation Officer responded to the Members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

### **C/402/20 – (M2) Item ID:68026 – Community Facility in Ballynakelly**

It was Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and Seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh:

"That this Area Committee asks for a full report for discussion on the planned community facility for Ballynakelly, has South Dublin County Council received any payment in lieu of this facility given the original planning agreed? We ask for a full detailed report and explanation on the community space, why it wasn't delivered and how it was allowed go from Community to Housing? Also if any money was paid? How much? and what community dividend will the community get in lieu of this originally planned community facility?”

**REPORT:**

SHD3ABP-305343-19 was granted planning permission by An Bord Pleanala for a development description

*‘(1) The demolition of 5 structures on site, total area measuring 359sq.m, comprising 2 habitable dwellings and 3 associated outbuildings/sheds located to the northwest of the site; (2) development of 406 residential homes; (3) a childcare facility (518sq.m GFA); (4) 1 commercial unit (67.7sq.m GFA); (5) reservation of a school site (1.5ha); (6) new vehicular, cycle and pedestrian access from Main Street; (7) continuation of Newcastle Boulevard forming part of a new east-west link street; (8) a new Public Park (2ha); (9) pocket parks and greenway together with associated internal access roads, pedestrian  and cycle paths and linkages; (10) 1 single storey marketing suite (81sqm) and signage (including hoarding) during the construction phase of development only and (11) all associated site and development works.The overall site comprises lands to the south of Main Street (c.15ha) together with 3 additional infill sites at the corner of Burgage Street and Newcastle Boulevard (c. 0.8ha); No. 32 Ballynakelly Edge (c.0.05ha); and Ballynakelly Rise (c.0.18ha)’*

This permission included the change of use of the community facility at No. 32 Ballynakelly Edge to apartments. The building was given consent under Part 8 as a community building relating to existing adjacent units which were at the time designated for the use of the travelling community. The applicant stated that the residential units have not been allocated as traveller accommodation and therefore the community building is no longer required.

At the time of the Chief Executive Report to ABP on the Stage 3 SHD planning application, the Community Section of South Dublin County Council advised that the existing building the subject of this application that was built for community use and is proposed for use as three apartments is not suitable for the community’s requirements. It was considered that there is scope to provide community facilities in alternative more appropriate locations within Newcastle. In this context, the Planning Authority outlined that the proposal to change the use at Ballynakelly was appropriate and advised the Board to consider attaching a specific condition for contributions for the provision of community facilities in Newcastle at another location in accordance with the phasing requirements of the Newcastle LAP.

An Bord Pleanala attached a standard Section 48 contribution condition, however a specific additional contribution condition for community facilities to comply with the LAP was not included in the ABP grant of permission.

In addition, it is noted that community floorspace was permitted under SD20A/0037 on Main Street, Newcastle.

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

## **Transportation**

### **C/403/20 – (Q4) Item ID:68129 – Street Bicycle Pump**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin:

"In relation to the on street bicycle pump that was installed at the 9th Lock in Clondalkin, but has now been removed due to neglect and vandalism, to ask the Chief Executive: - the cost of the unit? - the cost of an external contractor installing the unit? - the cost of each maintenance call out from an external contractor? - in what section of Budget 2020 and Budget 2021 are such items included? - if the CCTV adjacent to the bicycle pump has been utilized to monitor use and vandalism of the pump?

**REPLY:**

The bicycle maintenance stand was removed because it was continually vandalised.  It was repaired on two occasions by the contractor who installed it.  The Council have been informed that the last time it was vandalised it was not feasible to repair, and removed it.

The Council will not be replacing the stand as it is just costing too much to repair every time it was vandalised.

New tender will issue next year for stands and will be placed elsewhere in the Clondalkin area.

The maintenance stands cost approximately €3,000 each to supply.   

Land Use Planning and Transportation do not monitor the CCTV at this location.

### **C/404/20 – (Q5) Item ID:68135 – Improvement to Footpaths on Watery Lane**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin:

"To ask the Chief Executive when the footpaths of the Riversdale Estate on Watery Lane in Clondalkin might be improved in particular to allow wheelchair users to safely navigate from Riversdale Drive to the Bridge over the River Camac?"

**REPLY:**

These works should be brought to the attention of the Executive through the TMM.

### **C/405/20 – (H6) Item ID:67967 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/406/20 – (H7) Item ID:67968 – Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

(No Business)

### **C/407/20 – (C4) Item ID:67969 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/408/20 – (M3) Item ID:67957 – Ramps on Cherrywood Crescent**

It was Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan and Seconded by Councillor W. Carey:

"That this Area Committee request the Chief Executive please approve 2 or 3 ramps for Cherrywood Crescent."

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

The 2020 proposed ramps are presently out to Public Consultation. Cherrywood Crescent is not included. As such, South Dublin County Council cannot install ramps at this time.

Please complete a Ramps application form and the location will then be inspected for technical approval to be included in the next public consultation.

### A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors T. Gilligan, E. Ó Broin, P. Kavanagh and W.Carey. Ms. S. Kelly, Administrative Officer responded to the Members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

### **C/409/20 – (M4) Item ID:68044 – Footpaths on Main Street, Newcastle**

It was Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and Seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh:

"That this Area Committee requests that South Dublin County Council investigate the state of the footpaths in Main Street, Newcastle as roots of trees are pushing up footpaths and there are at least two wheelchair bound residents that cannot use this footpath and several others on walkers who find it difficult to navigate the footpath.  We ask that immediate repairs are undertaken."

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

If the Councillor gives the exact location, the area will be inspected by the Area Engineer. If the cause of the problem is roots then Public Realm may have to remove the trees before the footpath can be repaired.

### A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons and E. Ó Broin. Mr. T. O’Grady, Senior Engineer responded to the Members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

### **C/410/20 – (M5) Item ID:68115 – Knockmeenagh Road**

### The following motion which was proposed by Councillor P. Kavanagh and Seconded by E. Ó Broin was **WITHDRAWN** at the request of Councillor P. Kavanagh, with the agreement of the Members in accordance with Standing Order No. 19.

"This Area Committee agrees that Knockmeenagh Road be pedestrianised from Consolidated Pumps/Newlands Grove to St. Brigid's Cottages and calls on the Chief Executive to begin a process of public consultation to this end."

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

This Motion is unlikely to get any support from TII, NTA or Roads Planning in South Dublin County Council.

As the lands along Knockmeenagh Lane are developed, Knockmeenagh Lane will have more use. This is because TII will oppose single access development from the N7 slip road. Roads Planning support this design principle of permeability. Yes, it will add traffic to Knockmeenagh lane.

### **C/411/20 – (M6) Item ID:68122 – Bicycle Pump at Canal Cycle Way**

It was Proposed by Councillor W. Carey and Seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh:

"Following the recent vandalising of the bicycle pump and repair station sited at the Canal cycle way and adjacent to "Hairlough Barbers", that this Area Committee agrees that the council should replace with more robust structure."

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

This pump was repeatedly vandalised since it was installed at this location.  The structure is predesigned and not suitable for modifications so the Contractor has now removed the stand and it will not be replaced.

It is intended to locate a bicycle stand elsewhere in Clondalkin in 2021.

### A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors W. Cary, P. Kavanagh, F. Timmons, E. Ó Broin and T. Gilligan. Mr. W. Purcell, Senior Engineer and Ms. S. Kelly, Administrative Officer responded to the Members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

### **C/412/20 – (M7) Item ID:68124 – Stoney Lane, Rathcoole**

It was Proposed by Councillor S. O'Hara and Seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh:

"That this Area Committee requests that the sign being erected on Stoney Lane, Rathcoole says "Stoney Lane" and not "Stoney Hill Lane" and if the sign cannot read "Stoney Lane" that no sign be erected at all."

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

South Dublin County Council can only erect signs that state the official name for a road. While local nomenclature may adopt abbreviated versions of road names, these will not be of any use to a visitor accessing the location on only a single or occasional basis.

### A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors S. O’Hara and P. Kavanagh. Mr. W. Purcell, Senior Engineer responded to the Members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

### **C/413/20 – (M8) Item ID:68126 – Bicycle Stands in Clondalkin LEA**

It was Proposed by Councillor P. Kavanagh and Seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:

"This Area Committee calls for an increase in the provision of bicycle stands in the Clondalkin LEA."

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

All requests for bicycle stands are considered by the Traffic Section in terms of demand, suitability and funding.

Any requests for stands should be submitted through the Traffic Management Meetings for inspection.

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

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **C/414/20 – (H8) Item ID:67970 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/415/20 – (H9) Item ID:67971 – Library News & Events**

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

[HI 9 (a) Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=68348)  
[HI 9 (b) Events](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=68349)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons and E. Ó Broin. Ms. R. Hand, Senior Executive Librarian responded to the Members queries and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/416/20 – (H10) Item ID:67972 – Application for Arts Grants**

(No Business)

### **C/417/20 – (C5) Item ID:67973 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/418/20 – (M9) Item ID:6802 – Record of Clondalkin’s past to be submitted by residents of Clondalkin**

It was Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and Seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh and unanimously **AGREED** with debate:

"That this Committee requests that Clondalkin Libraries invite older residents of Clondalkin to submit their memories of Clondalkin in writing or video and these are collated in order to build a record of Clondalkin's past."

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

“South Dublin Libraries have engaged in many projects in the past to collect and record the memories of the Clondalkin area. We commissioned ‘Irish Life and Lore’ to record memories of local people, which are available on Source (Digital Archive of South Dublin Libraries) at: [http://source.southdublinlibraries.ie/handle/10599/53/simple-search?query=clondalkin&sort\_by=0&order=DESC&rpp=10&etal=0&start=0](http://source.southdublinlibraries.ie/handle/10599/53/simple-search?query=clondalkin&amp;sort_by=0&amp;order=DESC&amp;rpp=10&amp;etal=0&amp;start=0)

These recordings include people who worked in Clondalkin Paper Mills as well as other topics.

We also did a lot of public consultation work and scanning sessions around various projects, where members of the public were invited to submit old photos, memorabilia etc. This work was done for the Decade of Centenaries, Clondalkin Paper Mills Oral History Project, and as part of the preparatory work for the Round Tower centre. These documents are available on Source: <http://source.southdublinlibraries.ie/>

Also, we support and have participated in many publications on the Clondalkin area some of which include:

* Monastery of Mount St. Joseph, by Joe Williams
* St. Mochua and the Round Tower, by Joe Williams
* Newlands County Dublin History and Associated Families 1560-1960, by Eamonn Dowling
* The House of Corkagh, by Joe Devine
* Corkagh: the life and times of a South Dublin Demesne 1650-1960, by Turtle Banbury
* Clondalkin: Memories of a Neighbourhood, by Gertrude Reynolds (launched in the Round Tower in November 2019)

Under the current restictions of Covid-19 it is not possible to conduct interviews with older residents, but it is something that could be looked at in 2021 as part of a local studies project for the County".

### **C/419/20 – (M10) Item ID:68046 – Joe Williams Archives**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and Seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh:

That this committee supports the ''Joe Williams Archives'' committee and asks South Dublin County Council report on where the entire invaluable collection could be stored. It may be of use to future generations as a historical record of Clondalkin and surrounding areas.  We ask for a full and detailed report on what options are available for the collection within South Dublin County Council.

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

"The housing of the Joe Williams archive of books has been the subject of long discussions over a number of years. It was the Council’s understanding that the archive would be housed in a local school however it is believed that this option is no longer available.

Space in the libraries and at the Round Tower Visitor Centre is at a premium.  South Dublin County Council was successful in securing some funding from Fáilte Ireland under the Surprising Stories grant funding scheme, which aimed to improve interpretation and the visitor experience at operating visitor attractions in line with Fáilte Ireland guidelines. The long term housing of the archive will form part of this review. The improvements will include creating a space for temporary /revolving exhibitions which could include exhibiting books from the Joe Williams archive on a temporary basis and the Council will invite relevant local groups once works have been completed to discuss curating a range of temporary and changing exhibitions.

The Council must have a full and clear understanding of the circumstances around the Joe Williams book archive to include details on display, curatorial, accessibility and housing requirements of this collection.

In the meantime, the library service has digitised a lot of material from Mr. Williams' collection and it is now available on Source, the library’s online local studies resource. Moreover Joe Williams' books have been made available for sale in the retail space at the Round Tower Visitor Centre. Copies are also available in the County Library".

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, W. Carey, P. Kavanagh and E. Ó Broin. Ms. R. Hand, Senior Executive Librarian responded to the Members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

## **Economic Development**

### **C/420/20 – (H11) Item ID:67974 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/421/20 – (C6) Item ID:67975 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **C/422/20 – (H12) Item ID:67976 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/423/20 – (C7) Item ID:67977 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/424/20 – (M11) Item ID:68093 – Annex Habitat**

It was Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and Seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh:

“This Council agrees that the CE invites in the NPWS to assess the findings of ‘Priority Annex I habitat to 91E0 Alluvial forests with *Alnus glutinosa* and *Fraxinus excelsior’* and any other Annex Habitats found by others or the Council in Rathcoole Woodlands before any further housing plan or proposal is brought before the Clondalkin Area Committee or before a Council Meeting.

This Council agrees that the Clondalkin Area Committee needs a copy of the ecological results and their implications, along with a presentation on same at a separate Area Meeting in advance of the Area Meeting or Council meeting at which the housing proposal will be presented.

This Council agrees that the CE invites in NPWS as soon as the Council is aware that an Annex Habitat has been found on any Council owned land in the interest of implementing Climate Action Plan and Biodiversity Plan and preventing further deterioration and loss of biodiversity in the County.”

It was Proposed by Councillor K. Egan and Seconded by Councillor W. Carey to amend the Motion.

“That the Enviroment,Public Realm & Climate Change  Strategic Policy Committee initiates a study on the impact of 'Priority Annex I habitat to 91E0 Alluvial forests with Alnus glutinosa and Fraxinus excelsior' on all Council-owned lands proposed for housing in Rathcoole, with a view to incorporating the National Parks and Wildlife Service expertise and with a focus on Climate Action & Biodiversity.”

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

It is the responsibility of all agencies of the state, including planning authorities, to act diligently to ensure that their decisions in the exercise of their functions, as well as their actions, comply fully with the obligations of the Habitats Directive.

In this context SDCC, as a competent authority, has engaged the requisite ecological expertise and experience to produce in a scientifically complete, professional, and objective manner, a suite of ecological survey reports for the master planned lands at Rathcoole. Once the survey report is completed SDCC will be able to consider the findings and conclusions of the surveys to further inform the master planned lands.

SDCC in progressing any development of these lands will publish the accompanying environmental assessment as part of the planning process. At that point these would be publicly available and the NPWS would, as required, be a statutory consultee in this process.

The NPWS have formal processes and procedures to inform them of the identification of sites that may be proposed for Special Conservation Area designation which SDCC must adhere to which includes submitting documentary evidence.  Once informed of a potential designation of a site the NPWS follow the statutory procedure as prescribed in the Habitats Directive.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, P. Kavanagh, K. Egan, T. Gilligan, E. Ó Broin and W. Carey.

### Ms. B. Pierce, A/Senior Executive Officer responded to the Members queries.

Cathaoirleach Councillor E. Ó Broin called for, and the Members **AGREED** to a roll call vote to Amend the motion of which was as follows:

IN FAVOUR: 4 (FOUR) Councillors W. Carey, K. Egan, T. Gilligan and S. O’Hara

AGAINST: 3 (THREE) Councillors P. Kavanagh, E. Ó Broin and F. Timmons

ASTAIN: 0 (ZERO)

The motion was **AGREED.**

## **Corporate Support**

### **C/425/20 – (Q6) Item ID:68047 – Correspondence to Clondalkin Tidy Towns and Friends of the Camac**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons:

"To ask the Chief Executive to write to Clondalkin Tidy Towns and Friends of the Camac and commend them on their work during difficult Covid times and express our gratitude from the Council and the Clondalkin Area Committee?"

**REPLY:**

A letter will be issued to Clondalkin Tidy Towns and Friends of the Camac on behalf of the Council and the Clondalkin Area Committee commending them on their work during the pandemic.

### **C/426/20 – (Q7) Item ID:68134 – Christmas Tree Lights**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin:

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on any Christmas Trees or lights that will be installed across the LEA?"

**REPLY:**

The lighting of the Christmas tree outside the Civic Offices in Clondalkin occurred on Tuesday 8 December. Unfortunately, due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the annual lighting of the trees in both Tallaght and Clondalkin were more low key events this year with just the Mayor and Council staff attending the lighting of the tree in Clondalkin.

There were no other plans for Christmas lights in any electoral area as such plans are usually decided upon by the local chamber of commerce.

### **C/427/20 – (H13) Item ID:67978 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/428/20 – (C8) Item ID:67979 - Correspondence**

[Cor. Min. McEntee](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=68431)

The correspondence was **NOTED**.

### **C/429/20 – (M12) Item ID:68030 – Electricity Box on Lealand Avenue**

It was Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin and Seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh and unanimously **AGREED** with debate:

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

"That this Area Committee agrees to the wall around the Electricity Utility box between Numbers 57 and 63 Lealand Avenue being demolished by SDCC. It is noted that the ESB have consented to this as it was SDCC who constructed the wall in the first place some time ago and the only purpose served by the wall is aesthetic. The reason for the request for the demolition of the wall, is that it is allows access to the roof of the Utility Box, which is a gathering point for a group of youths that by their actions intimidate local residents."

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

It is believed that the wall was constructed some years ago by the Council's Housing Maintenance section at the request of the ESB.

If this motion is passed we will write to the ESB to confirm this and for them to agree to the removal of the wall. The ESB will also need to confirm that the removal of the wall does not pose a hazard to people or to the Sub-Station itself.

Consideration will need to be given by ESB to the health and safety issues involved in the removal of the wall, and exposure of the Sub-Station, before any action can be recommended. It will be important for the ESB to coordinate works involving the potential removal of the wall with the works required to upgrade and secure the Sub-Station.

### **C/430/20 – (M13) Item ID:68031 – Clondalkin ACM Agenda to be displayed on public noticeboards**

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

The following motion which was proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin and seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh was **WITHDRAWN** at the request of Councillor E. Ó Broin, with the agreement of the Members in accordance with Standing Order No. 19.

“That this Area Committee agrees in principle to the posting of the Agenda of the monthly Clondalkin LEA in a readable, aesthetic and presentable form (such as in the attached example for October 2020) on (i) the exterior facade of the Clondalkin Civic Offices, (ii) Public Noticeboards e.g. in Rathcoole Park and Corkagh Park, and (iii) in a number of key locations throughout the ward e.g. Woodford Shops, Bawnogue Shops and Sruleen Shops. The latter may require a request to hire wall space to erect a noticeboard on exterior facades from the proprietors of said shopping complexes. It is noted that the ultimate arbitrar of this proposal is the South Dublin County Council Organisation Procedure and Finance Committee Meeting."

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

The intent of this motion is to stimulate public interest in the local democratic decision-making processes that affect local communities. However, the means by which is it proposed to achieve is inappropriate for a local authority to engage in on a wide scale / county-wide effort for the reasons presented in summary below and more detail is provided subsequently:

* goes against climate action principles of minimising the use of paper
* sets the wrong example as the Waste enforcement authority,
* contradicts this Council’s longstanding efforts and leadership in driving the paperless office and meeting’s agenda
* is unjustifiable due to ubiquitous nature and prevalence of social media as the most effective method of engagement.

Schedule 10, section 7 of the Local Government Act sets out the requirement for notification of Council meetings, other than the annual budget meeting.

All Council meetings business is conducted online through the Council Meeting Administration System (CMAS) and all Councillors are issued with laptops to support paperless meetings. No hard copy documents or meeting papers have been used at Council meetings since the introduction of the paperless system in 2004. Notice of Council meetings and agendas are published on the South Dublin County Council website, and items are released to the media following approval at Council meetings.

Council communications are predominantly online, with a 'digital first' strategy in operation which includes extensive online and social media activity. The main exception to this are the Citizen Newsletters which are published twice-yearly and printed in hard copy for accessibility purposes but these are accompanied by online versions that are widely promoted. Corporate publications such as the Annual Report are also printed in hard copy but again in small numbers as their promotion in digital versions is extensive.

Public Meeting posters (as are Election / Referendum posters) are governed by a suite of relevant legislation including:

* Litter Pollution Act, as amended by the Electoral (Amendment) No 2 Act 2009
* Protection of the Environment Act 2003
* Planning and Development Regulations 2001 - 2013
* European Parliament Elections Act 1997
* Local Elections Regulations 1995
* Referendum Act 1994
* Electoral Act 1992
* Road Traffic Act 1961

National legislation permits election posters and does not per se (subject to road safety) put restrictions on where they should be erected, but rather when they can be erected and when they should be removed. This applies to other types of posters.

A working group of the former Environment SPC previously developed a voluntary code of practice to which election candidates in Local Elections in Lucan, Clondalkin and Palmerstown agreed not to erect posters in those villages at the request of the local Tidy Towns groups. However there is currently no legislative provision to enforce this voluntary code, and it was only relative to Local Elections, thereby not applying to other elections and Referenda which were held, but again, the principle in relation posters applies.

## **Public Realm**

### **C/431/20 – (Q8) Item ID:68050 – results of the Initial Stage of the Green Infrastructure Project**

Proposed by Councillor P. Kavanagh:

"To ask the Chief Executive what the results are of the initial stage of the Green Infrastructure project involving collation of all available data sources such as survey works, investigations, environmental assessments and plans that exist at a local level and if he will report on the four research strands which provide the foundation and evidence base on which to build both the GI Strategy and the POS Strategy and when will they start?"

**REPLY:**

This work is currently on-going; the information gathering stage is underway to develop very detailed mapping and develop an understanding of the existing Green Infrastructure and Parks and Open Space in the county. It is important to note that this work is still ongoing; for instance habitat mapping is only about half way through completion. The Councils Green Infrastructure Working group, comprising staff from all departments, are reviewing the work of the consultants and providing feedback to guide the development of the Strategy to the draft stage.

The four research strands detailed below were designed to provide the foundation and evidence base on which to build both the GI Strategy and the POS Strategy. This work has been ongoing since September.

**1: Collation of Best Practices**

A detailed review of existing resources, plans and surveys to comprise the following elements:

* A desktop review of relevant GI and POS Policy from across Europe and internationally to identify best practices and case study examples from which new ideas and innovative solutions to the integration of GI principles into planning policy can be gleaned.
* A desktop study on policy/plan exemplars at a national level with a specific focus on County Development Plans and GI policy, particularly those of adjoining counties.
* The output of this best practice review will be a knowledge bank of best practices and methods that can be referred to throughout the strategy preparation process.

**2: Qualitative and quantitative Surveys of GI, Parks and Public Open Space**

Qualitative and quantitative surveys are ongoing in a number of  areas with GI and a sample of the county parks and open spaces and recreational facilities. This work will include user surveys within parks.

**3: Land Cover Mapping**

This involves an extensive mapping exercise capturing land cover types across the County to including Habitat Maps, layers including existing parks, amenities, pitches, street trees and the County’s cycle track network.

Using a combination of aerial imagery and mapping resources the consultants will then seek to quantify the extent of land cover across the County that can be classified as GI.

**4: Critical Appraisal of Current Policy Documents and Existing Resource Base**

A critical review of the GI and Open Space aspects of the South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2016-2022, Climate Action Plan 2019, the Biodiversity Plan, SDCC Tree Policy, the Councils Pollinator Plan, SDCC SUDS guidance documents, SDCC Play Policy, SDCC Tourism Strategy and SDCC Sports Pitch Strategy 2020-2035.

The review will guide the development of both the GI Strategy and the POS Strategy. Drawing on learnings from EU and national best practices the project team will assess the baseline performance of SDCC in terms of planning for, managing, investing in, and maintaining its PGI and parks and open space assets. It will also examine the policies and objectives set out within the current Plan in terms of how effective these are in supporting the designation and provision of POS and recreational facilities in new developments.

### **C/432/20 – (Q9) Item ID:68132 – Tree Planting in Castle Park Estate**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin:

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on when new trees will be planted in the Castle Park Estate in Clondalkin in the places were trees and stumps were removed during the last tree maintenance work carried out in the estate?"

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council recognises the value of street trees in the urban environment and is committed to planting new trees to ensure that the visual amenity in South Dublin is assured for future generations.

Areas targeted for new tree planting are those where trees have been removed or where there is an identified need to increase the overall tree cover. Requests from Council members and local residents for new trees in their streets or areas are taken into consideration within the planting programme and will be prioritised according to the number of trees already on the street, including those in front gardens and on adjacent land.

If a site where a tree was removed is suitable to support a new tree, the site may be replanted with a suitable tree species. Because the stump has to be removed and sufficient time needs to elapse to allow breakdown of residual underground root material, the process from removal to replanting may take up to 3-5 years. Replacement tree planting will only take place during the dormant season.

The principle of planting the ‘right tree in the right place’ will apply for all new and replacement tree planting. Trees will be selected for their appropriateness of scale and proportion to their surroundings and the aesthetic contribution they make to that environment.  Planting density and species selection will be guided by available space to ensure that each tree is compatible with its new site and has every opportunity to develop into a healthy mature specimen.

Castle Park will be inspected for potential sites for tree planting , considering factors such as services, sight lines, warning signs and traffic signals, distance from public lighting columns, space for future crown and root growth, etc.

A list of suitable tree planting locations in Castle Park will be presented to the Area Committee in the 2021 Draft tree planting programme.

### **C/433/20 – (H14) Item ID:67980 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/434/20 – (C9) Item ID:67981 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/435/20 – (M14) Item ID:68127 – Dog Run in Corkagh Park**

It was Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin and Seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh:

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

"This Area Committee acknowledges the success of the Dog Run in Corkagh Park. Citizens of the county travel from as far as Rathcoole with their dogs to use it. Given its success, what is the view of Public Realm on installing smaller dog runs, say a quarter or a fifth the size of the Corkagh Dog Run, in both Rathcoole Park and either in Knockmitten Park or Castle Park in Clondalkin for the use of the dogs and their owners that reside in those parts of the ward?"

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

To date dog runs have only been provided in Regional and Neighbourhood Parks where there is sufficient space to accommodate the enclosure while maintaining the ambience of the park setting. Locations adjacent to housing have been avoided to prevent noise disturbance to residential communities. To be successful, dog runs need to of a size to provide enough room for dogs to exercise and to socialise with other dogs. The dog run at Corkagh Park is approximately 4,000 sq meters (50m x 80m). Providing a dog run smaller than the one in Corkagh Park would not provide sufficient area to function correctly. Castle Park and Knockmitten Park would not be considered suitable locations for dog runs.

Rathcoole Park will be examined for the provision of a dog run and subject to a suitable location being identified it will be listed for consideration in the 2021 Public Realm Improvement Works Programme.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors E. Ó Broin and K. Egan. Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the Members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

### **C/436/20 – (M15) Item ID:67958 – Clean Up of Tay Lane Bridge**

It was Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan and Seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh:

"That this Area Committee request the Chief Executive to clean the leaves and puddles, etc off Tay Lane Bridge. Also can the Chief Executive clarify where the responsibility lies for this Bridge so that a long term solution is found.  The problem arises every year."

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

The pedestrian bridge over the N7 at Tay Lane, Rathcoole is cleaned twice weekly by the Public Realm village cleaner.  It was inspected in recent days and was found to be in a very clean condition.  A small amount of leaves were evident on the steps on the village side and these will be removed in the coming days.  A small amount of ponding was visible, due to an uneven surface on the flat areas between flights of steps.  This matter has been brought to the attention of the Council's Roads department who have been requested to liaise with TII on the matter**.**

[tay lane](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=68091)

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillor T. Gilligan. Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the Members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

**C/437/20 – (M16) Item ID:68052 – Irish Vegetation Classification at the National Biodiversity Data Centre**

It was Proposed by Councillor P. Kavanagh and Seconded by Councillor E. Ó. Broin:

"This Area Committee calls on the Chief Executive to use the best available, new and improved method of classifying habitats available at: Irish Vegetation Classification at the National Biodiversity Data Centre: https://www.biodiversityireland.ie/projects/national-vegetation-database/irish-vegetation-classification/explore/wl4d/ to classify habitats and inform the Green Infrastructure Strategy."

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

The Green Infrastructure Strategy will involve surveying the County’s Green Infrastructure to Fossett’s Level 2.  This is the accepted standard for surveying at the large landscape level required to develop a map and Strategy for the entire County.  The classifying method proposed in this motion is suitable for use at field level, being extremely detailed and therefore it would not be suitable for developing the Strategy.

The Final Strategy will provide guidance on strengthening the County’s Green Infrastructure network and this will inform the future Planning and Development of the County.  Survey methods and detailed classification of habitats such as proposed in this motion will be relevant for future use.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors P. Kavanagh, F. Timmons and W. Carey. Ms. S. Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent responded to the Members queries, reiterating the information as outlined in the motion and advised that a) the proposed survey method was not required for the GI strategy and b) there was no budgetary provision for same. The method proposed in the motion or an equivalent will be applied at the field survey level where and if required, in due course. The motion was **AGREED.** Ms Furlong outlined that, notwithstanding the members approving the motion, that the executive would not execute the terms of the motion.

### **C/438/20 – (M17) Item ID:68133 – New Corkagh Park Playground**

It was Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin and Seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh:

"That this Area Committee congratulates the Public Realm team for the recent Viking Themed and accessibility focused reworking of Corkagh Playground"

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

Public Realm are delighted to report that the refurbishment works at Corkagh Park Playground have been completed in time for a December opening. The construction works were carried out by Creative Play. This is one of the most ambitious playground projects ever undertaken by South Dublin County Council and it is sure to be a source of much joy to local children and visitors to the area alike. The playground is themed around the heritage of Clondalkin and features a high tower, a Viking longboat as well as a wide range of play equipment and several unique play features, all designed around the principles of natural play. We look forward to many more years of intensive play in this ever-popular park.

Some items are still to be completed such as the  implementation of the communication boards which are being installed on a pilot basis at this playground. We are working with the Speech and Language Therapists to develop this board and it will be installed as soon as completed and available and we look forward to this addition. Some minor landscape works are also listed for completion as these require spring weather for successful implementation. We would like to sincerely acknowledge the support of elected members and the local community for the playspace programme in general and for the delivery of this playground at Corkagh Park in particular. We would like to thank the local community for their patience during the construction works.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors E. Ó Broin, P. Kavanagh, W. Carey and F. Timmons. Ms. S. Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent responded to the Members queries and the motion was **AGREED**

### **C/439/20 – (M18) Item ID:67997 – Litter at St. Brigid’s Well**

It was Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan:

"That the Chief Executive attempt to eradicate rubbish, littering, etc. at St. Brigid's Well, Lilliput Lane, it is a disgrace and needs to be rectified. Can the Council also arrange a clean up at earliest convenience."

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

A cleanup of St Brigid’s Well and the area on Lilliput Lane opposite house No. 29 has been carried out. The area at the base of the boundary wall along Lilliput Lane has been added to the litter picking schedule.

The Roads Section have reported that the Area Engineer has been requested to arrange for the repair of the vandalised blockwork. It is hoped that this can be completed in December 2020.

As Councillor T. Gilligan was not present the motion **FELL**.

## **Environment**

### **C/440/20 – (Q10) Item ID:68094 – Graffiti Issues in Clondalkin Area**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons:

"To ask the Chief Executive what he proposes to do with the growing Graffiti issue in the Clondalkin area as outlined below 1. Monastery Road - on walls at bus stop before Mount St. Joseph Cemetery [Monastery Heath] 2. Sally Park - on hoarding at new development [opposite Mill Pond apartments] 3. Watery Lane - at pedestrian lights 4. Community Centre - on new walls at Raheen House development - near WWI Garden 5. Fonthill Road - on hoarding on new development [past the Health Care Centre - near to St.John's entrance] 6. Boot Road - road signage at Health Care Centre 7. Community Centre - green utility box on footpath near playground. 8. Community Centre - on walls between St. John's Estate & Fonthill Road 9. St. John's Estate - on walls before exiting onto Fonthill Road. 10. Community Centre - on walls near the Sandy Hole weir - St. John's exit?"

**REPLY:**

The Litter Wardens have inspected the various locations identified in the question. Two of the locations are on private property which the Litter Warden will follow up with. The other 8 locations have been referred to Public Realm Operations for removal.

### **C/441/20 – (H15) Item ID:67982 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/442/20 – (C10) Item ID:67983 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

## **Water & Drainage**

### **C/443/20 – (Q11) Item ID:68045 – Stream in Newcastle**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons:

"That the Chief Executive issue a report into the stream in Newcastle and outline how South Dublin County Council can make this safer to avoid Health and Safety issues? (Newcastle Tidy Towns suggest kerbing)."

**REPLY:**

 It's understood this question refers to damaged kerbing between the footpath and stream opposite the community centre in Newcastle Village.  Drainage Operations carried out repairs including resetting the kerbing on the 4th December.

### **C/444/20 – (H16) Item ID:67984 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/445/20 – (C11) Item ID:67985 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

Before the meeting concluded Cathaoirleach E. Ó Broin thanked the SDCC staff for the hard work keeping the ACM going remotely through 2020 and wished them a Happy Christmas. Mr. M. McAdam wished all of the Councillors a Happy Christmas also.

The meeting concluded at 5.55pm

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