## **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 19th May.

**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. Tony O’Grady

Senior Executive Engineer Mr. John Hegarty

Senior Executive Officer Ms. Marguerite Staunton

A/Senior Executive Officer Mr. Michael McAdam

Senior Parks Superintendent Ms. Suzanne Furlong

Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Mr. David Fennell, Ms. Máire Ní Dhomhnaill, Mr. Laurence Colleran

A/Senior Planner Mr. Eoin Burke

Senior Executive Librarian Ms. Liz Corry

Senior Staff Officer Ms. Pamela Brennan

Staff Officer Ms. Leona Maher

Assistant Staff Officer Ms. Ita Kenny

### **C/253/21 - H1 Item ID:69435 - Confirmation & Re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 21st April 2021**

The minutes of the April 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 21st April 2021 which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

[HI 1 Minutes of 21st April, 2021](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70292)

It was proposed by Councillor K. Egan and seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh and **RESOLVED:**

“That the recommendations contained in the minutes of 21st April be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**C/254/21 – QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor S. O’Hara:

“That pursuant to Standing Order 13, Questions 1 to 12 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**C/255/21 – SM – Suspensory Motion - Violence in Palestine**

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

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

This Area Committee condemns the violence in Palestine and the disproportionate approach by the Israeli Defence Force which has included attacks on civilian homes and infrastructure. This Committee agrees to write to the Minister for Foreign affairs to ask him to contact the Israeli government to ask them to immediately cease all attacks on Palestinian civilians.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors P. Kavanagh and F. Timmons. Mr. M. McAdam, A/Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED**.

## **Housing**

### **C/256/21 - H2 Item ID:70190 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/257/21 - H3 Item ID:70454 – Housing Supply Report**

The following report was presented by Ms. M. Staunton, Senior Executive Officer:

[HI 3 Housing Supply Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70431)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, P. Kavanagh. E. Ó Broin and W. Carey. Ms. M. Staunton, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/258/21 - C1 Item ID:70191 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

## **Community**

### **C/259/21 - Q1 Item ID:70349 – Astro Turf in Clondalkin Community Centre**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons:

"To ask the Chief executive what action he proposes to take to ensure that the astro-turf at Clondalkin Community centre does not fall into further disrepair and when it will be brought back to standard?"

**REPLY:**

A contractor has been engaged to install new boards around the pitch perimeters of the astro-turf facility at Clondalkin Leisure Centre.  Works are anticipated to commence shortly and should require a week installation timeframe.  When the works are complete the facility will be back to standard and a full health and safety check will be carried out prior to reopening.

### **C/260/21 - Q2 Item ID:70401 – Saggart Community Centre**

Proposed by Councillor S. O'Hara:

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on when construction and groundworks will begin on Saggart Community Centre?"

**REPLY:**

The Council's Architects, Community Services and Law Departments are working to finalise the contractual and legal agreements required between the Council, the Saggart School House Community Centre Board of Management and the building contractor.  It is anticipated that these will be completed in the coming weeks followed by the commencement of construction works soon thereafter.

### **C/261/21 - H4 Item ID:70192 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/262/21 - H5 Item ID:70193 - Deputations**

**(No Business)**

### **C/263/21 - C2 Item ID:70194 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

## **Transportation**

### **C/264/21 - Q3 Item ID:70125 – Replacement Gate**

Proposed by Councillor Eoin Ó Broin:

"This Area Committee requests an update on the grievance (name removed) in Clondalkin has with South Dublin County Council concerning their failure to correctly reinstate a driveway gate, following its damage by the contractor, who was engaged by South Dublin County Council to upgrade footpaths in the Newlands Park estate in Clondalkin in August, 2020?"

**REPLY:**

The Area Engineer has contacted the resident and a site meeting has been arranged for May 12th.

### **C/265/21 - Q4 Item ID:70176 – Saggart Bypass**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons:

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report and update into when a bypass will be built for Saggart? To ask that the report be detailed into where this is at and how it will be progressed and funded? (The Saggart Village Residents Association Planning subcommittee has made this a positive priority for Saggart)."

**REPLY:**

**Current Status:**

The Transport route referred to is known as Western Dublin Orbital Route in the County Development Plan. The current status of this proposal in that it remains a long-term road proposal in the County Development Plan. (In the greater than 6 years list) The Saggart section of this road proposal is contained on the attached map.

**Planning Principals:**

The overarching principal in planning new Transportation routes is to plan for Compact Growth.  This reduces the need for long trips and makes servicing the necessary trips easier. With compact growth, the servicing of trips through Active Travel like walking and cycling and providing frequent Public Transport services can facilitated. Only when compact growth is delivered and the provision of active travel and public transport services are maximised will the need for additional road capacity be explored.  Future transport designs will seek to serve the trip demand in a sustainable fashion.

The National Transport Authority in conjunction with Transport Infrastructure Ireland have a remit to manage Transportation planning for the Greater Dublin Area to ensure an integrated and coordinated Transport network is achieved. Any major transport route, which this proposal falls into, must be aligned with the National Transport Authorities Greater Dublin Area Strategic Plan which is currently under review. It also needs to align with the Transport Infrastructure transport plans because this link involves possible connections with National roads including the N7 and N81 which are their responsibility.

**Funding Sources:**

Major road proposals of this scale are normally funded through DTTAS and to a smaller extent by SDCC and relevant stakeholders like NTA, ESB and Irish Water.

In some situations, short sections can be funded by developers through their individual landholdings.

[Saggart Bypass Map](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70407)

### **C/267/21 - Q5 Item ID:70351 – Potholes on the Nangor Road**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons:

"To ask the Chief Executive what can be done to urgently repair the growing potholes on the Nangor Road from Dunawley roundabout down to Aras na Cluaine apartments? The potholes are getting larger each month and are damaging cars etc."

**REPLY:**

ESB have undergrounded overhead lines in the area close to Aras na Cluaine to facilitate house building. The temporary work has now been resurfaced. Further works are expected on Nangor Road and the contractor will be responsible for the reinstatement. South Dublin County Council has an allocation to repair Nangor Road but will await the completion of the other works.

### **C/268/21 - H6 Item ID:70195 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/269/21 - H7 Item ID:70196 – Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

**(No Business)**

### **C/270/21 - C3 Item ID:70197 - Correspondence**

[Cor 1 IarnÃ³d Ãireann M 69197](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70451)  
[Cor 2 IarnÃ³d Ãireann M 69690](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70452)

The correspondence was **NOTED**

### **C/271/21 - M1 Item ID:70405 – Nationwide Scheme for Outdoor Dining**

It was Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin and Seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:

"That this Area Committee acknowledges the Government announcement of a 17 million euro scheme for developing outdoor dining capacity nationwide. That in light of this that this Area Committee discusses the applicability of this grant to Clondalkin Village and related to this the possibility of pedestrianisation of Main St and Convent Road in Clondalkin village on weekends."

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

The relevant scheme mentioned in the Motion is:

**Fáilte Ireland Outdoor Dining Enhancement Scheme 2021:**

Fáilte Ireland has developed the Local Authority Weatherproofing & Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Scheme to provide support to Local Authorities to implement remedial works, weatherproofing and infrastructure solutions to streets/ zones where additional outdoor dining could be possible

The Fáilte Ireland Outdoor Dining Enhancement Investment Scheme comprises two dimensions: This scheme and the Outdoor Seating & Accessories for Tourism & Hospitality Businesses that is being administered through the Local Authorities (total budget allocation €17m).

The aim of this scheme is to support Local Authorities, to upgrade and enhance streets and public spaces and implement weather proofing solutions which will facilitate year-round outdoor dining in key tourism centres, whilst meeting the needs of all citizens.

Local Authorities are invited to identify suitable locations and propose capital projects that are flexible, innovative and facilitate year-round use for outdoor dining.

**What are the Requirements of the Investment Scheme?**

This Investment Scheme will support projects that meet the following Minimum Eligibility criteria: (These have been summarised)

1. **Proposed projects should be located in a permanently pedestrianised, or partially pedestrianised space/street/zone – ideally with linkages to connected pedestrianised areas of traditionally high tourism footfall.**
2. A minimum of three separate individual hospitality businesses should benefit from the proposed project.
3. Proposals must demonstrate a cultural and design led approach which meets Local Authority Planning Regulations, Public Health and Safety Guidance and ensures a quality design aesthetic led by best practice guidelines.
4. **Eligible projects must have a lifespan of 5 years or more.**
5. Management and maintenance of the proposed project(s) will be the responsibility of the Local Authority.
6. Local Authorities agree to provide baseline and ongoing performance statistics to Fáilte Ireland with regard to visitor numbers, footfall, promotion and engagement with the project for the next 5 years.
7. Local Authorities must be satisfied that they have the legal right to carry out the weatherproofing and outdoor dining works and to operate same for a minimum of 5 Years.
8. Local Authorities are invited to submit proposals for up to a maximum of two towns/cities within their Local Authority area. Separate applications will need to be completed for each location.
9. The purpose of the Scheme is to enable projects of scale and to maximise impact. It will focus on city and town centres that present the greatest opportunity to generate tourism impact and an optimum number of year-round outdoor dining spaces.
10. **Each Local Authority can apply for up to €200,000 under the Scheme.**

**Roads Comments on the Scheme:**

(a) Careful consideration must be given to the location of Outdoor Dining Areas taking into account, amongst other items, the effect on all Businesses, Residents, and Visitors.

(b) The Proposed projects need to be assessed in relation to their effect on existing Public Transport Routes.

(c) The additional Pedestrianisation is likely to lead to increased Traffic on New Road and Monastery Road.

(d) Agreement on the proposed scheme must be achieved between all stakeholder groups.

(e) The management of these projects will require additional South Dublin County Council personnel resources at weekends. These may include the set up and dismantling of infrastructure and extra cleaning resource allocation.

At the moment the Traffic section are not assessing the proposal because the Traffic studies necessary would not produce meaningful information. However, if the majority of businesses were interested in progressing the scheme we would be happy to discuss how this or a simpler scheme could be delivered.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors E. Ó Broin, F. Timmons, P. Kavanagh, W. Carey and T. Gilligan. Mr. J. Hegarty, Senior Executive Engineer responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

### **C/272/21 - M2 Item ID:70074 – Road Repairs on Watery Lane**

It was Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan and Seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:

"That the Chief Executive address the road repairs after taking place on Watery Lane."

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

The Area Engineer reports that the only works at this location appear to be a Bord Gais Eireann connection to a private house.

The connection was made in the road and temporary blacktop repair was carried out. He expects the permanent repair to follow shortly.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors T. Gilligan and F. Timmons. Mr. T. O’Grady, Senior Engineer responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

### **C/273/21 - M3 Item ID:70407 – Trench in Dunawley Estate**

It was Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin, Seconded by Councillor T. Gilligan and unanimously **AGREED** without debate:

"This Area Committee calls on the Chief Executive to fill in the trench left on the road outside house (numbers removed) Dunawley Way, when footpath maintenance work took place a few months ago."

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

SIAC BP were instructed to carry out a small overlay at this location. The dig was the result of installing new gullies to resolve a ponding issue that existed in the estate for years.

The Area Engineer will follow up to get the resurfacing completed.

### **C/274/21 - M4 Item ID:70218 – Footpath Repairs in Monastery Estate**

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

"That the Chief Executive outline when the entire Monastery Estate footpath repairs are to be complete."

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

There is funding of €45,000 for repairs in Monastery Estate and they will be complete within weeks. Any further repairs will be considered for the 2022 Roadwork and Footpath programme.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors T. Gilligan, F. Timmons, P. Kavanagh and E. Ó Broin. Mr. T. O’Grady responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

## **Planning**

### **C/275/21 - Q6 Item ID:70409 – Construction Traffic in Clondalkin Village**

Proposed by Councillor Eoin Ó Broin:

"To ask the Chief Executive if it is reasonable from a vehicle traffic perspective to have a number of construction sites simultaneously using the narrow streets of Clondalkin Village and to clarify how he justifies accepting commencement notices simultaneously on both the, much needed new Primary Care Centre on Boot Road, and the, lamentable Bartra Nursing home on Convent Road, the sites of both of which will be using the Boot Road/Convent Road where there are two primary schools?"

**REPLY:**

Please note that there are no restrictions on the timing of commencement notices or linkage of commencement notices between sites.  
The Primary Care Centre and the Bartra Nursing Home will be bound by control measures in their Construction Management Plans. Proposals should avoid construction traffic at peak times and can only use agreed haul routes. There are sufficient measures in Traffic Management Plans to mitigate against any undue traffic congestion on the local road network.

### **C/276/21 - Q7 Item ID:70178 – Signage in Conservation areas of Clondalkin**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons:

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report into how signage is allowed in the Conservation areas of Clondalkin? Some signage is not suitable for such an area. Will the Chief Executive consider reviewing this and detail signage allowed in the Conservation area? (In the current County Development Plan (2016-2022) the following policy seeks to retain and protect boundary treatments and features of interest; HCL4 Objective 1 - To avoid the removal of structures and distinctive features that positively contribute to the character of Architectural Conservation Areas including buildings, building features, shop fronts, boundary treatments, street furniture, landscaping and paving.)"

**REPLY:**

The purpose of an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) designation is to define the boundaries of an area that merits protection and to use appropriate controls over development in order to protect and enhance the special character of the Architectural Conservation Area under the following objectives:

* *Ensure that all proposed developments are carried out in a manner sympathetic to the special character of the area.*
* *Conserve, restore, and rehabilitate the existing building stock in the area*.

With regard to regularising commercial/retail signage it is not the intention of the ACA to be prescriptive in this regard, however there are policies and objectives in the County Development Plan (CDP) 2016-2022 relating to shopfronts and signage.  In particular there is policy relating to shopfront design and signage included in the CDP Section 11.2.8 and 11.2.9, which states that shopfronts and signage in Architectural Conservation Areas should be in keeping with the character of the building and adhere to best practice.

Unfortunately, there is no mechanism available to address existing signage that is considered inappropriate which may have been in place prior to the formal ACA designation.  Unauthorised signage which has not been formally approved through planning is a planning enforcement issue.  Planning Applications that are submitted to the Planning Authority are assessed in accordance with the CDP and legislation pertaining to Architectural Conservation Areas.  Any planning application relating to proposed development in an ACA are also referred to the Councils Architectural Conservation Officer formally in assessing the overall visual impact, design etc in accordance with best practice and good design principles, ensuring that proposals do not materially affect the character of the ACA.

### **C/277/21 - Q8 Item ID:70410 – Reuse of Stone Wall**

Proposed by Councillor Eoin Ó Broin:

"To ask the Chief Executive if the planning authority of South Dublin County Council erred in 2012 in not including as a condition of planning, reuse of the stone from the stone wall that once stood at the junction of Boot Road and St. John's Road in Clondalkin, in the planning permission granted for the Primary Care Centre (SD11A/0135)? The South Dublin County Council County Development Plan for 2010-2016 had as Policy AA2: It is the policy of the Council to secure the preservation of all sites and features of historical and archaeological interest."

**REPLY:**

The Planning Authority assess each proposal on their merits in accordance with Section 34 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. When making its decision in relation to an application under this section, the planning authority shall be restricted to considering the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, regard being had to a number of criteria, including the provisions of the development plan. The assessment of a planning application requires the careful balancing of compliance with the Development Plan and there are sometimes sites and proposed developments where the delivery of the polices of the Development Plan can conflict. For example, in the subject application, the preservation of the existing features, the delivery of infrastructure for sustainable modes and urban design considerations such as the creation of improved public realm. The Chief Executive’s Report and the Board’s Inspectors report provide the rationale and reasons for the decision in this planning application.  
It is noted that the subject planning application was granted following an appeal to An Bord Pleanala.

### **C/278/21 - H8 - Item ID:70198 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/279/21 - C4 Item ID:70199 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/280/21 - M5 Item ID:70177 – Conservation Area of Clondalkin Village**

It was Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and Seconded by Councillor T. Gilligan:

"That this Committee asks for a report into the Conservation area of Clondalkin Village and that a detailed report outlines what is protected and how its protected? We share local groups and Residents particular concerns over the destruction of the old walls of Clondalkin and request that these are built into all future planning permissions. (In the current County Development Plan (2016-2022) the following policy seeks to retain and protect boundary treatments and features of interest; HCL4 Objective 1 - To avoid the removal of structures and distinctive features that positively contribute to the character of Architectural Conservation Areas including buildings, building features, shop fronts, boundary treatments, street furniture, landscaping and paving.)"

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

The purpose of an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) designation is to define the boundaries of an area that merits protection and to use appropriate controls over development in order to protect and enhance the special character of the Architectural Conservation Area under the following objectives:

* *Ensure that all proposed developments are carried out in a manner sympathetic to the special character of the area.*
* *Conserve, restore, and rehabilitate the existing building stock in the area*.

Legislation pertaining to the designation and protection of Architectural Conservation Areas is set out under Part IV of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).  Each ACA boundary is outlined on the Development Plan maps that accompany the CDP written statement.  There are policies and objectives in the South Dublin County Council County Development Plan (CDP) 2016-2022 which relate to Architectural Conservation Areas within the County.

Planning Applications that are submitted to the Planning Authority are assessed in accordance with the CDP and legislation pertaining to Architectural Conservation Areas and are also referred to the Councils Architectural Conservation Officer to formally assess to ensure that the proposed development does not materially affect the character of the ACA.

There is no mechanism to include specific boundary walls in addition to the existing ACA designation which is felt already provides for the retention of important features of interest including boundary walls.  Policy under the existing CDP (2016-2022) includes to retain and incorporate features of interest/street furniture and boundary features and any such removal would be assessed against CDP policies.

In line with the current CDP policy original boundary stone walls which are considered to be an important element of the character of Clondalkin Village Architectural Conservation Area and therefore their retention would be sought and recommend by the Councils Architectural Conservation Officer as part of any proposed development.  Boundary walls within the designated ACA would not be removed unless justified and revisions have only been allowed where new opening have been considered acceptable.

The new CDP will afford opportunities to amend policies and to continue to include policies relating to the preservation and enhancement of the historic character and visual setting of an ACA and to carefully consider any proposals for development that would affect the special value of such areas.

[Map 1 re walls](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70156)  
[Proposal re walls of Clondalkin](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70155)

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**.

## **Economic Development**

### **C/281/21 - Q9 Item ID:70400 – Large Green Area in Newcastle**

Proposed by Councillor S. O'Hara:

"To ask the Chief Executive the large green area outside the C of I church gates in Newcastle - it is Council land but C O I have been maintaining it as wasn't being done by the council and looked very unkempt - however, the congregation is getting older and some of the people who looked after it is no longer able for it - Can the council take responsibility for it as it is their land."

**REPLY:**

The area of land referred to in the question is not recorded as being in the charge of the Council. The Public Realm section don’t currently maintain it as indicated. There is no record of the Council ever acquiring an interest in these lands. Currently, it is not possible to perform land /title searches in Registry of Deeds as it is closed to the public, this might yield some relevant information.

The Council have referred previous enquires about the lands to the front of the church to the Church of Ireland / The Representative Church Body but have received no replies. If any documentation is available through the Church Authorities, the Council would be happy to examine same with a view to clarifying ownership.

### **C/282/21 - H9 Item ID:70200 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/283/21 - C5 Item ID:70201 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **C/284/21 - H10 Item ID:70202 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/285/21 - H11 Item ID:70203 – Library News & Events**

The following report was presented by Ms. L. Corry, Senior Executive Librarian:

[H-I (10) (i) Library Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70310)  
[H-I (10) (ii) Online Programming](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70311)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors E. Ó Broin and P. Kavanagh. Ms. L. Corry, Senior Executive Librarian responded to the members queries and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/286/21 - H12 Item ID:70204 – Applications for Arts Grants**

**(No Business)**

### **C/287/21 - C6 Item ID:70205 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

## **Corporate Support**

### **C/288/21 - H13 Item ID:70206 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/289/21 - C7 Item ID:70207 - Correspondence**

[Cor 1 Minister M68938](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70402)  
[Cor 2 Ack from Min M6938](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70403)  
[Cor. 3 Ack from An Garda SÃ­ochÃ¡na](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70503)

The correspondence was **NOTED.**

### **C/290/21 - M6 Item ID:70230 – CCTV along the Canal Walkway**

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

"That this Committee agrees to write to the Superintendent and Waterways Ireland and asked that the following issues are responded to in detail as a matter of urgency to ensure the safety of all using the Clondalkin Canal 1) If live and recorded surveillance via the Canal cameras are not available to An Garda, why is this and can they be made available to An Garda without delay? 2) Who is responsible for monitoring the live and recorded feeds at the moment? How often and for how long are the cameras monitored each day, evening and night? Presumably, the cameras work after nightfall. 3) What happens if something untoward is observed? 4) Who decides what event is "untoward" and what is done about it at present? Is it reported to the Guards? What happens then? 5) If live and recorded surveillance via the cameras is not available to An Garda at present, what happens to any query submitted by An Garda to SDCC about an alleged anti-social or criminal event along the Canal?"

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

If this Motion is passed, a letter will be issued to the Superintendent and Waterways Ireland and any response received will be circulated to the Members.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillors F. Timmons and E. Ó Broin. Mr. M. McAdam, A/Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED**.

### **C/291/21 - M7 Item ID:70348 – Abolition of Direct Provision**

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

"That this Committee agrees to write to the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth and state the following:

We support the abolition of the Direct Provision Campaigns which calls for –

1. Leave to remain for all front line essential workers.
2. Freedom for our children – Ireland’s future adults.
3. Asylum Seekers to be treated as citizens of this country with dignity, grace and respect.

 We ask the Minister to commit to consulting with those living in Direct Provision as the end of Direct Provision is planned."

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

If this Motion is passed, a letter will be issued to the Minister, any response received will be circulated to the Members.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillors F. Timmons and P. Kavanagh. Mr. M. McAdam, A/Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED**.

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **C/292/21 - H14 Item ID:70208 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/293/21 - C8 Item ID:70215 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

## **Water & Drainage**

### **C/294/21 - Q10 Item ID:70368 – Sewage on the N81 at Brittas**

Proposed by Councillor S. O'Hara:

"To ask the Chief Executive, to investigate leakage of sewage onto N81 at Brittas. Sewage is seeping from a welded manhole on a regular basis located at the junction of the N81 and McDonagh's lane beside the Blue Gardenia. The health and safety of pedestrians are at risk including children coming and going to the St Martin's NS.  Cyclists also badly affected and at risk of accident as they divert past and hold their nose with one hand. Motorists joining the N81 (downhill) may also slide on such slime straight onto the N81 risking serious accidents. This sewage seems to then make its way into the storm drain and surfaces again on the Tallaght side of the N81 before ending up in Britta's ponds. The health & safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists compromised. Please order the offending party to fix permanently and urgently."

**REPLY:**

The offending manhole and another upstream manhole were cleaned of their content and power washed on the morning of Monday 10th May 2021. The manholes will be monitored and the Council is working with property owners in the area to resolve the matter.

### **C/295/21 - H15 Item ID:70209 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/296/21 - C9 Item ID:70210 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

## **Public Realm**

### **C/297/21 - Q11 Item ID:70369 – Resurfacing of Carpark in Corkagh Park**

Proposed by Councillor S. O'Hara:

"To ask the Chief Executive, for an update on proposals for resurfacing the car park at Corkagh Park?"

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council 3 year capital budget has allocated funding towards Corkagh Park as part of the implementation of the recent study. The renovation of the car park is included in these works being managed by the Corporate Services Project Team. At present the design consultants are being appointed to progress the masterplan. Regarding the car park in particular, a tender was carried out for the works on previous occasions but the tender returns were significantly above the budget sum. It is hoped that with the car park included with the masterplan proposals; that this will allow more value to be gained. A tender will re-issue in due course to complete the works.

### **C/298/21 - Q12/0521 Item ID:70397 – Resurfacing of Carpark (St. John’s Entrance) in Corkagh Park**

Proposed by Councillor S. O'Hara:

"To ask the Chief Executive, for an update on the resurfacing of the car park at St John's entrance to Corkagh Park?"

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council 3 year capital budget has allocated funding towards Corkagh Park as part of the implementation of the recent study. The renovation of the car park is included in these works being managed by the Corporate Services Project Team. At present the design consultants are being appointed to progress the masterplan. Regarding the car park in particular, a tender was carried out for the works on previous occasions but the tender returns were significantly above the budget sum. It is hoped that with the car park included with the masterplan proposals; that this will allow more value to be gained. A tender will re-issue in due course to complete the works.

### **C/299/21 - H16 Item ID:70211 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/300/21 - C10 Item ID:70212 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/301/21 - M8 Item ID:70406 – Quad Bikes on Westbourne and Lealand Green**

It was Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin and Seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:

"This Area Committee notes the new railing and bollards installed at the corner of Westbourne Green and Lealand Green and in follow up to Motion 2 from the March ACM. Unfortunately, quad bikes can still fit through the gap and one of them both ruined Westbourne Green and frightened local children away from the Green on the weekend of 1st/2nd May. This Area Committee calls for bollards, railings and any other infrastructure to be arranged at the same corner in such as way so as to stop quad bikes passing through."

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

Further to discussions that took place at the Clondalkin ACM in March, a commitment was given that the entrance at Lealand Close would be reassessed upon completion of boundary works if the problems persisted. This assessment will now be carried out and additional measures will be implemented to restrict access by quads.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillor E. Ó Broin and W. Carey. Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED**.

### **C/302/21 - M9 Item ID:70025 – Pruning of Trees in Cherrywood Park**

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

"That the Chief Executive outline when the trees will be pruned in Cherrywood Park."

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

Cherrywood Park is scheduled for tree maintenance works on the 2020-2022 Tree Maintenance Programme.

In advance of works being carried out at Cherrywood Park, a full survey of all trees will be undertaken to determine the extent of the requirement for tree maintenance. Arising from the survey, any works considered necessary will be scheduled.

The 2020-2022 Tree Maintenance Programme is ongoing and tree maintenance works in Cherrywood Park will be prioritised accordingly

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillor T. Gilligan. Ms. M. Ní Dhomhnaill, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the member’s queries and the motion was **AGREED**.

### **C/303/21 - M10 Item ID:70175 – Play space in Saggart**

It was Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons an Seconded by Councillor T. Gilligan:

"That this Committee support The Saggart Village Residents Association Planning subcommittee's call for a playground/play space for Saggart and we request that South Dublin County Council start the process to make this happen and report back to this Committee on how this can be achieved for this fast growing area beside the Village Plaza."

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

Public Realm will examine the site proposed and investigate options to provide a playground/play space there. However, as the Councils Play space Programme has come to an end there is currently no funding allocated to a playground in this area.

Any future provision will be dependent on suitable site, budget and resources being available.

As development takes place in the area Public Realm will also examine other means of delivering play facilities such as through the Planning system and engagement with the Community Department in relation to play provision at the Community Centre.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillors F. Timmons and W. Carey. Ms. S. Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED**.

### **C/304/21 - M11 - Item ID:70341 – Additional Bins in Public Parks**

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

"This area committee agrees that additional focus on bins in public park is required during times of high demand and requests the Chief Executive to report on efforts taken to date on this matter."

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

South Dublin County Council parks have seen a huge increase in footfall and usage of facilities during the various periods and levels of Covid 19 restrictions, particularly during those periods where movement has been restricted to within a 5km radius of home. This has resulted in an increase in usage of litter bins and unfortunately an increase in litter in parks in general.

South Dublin County Council put in place increased cleaning and litter bin servicing in April/May 2020 and this has remained in place at all times throughout the pandemic, at a substantial increase in cost to the Council. The servicing of litter bins in parks at weekends is a relatively new aspect of the cleansing and litterbin service, it was introduced in the first instance on bank holiday weekends in the four main parks and was then increased in the early days of Covid 19 restrictions to cover all park litter bins being serviced once over each weekend as well as on bank holidays when they occur. The cost of the weekend element of the cleaning and litter bin services which are currently in place in town and village centres and in parks is approximately €260,000 per year. In light of ongoing issues regarding overflowing bins in a number of park locations, arrangements are being made for the installation of additional bins at these locations. These additional bins are considered a temporary measure and may be removed at a later date when restrictions are eased and usage of the park and park litter bins returns to normal. The first installations of new/additional bins are taking place at Corkagh Park (5 no), Griffeen Valley Park extension (3), Dodder Valley Park (7), Tymon Park pedestrian bridges (2), a commitment has been given for a total of 30 such bins to be provided. It is also proposed to trial 1,100 litre wheeled containers in car parks at Tymon, Corkagh and Griffeen Parks in a response to the need for additional bin capacity in the current circumstances.

It is clear that litter is at times being left beside and on top of litter bins by people using the parks for legitimate purposes. It is most likely the case that users see this as responsible disposal of waste items such as coffee cups etc however these items usually end up on the ground, scattered around the park and contributing to the litter problem. The Council would like to appeal to all park users as follows –

* If a litter bin is full, please do not leave litter or bagged dog waste beside the bin or on top of it. Instead please either take your waste home or put it in another litter bin.
* Weekends are particularly busy in our parks during lockdown. While the parks litter bins are serviced over the weekends and at bank holidays, it is not always possible to service bins before they become full nor is it possible to service them multiple times in one day.
* The Council would like to appeal to park users to apply the 'Leave no trace' principle and to take their waste home for disposal if at all possible and to deal with their waste items in a responsible manner.

The Council would like to direct members of the public to the [**www.mywaste.ie**](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.mywaste.ie%2F&amp;data=04%7C01%7Clmagee%40SDUBLINCOCO.ie%7C45f74cc11d3a42c3698b08d90afe78b1%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C637552910322826957%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&amp;sdata=Iseb4Zu045GUvNneuePj7TMNcHl%2Fwq63O7U%2BT%2Fx1%2Fhw%3D&amp;reserved=0) website as well as to the Council website [**www.sdccc.ie**](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.sdccc.ie%2F&amp;data=04%7C01%7Clmagee%40SDUBLINCOCO.ie%7C45f74cc11d3a42c3698b08d90afe78b1%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C637552910322836954%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&amp;sdata=83p8deTXCAPWMYM22B31VuPNXbGH%2FgDWrL7%2BxCTOy50%3D&amp;reserved=0) for information and tips on good environmental practice in the management and recycling of waste.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillors P. Kavanagh, F. Timmons, E. Ó Broin and T. Gilligan. Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED**.

### **C/305/21 - M12 Item ID:70123 – Trees between Hazelwood Lane and Bushfield Green**

It was Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan and Seconded by Councillor E. Ó Broin:

"That the Chief Executive prunes or removes the trees between Hazelwood Lane and Bushfield Green."

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

The trees between Hazelwood Lane and Bushfield Green are in a secluded corner of Corkagh Park on the east boundary. The trees form a protective screen between the park and the side boundaries of two residential properties in Hazelwood Lane and Bushfield Green. The area where the trees are growing is managed as a natural environment which allows the flora and fauna to exist with little disturbance.

The area was initially planted with poplar trees to form a protective screen and shelter to help with the establishment of the park. In the intervening years some of the poplar trees deteriorated and were removed to allow the more desirable tree species to establish. The management of the poplar trees is ongoing, and a further assessment will be carried out in the autumn to establish if additional poplar tree removals are required.

A recent site inspection showed that residents are managing the vegetation in proximity to their boundaries. If there are any specific concerns regarding the trees, residents are encouraged to make contact with the Public Realm Section to discuss the matter.

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

### **C/306/21 - M13 Item ID:70354 – Petting Zoo in Corkagh Park**

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

That this Area Committee calls for a report into the condition of animals in the former petting zoo at Corkagh Park and for an update as to what the plans are for the above area in the Corkagh Park Masterplan, to include timeframes and an outline of animal welfare standards."

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

The pet farm in Corkagh Park has not been accessible to the public in recent years. Initially it was closed to the public to facilitate works, with restricted access to one of the aviaries. However, as part of the feasibility study to look at the tourism potential of Corkagh Park the pet farm was not identified as one of the facilities to be retained. The pet farm has therefore been permanently closed.

The birds that were remaining in the pet farm have all been rehomed to the aviary in Marlay Park which is managed by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. The future use of the area occupied by the pet farm will be considered as part of the progression of the Corkagh Park Masterplan.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillor P. Kavanagh. Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Pars Superintendent responded to the member’s queries and the motion was **AGREED**.

## **Environment**

### **C/307/21 - H17 Item ID:70213 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/308/21 - C11 Item ID:70214 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/309/21 - M14 Item ID:70399 – Clean up at Mount Seskin Road, Mahon’s Lane and Meagan’s Lane**

It was Proposed by Councillor S. O'Hara and Seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:

That this Area Committee agrees to a once-off intense clean-up using appropriate machinery at Mount Seskin Road, Mahon's Lane and Meagan's Lane due to the enormous volumes of illegal waste built up in the ditches and that South Dublin County Council assign more regular litter warden services to these rural dumping black spots.

[Brittas](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70279)

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

A once off clean of the laneways in question will be arranged to be done in the coming weeks.  The lanes in question are both very narrow and will need to be closed temporarily to facilitate the clean up.  This is also the case in relation to cleaning of Mt Seskin Road, which provides a link between Tallaght and Brittas and is quite busy in terms of traffic.  The necessary road and lane closures will have to be agreed with the Council's traffic section and the Gardai.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors S. O’Hara and E. Ó Broin. Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

The meeting concluded at 5:30PM

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