## **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 15th December.

**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 F. Timmons presided.

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

County Librarian Mr. Paul Fusco

Senior Engineer Mr. Gary Walsh

Senior Executive Engineer Mr. John Hegarty

Senior Executive Officer Ms. Sharon Conroy, Ms. Jennifer Moroney Ward, Ms. Elaine Leech

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

Senior Executive Librarian Ms. Liz Corry

A/Senior Planner Mr. Eoin Burke

Senior Staff Officer Ms. Pamela Brennan

Staff Officer Ms. Leona Maher

Assistant Staff Officer Ms. Ita Kenny

Before the meeting commenced Councillor F. Timmons along with all members offered condolences for Michael Maher, Newcastle and Mick McGreevy, Chair of Newcastle Community Centre who passed away. Both men significant residents who were known for their outstanding contributions to the area. Councillor P. Kavanagh has opened a book of Condolences for Michael Maher. May they Rest in Peace.

### **C/577/21 - H1/1221 Item ID:73163 Confirmation & Re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 17th November 2021**

The minutes of the September 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 17th November 2021 which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

[HI 1 Minutes of 17th November, 2021](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73250)

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

“That the recommendations contained in the minutes of 17th November be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**C/578/21 – QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor W. Carey:

“That pursuant to Standing Order 13, Questions 1 to 15 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

## **Community**

### **C/579/21 - Q1 Item ID:73353 – Repairs to Clondalkin Swimming Pool**

Proposed by Councillor Eoin Ó Broin:

"To ask the Chief Executive if the parts needed for the repair of the boom in Clondalkin Swimming Pool have arrived on site and when the repair work might be complete?"

**REPLY:**

South County Dublin Leisure Centre has confirmed to SDCC that the repairs to Clondalkin Swimming pool are booked for the week of January 24th, 2022. A specialist maintenance team will arrive with the parts required, however, we must caution that this maintenance plan is based on travel restrictions remaining open between the UK and Ireland.

### **C/580/21 - Q2 Item ID:73183 – Funding for Sculpture at St. Brigid’s Well**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons:

"To ask the Chief Executive would there be a funding grant for a sculpture or art installation at St Brigid's Well in Clondalkin? If so, could details be supplied for the La Fhéile Bríde / Brigid's Day Festival Clondalkin Committee?"

**REPLY:** SDCC recommends the group make contact with the Arts Officer regarding any plans for public art and/or sculpture plans for the Clondalkin area. The group may also need to consider if planning is required for a particular location. Should direct funding for public sculpture not be available, the project may form part of a festival proposal and can be submitted for consideration via Events grants process during 2022. However, we would recommend that all planning and consultative considerations should be resolved before any funding application is made.

### **C/581/21 - Q3 Item ID:73188 – Wheelchair Facility in Bawnogue Community Centre**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons:

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update report on when the wheelchair facility in Bawnogue Community centre will be made fully accessible as per a previously agreed motion on same?"

**REPLY:**

The Community Department requests that representatives from Bawnogue Community Department contact us directly on this matter as we wish to ascertain if this project refers to recent grant allocation towards accessibility works or previous projects. We can then follow up with the SDCC Architects Department should this be required.

### **C/582/21 - H2 Item ID:73151 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/583/21 - H3 Item ID:73149 – Deputations for Noting**

**(No Business)**

### **C/584/21 - C1 Item ID:73139 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/585/21 - M1 Item ID:73182 – COP 22/Climate Action Mural**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

"That this Area Committee supports Clondalkin Tidy Towns request that SDCC give permission for a COP 22 / Climate action mural to be painted at "back" entrance to the Community Centre and also ask would it qualify for an Arts Grant to fund same."

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

SDCC Community Section welcomes a proposal for the theme for such a mural and advises the Board of the Community Centre talk directly to the Community Officer and/or Arts Officer to move this project forward and ensure all permissions are in place. Costs and design proposals should be shared with the Council also prior to any funding grants to be considered.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillor F. Timmons. Ms. J. Moroney Ward, Senior Executive Officer responded to the member’s queries and the motion was **AGREED**.

## **Housing**

### **C/586/21 - Q4 Item ID:73360 – Development of 1 Bed Apartments**

Proposed by Councillor William Joseph Carey:

"To ask the Chief Executive if the Council can provide a report for discussion on the bedsits in the area and if they have plans to develops these into1 bed apartments, excluding the facility used by the Clondalkin Men's Shed."

**REPLY:**

The area in question is a residential caravan park (non-Traveller specific) which currently consists of seven units one of which is being utilised as a men's shed facility. There are four units occupied and two vacant. The current accommodation consists of day units with bay areas for a caravan/mobile home. The Council has no plans at present to develop one-bedroom apartments at this location.

### **C/587/21 - Q5 Item ID:73336 – Anti-Social Behaviour in Newcastle**

Proposed by Councillor Peter Kavanagh:

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on ongoing complaints about antisocial behaviour in (address removed), Newcastle?"

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council is committed to ensuring that all residents enjoy the right to a decent and peaceful living environment, where they can enjoy their home without unnecessary disturbance from their neighbours or other people. In relation to these reports, the Council would like to reassure the elected members that we are taking these reports very seriously and we will continue to work closely with An Garda Síochána in relation to these complaints.

The Council is obliged to adhere to specific procedures in relation to initiating legal action in respect of ant-social behaviour and breaches of tenancy and these are laid out in our Anti-Social Strategy. As a housing authority we are required to follow set procedures laid out in legislation prior to taking a legal case.

It is very important therefore that residents continue to report details of incidents in confidence to the Council’s Estate Management/Allocations Support Team and An Garda Síochána as we can only take legal action against a tenant who is in serious breach of their tenancy agreement and where there is sufficient evidence to enable, the Council to have a good chance of succeeding in court.

### **C/588/21 - Q6 Item ID:73364 – Maintenance Requests**

Proposed by Councillor William Joseph Carey:

"To ask the Chief Executive if he can outline the Council's policy towards maintenance requests whereby long standing tenants have previously carried out works but have since fallen into disrepair. i.e. where bathrooms have been replaced by tenants but have since developed maintenance issues. (a) where same tenant is in situ (b) where new tenants are property since works carried out by previous tenant?"

**REPLY:**

If you are a Council tenant and wish to carry out any alterations to your home, you must in the first instance apply for permission to Maintenance Section by email to [hmaint@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:hmaint@sdublincoco.ie)

If a bathroom for example has been replaced in a council home and if it is not water-tight, it will cause damage to the property and the Council may hold the tenant responsible for the cost of repairs. The silicon sealing around the bath/shower tray is tenant responsibility and should be maintained as required.

Prior to a property being re-let it is inspected and any alterations carried out by the previous tenant(s) which are not in compliance are either removed or repaired to standard prior to the property being re-let to a new tenant.

### **C/589/21 - H4 Item ID:73155 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/590/21 - C2 Item ID:73142 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/591/21 - M2 Item ID:73189 – Anti-Social Issues in Newcastle**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

"That this Committee calls on South Dublin County Council to immediately deal with anti-social issues around (location removed) in Newcastle that are ongoing and issue a report to Elected representatives on how this will be dealt with."

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

South Dublin County Council is committed to ensuring that all residents enjoy the right to a decent and peaceful living environment, where they can enjoy their home without unnecessary disturbance from their neighbours or other people. In relation to these reports, the Council would like to reassure the elected members that we are taking these reports very seriously and we will continue to work closely with An Garda Síochána in relation to these complaints.

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A discussion followed with contribution from Councillors F. Timmons, P. Kavanagh, E. Ó Broin, S. O’Hara and W. Carey. Ms. E. Leech, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED**.

### **C/592/21 - M3 Item ID:73361 – Utility Box to be Removed**

### In accordance with Standing Order No. 13, it was **AGREED** by the Cathaoirleach in consultation with the Members to vary the sequence of business and consider motion 3 in tandem with this item as they were of a similar subject matter

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

"That this Area Committee agrees that the green utility box on the Corkagh Grange side of the boundary wall between Cherrywood Crescent and Corkagh Grange be removed, moved or submerged so as to prevent its utilization as a stile to jump the wall."

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

Comhar Housing (PPP Co.) for the Corkagh Grange housing development have engaged with their contractor to move the telemetry box one metre from its original location. In addition, they have agreed to raise the height of the piers and railings at this location by 400-450 mm. This work is expected to commence in Quarter 1 2022. In the interim anti- climb paint has been applied to the top surfaces of the piers and wall. Temporary fencing and signage has also been installed to deter individuals from climbing over the railings.

[M 3 Image](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73086)

**C/593/21 - M4 Item ID:73362 – Utility Box to be Removed**

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

"That this Area Committee agrees that the green utility box on the Corkagh Grange side of the boundary wall between Cherrywood Crescent and Corkagh Grange be removed, moved or submerged so as to prevent its utilization as a stile to jump the wall."

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A discussion followed with contribution from Councillors E. Ó Broin, F. Timmons, P. Kavanagh and W. Carey. Ms. E. Leech, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries and both motions were **AGREED**.

## **Planning**

### **C/594/21 - Q7 Item ID:73016 – Planning Permission for Single Dwellings**

Proposed by Councillor S. O'Hara:

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

**REPLY:**

Applications for single dwellings within the rural zonings of South Dublin resulted in 6 no grants of permission being issued during the current plan period.

### **C595/21 - Q8 Item ID:73043 – Current Enforcement Issues**

Proposed by Councillor S. O'Hara:

"To ask the Chief Executive what is the number of current enforcement actions being pursued by the Council in the Newcastle, Saggart, and Rathcoole?"

**REPLY:**

There are currently 64 live planning enforcement files under investigation in the Newcastle, Saggart and Rathcoole Area.

### **C/596/21 - H5 Item ID:73158 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/597/21 - C3 Item ID:73145 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/598/21 - M5 Item ID:73363 – Heritage Funding**

### In accordance with Standing Order No. 13, it was **AGREED** by the Cathaoirleach in consultation with the Members to vary the sequence of business and consider motion 6 in tandem with this item as they were of a similar subject matter

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

"That this Committee calls on South Dublin County Council to apply for Heritage funding to fund a study on Oil Mill. <https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/planning/heritage-and-conservation/financial-support> "

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 next year (2022) 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 2022.** All applications are then assessed and those that qualify under the scheme are submitted for formal provisional approval by the Departments Architectural Protection Unit.

A funding application under the schemes needs to be initiated by the landowner. SDCC, as a landowner, is considering their options in relation to applying for funding under the scheme. The subject site is within the remit of the Public Realm Section and discussions have taken place between the Architectural Conservation Officer and Public Realm staff. A condition assessment and method statement carried out by a conservation engineer will be required to support any application for funding. Subject to this work, the Public Realm section have indicated that they will submit an application under BHIS/HSF in 2022.

**Built Heritage Investment Scheme**  
The allocation for South Dublin County Council under the scheme for 2022 has been increased to €96,000. 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. Only one application under BHIS can be made by the Local Authority and the application if appropriate would be made by the relevant Council Department/Section with responsibility for the specific site and submitted to the Councils Architectural Conservation Officer.  
As part of the any grant application a Method Statement for the proposed conservation works is required and the works must qualify under the terms and conditions of the grant scheme. The applicant must also provide funds to match 50% of the cost of the works and therefore any application submitted by SDCC will be dependent on available funding and staff resources.

**Historic Structures Fund**  
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 different funding streams available as follows;  
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. Inclusion of a sub Stream 1 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.  
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 €4m for 2022 under this Stream) and addition of refurbishment or reuse projects for residential use under ‘Housing for All commitments’.  
3. Vernacular Structures Stream - Funding of up to €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.

### **C/599/21 - M6 Item ID:73356 – Heritage Funding**

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

"That this Area Committee agrees to apply to either the Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2022 or the Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2022 for funding that can contribute towards the costs of renovation of Kilmahuddrick Church and Thomas Omar Lock House. The heritage funding schemes have been published in press and are described here : <https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/planning/heritage-and-conservation/financial-support>. "

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 next year (2022) 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 2022.** All applications are then assessed and those that qualify under the scheme are submitted for formal provisional approval by the Departments Architectural Protection Unit. Please note that the 2 sites listed in the motion are not owned by SDCC. A funding application under the schemes needs to be initiated by the landowner.

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

Applications under HSF can be made by both private and public owners. Any application if appropriate would be made by the relevant Council Department/Section with responsibility for the specific site and submitted to the Councils Architectural Conservation Officer.

As part of the any grant application a Method Statement for the proposed conservation works is required and the works must qualify under the terms and conditions of the grant scheme. Any application submitted under HSF by SDCC will again be dependent on available funding and staff resources.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillors F. Timmons, E. Ó Broin and W. Carey. Mr. E. Burke, A/Senior Planner responded to the members queries and both motions were **AGREED**.

## **Transportation**

### **C/600/21 - Q9 Item ID:73337 – Markings on Cycle Path at Red Cow LUAS**

Proposed by Councillor Peter Kavanagh:

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update into the painting of markings and cleaning of the shared cycle path and footpath leading to the Red Cow overpass from the Red Cow LUAS, agreed in correspondence with the NTA following motions at this meeting."

**REPLY:**

The Area Engineer has confirmed that the painting of markings and cleaning at this location will be carried out in the coming weeks.

### **C/601/21 - H6 Item ID:73160 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/602/21 - H7 Item ID:73162 – Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

**(No Business)**

### **C/603/21 - H8 Item ID:73442 – Taking in Charge of Aubrey Manor Estate**

The following was presented by Mr. J. Hegarty, Senior Executive Engineer:

**"Notice to members of the Taking in Charge of Aubrey Manor Estate”**

We wish to Notify the members that SDCC intends to advertise early in the New Year that the Aubrey Manor Estate shall be Taken in Charge by the Council.  After the prescribed consultation period has taken place, a detailed report shall be brought before the ACM for discussion and later to the Council for completion of the TIC process.

[TIC Aubrey Manor Map](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73316)

The report was **NOTED**.

### **C/604/21 - C4 Item ID:73147 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/605/21 - M7 Item ID:73333 – Walkability Audits**

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

"This Area Committee calls for walkability audits for the urban areas within the Clondalkin LEA where such have not been carried out to date, with a view to increasing age-friendliness in our built environment."

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

The Traffic Section believe that walkability audits of the Urban areas within Clondalkin LEA is a necessary exercise to ascertain the quality of our travel network facilities.  In particular, the motion mentions increasing the age-friendliness of our built environment.  An age-friendly parking strategy is currently being drafted and will be brought to Council for adoption in 2022.  Items such as the adequate provision of mobility impaired parking, age friendly parking, sheltered bus stops, pedestrian crossings, footpath links, wayfinding and seating at key locations are all being provided through various funding programmes by the Council.

Our Active Travel team, Traffic team, Road Maintenance teams and our Transport partners such as the NTA are implementing a prioritised list of schemes to improve Active travel movements in the Clondalkin LEA.Walkability audits form an essential part of scheme selection in identifying gaps in our travel network.  The Council will continue to survey our travel network and prioritise our funding on the most essential infrastructure improvements with age-friendly facilities forming part of this programme of works.

In addition, there is a planned objective for a Clondalkin LAP in the CE draft of new County Development Plan which reads as follows:

QDP14 Objective 3:

To prepare a LAP for Clondalkin, the extent of the boundary to be defined, which will be guided by the Local Area Plans Guidelines for Planning Authorities, 2013 (Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government) or any superseding guidelines which will incorporate:

# A vision for the development of Clondalkin

# wider urban design principles

# Framework plans for larger infill sites

# A local Green Infrastructure Strategy derived from the County GI Strategy

# Transport movement study.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillors P. Kavanagh and E. Ó Broin. Mr J. Hegarty, Senior Executive engineer responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED**.

### **C/606/21 - M8 Item ID:73355 – Footpath Repairs**

It was Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin, Seconded by Councillor F. Timmons and unanimously **AGREED** without debate to accept the Chief Executive’s Report:

"That this Area Committee agrees that the sections of the public footpath on the North, West and South sides of the Coláiste Chilliain/Gaelscoil Chluain Dolcáin campus, that are in need of repair and edging, be included in the Footpath Maintenance/repair programme for 2022."

**REPORT:**

This location will be assessed by the Area Engineer to examine the sections / extent of the repairs required and following this, works can be considered for inclusion in the draft roadworks programme subject to available funding and resources.

### **C/607/21 - M9 Item ID:73365 – Pedestrian Crossing**

It was Proposed by Councillor W. Carey and Seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:

"That this Committee agrees that there is a need for a pedestrian crossing to be established on Fonthill Road at the footpath entrance to the area of Clondalkin Commons. This route is frequently used by residents in St. John's/Sruleen for access to Clondalkin community centre including children. In doing so SDCC should ensure that the lights should be synchronised to operate with existing pedestrian crossing situated between St. John's West and Boot Rd."

[Location Map](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73289)

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

The proposed location is on the Fonthill Road and is opposite the park entrance with paths that lead to the Community Centre and GAA fields.  I attach a plan of the location to be considered.

The Traffic Section will conduct a Traffic and pedestrian count survey at this location early in the new year to examine if a warrant exists at this location. I will bring back the results of this survey and any plans resulting from that survey to a TMM for discussion and agreement.  If a controlled pedestrian crossing is recommended, the lights do not need to be synchronised with the other crossings because there is sufficient distance between the existing crossing and the proposed location.

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

### **C/608/21 - M10 Item ID:73338 – Car Free Day**

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

"This Area Committee calls for an update into the planning of "car free day" pilot projects as agreed at a previous Area Committee meeting."

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

This item was previously agreed in Motion no. 8 ID: 71456 at the Clondalkin ACM on the 16 June 2021.  It was written in the motion that 3 sites would be examined in South Dublin for suitability to organise a "Car Free Day".  A site was initially chosen as the best suited to facilitate this event.  The event was to be held during bike week.  However, due to a number of constraints, Covid being one, this element of the event had to be postponed.

It is still a commitment of this Council to organise a "Car Free Day" in the County.  When normal conditions return, we can relook at organising this event.  I will discuss with the elected members possible suitable locations in Clondalkin LEA for pilot projects.  These locations will be assessed by the Traffic and Active Travel Teams.

I will be in touch with the members shortly to get suggestions of event types and locations that may lend themselves to a "Car Free Day."

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillor P. Kavanagh. Mr. J. Hegarty, Senior Executive Engineer responded to the member’s queries and the motion was **AGREED**.

### **C/609/21 - M11 Item ID:73357 – Seating at Bus Stop**

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

"This Area Committee calls on the Chief Executive to engage with both Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and the National Transport Authority (NTA) to set up a dialogue with TESCO Ireland Ltd., on the matter of the small piece of land needed to allow seating to be installed at bus stop #2160 located on the Convent Road outside Tesco."

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

The Council's Traffic Section believe there is enough width to erect a slimline bus stop bench on the public realm at this location without buying additional land.  A request will go to NTA to ask whether it is possible to erect a bus bench at Bus Stop 2160. The Members will be notified of the outcome of this correspondence.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillor E. Ó Broin. Mr. J. Hegarty, Senior Executive Engineer responded to the member’s queries and the motion was **AGREED**.

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **C/610/21 - H9 Item ID:73156 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/611/21 - H10 Item ID:73136 – Application for Arts Grants**

**(No Business)**

### **C/612/21 - H11 Item ID:73150 – Library News & Events**

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

[HI 10 library news and events](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73239)  
[Statistics](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73238)

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillors F. Timmons, P. Kavanagh, S. O’Hara and E. Ó Broin. Ms. L. Corry, Senior Executive Librarian introduced Mr. P. Fusco, County Librarian to the members. All members gave a warm welcome to Mr. P. Fusco and wished him well in the new role. The report was **NOTED**.

### **C/613/21 - C5 Item ID:73143 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

## **Economic Development**

### **C/614/21 - Q10 Item ID:73335 – Older Person’s Facility in Orchard Lodge**

Proposed by Councillor Peter Kavanagh:

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the provision of an older people's facility in Orchard Lodge, Clondalkin."

**REPLY:**

The Solicitor for Kelland had notified the Council in early December, that the Lease is now finally in agreed form, and that arrangements are being made to send completed documents to be finalised. The Council awaits receipt of same.

### **C/615/21 - Q11 Item ID:73354 – Meeting Space in Orchard Lodge**

Proposed by Councillor Eoin Ó Broin:

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the conveyancing necessary to bring the Community Meeting Space in the Orchard Lodge Apartment Block, for which planning permission was granted eighteen years ago (SD03A/0271), into South Dublin County Council ownership and thus allow its fit out to commence?"

**REPLY:**

The Solicitor for Kelland has notified in early December that the Lease is now finally in agreed form and that arrangements are being made to send completed documents for execution. The Council awaits receipt of same.

### **C/616/21 - H12 Item ID:73153 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/617/21 - C6 Item ID:73141 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **C/618/21 - H13 Item ID:73157 – New Works**

**No Business)**

### **C/619/21 - C7 Item ID:73144 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

## **Corporate Support**

### **C/620/21 - H14 Item ID:73152 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/621/21 - C8 Item ID:73140 - Correspondence**

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The correspondence was **NOTED**

### **C/622/21 - M12 Item ID:73190 – Congratulations to Tidy Town’s Groups**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

"That this Area Committee send a huge appreciation and congratulations to our hardworking Tidy Towns groups.  We acknowledge the increase in points across our local groups.  The 2021 results: Clondalkin Tidy Towns - 310 (category F), Newcastle Tidy Towns - 299 (category D), Rathcoole Tidy Towns -228 (category D) and Saggart Tidy Towns - 200 (category D). The work done by volunteers makes them all winners. Congratulations, we commit to write to each to express our thanks on behalf of South Dublin County Council and Elected Members."

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

If the Motion is passed, letters of congratulations will be issued to the Clondalkin, Newcastle, Rathcoole and Saggart Tidy Towns Committees.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillors F. Timmons, P. Kavanagh, E. Ó Broin and W. Carey. Ms. S. Conroy, Senior Executive Officer responded to the member’s queries and the motion was **AGREED**.

## **Environment**

### **C/623/21 - Q12 Item ID:73352 – Graffiti Removal**

Proposed by Councillor Eoin Ó Broin:

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on liaising with EIR to have the graffiti on the Utility Box at the entrance to the Riversdale Estate removed? This matter was raised as Motion Two at the November Clondalkin ACM."

**REPLY:**

This matter is currently being pursued with the company. A number of letters and reminders have been sent but no response received. If necessary, appropriate enforcement action will be taken.

### **C/624/21 - H15 Item ID:73154 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/625/21 - C9 Item ID:73138 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/626/21 - Q13 Item ID:73187 – Coffee Dock in Rathcoole Park**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons:

"To ask the Chief Executive would he consider allowing a coffee dock in Rathcoole Park and how we can include Rathcoole Park in South Dublin County Council trading licences permits?"

**REPLY:**

A review of the South Dublin County Council Casual Trading Byelaws 2016 made under the Casual Trading Act 1995 (the Act) is underway as initiated by the Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change Strategic Policy Committee at its meeting held on the 7th September 2021.

Section 6(1) of the Act provides a statutory requirement for each local authority to make byelaws in relation to the control, regulation, supervision, and administration of casual trading in its functional area. The procedure for making Casual Trading Byelaws is prescribed in Section 6 of the Act and includes a public consultation process which it is hoped will commence in Q1 2022.

The European Union (Casual Trading Act,1995) Regulations 2018 came into operation on 1st January 2019. The regulations provide for amendments to the Act in the following areas which will be considered as part of the proposed review:

* Selection procedures used by local authorities in issuing licences
* The issue of charges and fees
* The duration of casual trading licences

Section 6(9) of the Act provides that the making of Casual Trading Byelaws is a reserved function of the Council.

In accordance with Section 6(2) of the Act the Byelaws may make provision in relation to the designation of specified public land as a place where casual trading may be carried on.

## **Water & Drainage**

### **C/627/21 - H16 Item ID:73161 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/628/21 - C10 Item ID:73148 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

## **Public Realm**

### **C/629/21 - Q14 Item ID:73185 – Road Sweeping**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons:

"To ask the Chief Executive would he look at road sweeping in Newcastle and include Aylmer Road, Peamount Road and Orchard Grove on the schedule? Also, could he let Newcastle Tidy Towns know when the road sweeper is due in Newcastle?"

**REPLY:**

All areas mentioned are included on the road sweeping schedule which is operated by Oxigen Environmental on behalf of the Council. Aylmer Road and Peamount Road are included on the monthly sweeping schedule while Orchard Grove is included on the quarterly sweeping schedule.  Programmed dates for sweeping in 2022 can be provided early in the new year.

### **C/630/21 - Q15 Item ID:73334 – Wildflower Meadows in Clondalkin LEA**

Proposed by Councillor Peter Kavanagh:

"To ask the Chief Executive if he will report on extent and planned wildflower meadows in the Clondalkin LEA?"

**REPLY:**

There are 27 hectares of managed meadows in the Clondalkin LEA where mowing practices have been adapted to enhance biodiversity. The locations in question are Canal Bank Park, Fonthill Road/Dunawley, Corkagh Park, Clondalkin Park, Newcastle Village, Rathcoole Park and Rathcoole Village.

Corkagh Park accounts for the largest area at 13.5 hectares, followed by Canal Bank Park at 8 hectares and Rathcoole Park at 4.3 hectares.

Following an examination of managed grasslands in Corkagh Park it is proposed to increase the size of the areas in the vicinity of the main avenue and add a new area at the back of the viewing mound in the 2022 growing season.

### **C/631/21 - H17 Item ID:73159 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/632/21 - C11 Item ID:73146 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/633/21 - M13 Item ID:73186 – Teenspace in Rathcoole Park**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

"That this Committee calls on South Dublin County Council to install a Teenspace in Rathcoole Park as a matter of urgency given the lack of facilities for teenagers in the area and the rise in anti-social behaviour."

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

The first teenspace installed in Clondalkin, at Collinstown Park is being very well used and is popular with young people in the area. The second phase of the teenspace programme contained a MUGA for St Cuthbert's Park, however this has been delayed as Public Realm were requested to include this as part of the overall St Cuthbert's Park Masterplan.

Public Realm will be seeking suggestions for a Teenspace for Phase 3 of the Teenspace Programme for 2023 in the Clondalkin area.

The location of teenspaces is very important to their success and locations need to be chosen very carefully.

Public Realm are looking for spaces where teenagers themselves want to be and which are already used by teenagers. Teenspaces should have good passive supervision where users will be safe. Ideal locations are close to schools and shops frequented by teenagers so they can be used on a daily basis. It is also important that teenspaces are not too close to housing so as to avoid causing noise or nuisance.

Finding a suitable location in Rathcoole Park could prove difficult. There may be a suitable site directly opposite the Avoca entrance, but this may be considered too out of the way for the intended users.

If Councillors wish to propose Rathcoole Park to be considered as a Teenspace location Public Realm would propose consulting with teenagers through the local secondary schools and sports clubs and asking their opinions on suitable locations as well as the type of teenspace facilities they would like developed.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillors F. Timmons, P. Kavanagh, E. Ó Broin, S. O’Hara and W. Carey. Mr. L. Colleran, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the members queries and it was agreed that a Headed Item would be brought to the February ACM with further information on this. The report was **NOTED**.

### **C/634/21 - M14 Item ID:73332 – Repairs to Corkagh Park Playground**

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

"This Area Committee calls for a report on the repairs to Corkagh Park's playground and asks for details of measures be put in place to prevent future anti-social behaviour."

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

The slide that was damaged as a result of a recent fire in the playground required a full internal and external clean from the starting point to the run-out area at the base of the slide.  The clean up also included the top of the tower which had suffered smoke damage.  Further works are still required on the reinstatement of the area at the bottom of the slide. This has been postponed for the winter period until ground conditions are more suitable.

As part of improvement works to increase visibility of the playground the old container at the front of the playground which has been obsolete for a number of years will be removed. Suitable boundary treatment will be provided to facilitate passive surveillance of the area.

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

### **C/635/21 - M15 Item ID:73351 – Removal of Chewing Gum**

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

"That this Area Committee commends the work of the Environment, Water and Climate Change Directorate of SDCC in organising for the recent removal of chewing gum on the footpaths of the Architectural Conservation Area of Clondalkin, and as a follow up agrees to full deep cleaning of the same footpaths in 2022."

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

The removal of chewing gum from the paths in the Architectural Conservation Area of Clondalkin Village was carried out as part of the Public Realm Improvement Works Programme 2021. The work was undertaken on a one-off basis to deal with a specific waste item that was present at the time. The cost of carrying out a full deep clean of the same paths would be significant and would not result in any long-term benefit. The volume of water required to carry out such a task would not be environmentally sustainable and would be contrary to the Corporate Plan Objective to create a sustainable low carbon and climate resilient county.

There are no proposals to carry out a full deep clean of the same footpaths in Clondalkin Village in 2022.

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

Before the meeting concluded the Councillor E. Ó Broin along with all members congratulated Ms. S. Conroy on taking over the ACM.

Councillor F. Timmons thanked all members, SDCC staff and public attendees and wished everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas.

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