## **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 January.

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

 Councillor William Joseph Carey

 Councillor Kenneth Egan

 Councillor Peter Kavanagh

 Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

 Councillor Francis Timmons

**Apologies:** Councillor Trevor Gilligan

 Councillor Shirley O’Hara

Cathaoirleach, Councillor F. Timmons presided.

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Senior Engineer Mr. Gary Walsh

Senior Executive Engineer Mr. John Hegarty, Ms. Caitriona Lambert

Senior Executive Officer Ms. Sharon Conroy, Ms. Jennifer Moroney Ward, Ms. Elaine Leech, Ms. Laura Leonard, Ms. Cristina Hurson, Ms. Brenda Pierce

Executive Engineer Ms. Grainne Mowlds

Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Mr. David Fennell

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 Councillors F. Timmons, P. Kavanagh and E. Ó Broin expressed their Condolences for Aisling Murphy RIP. A book of condolences has been opened. A minute’s silence was held for the 244 women murdered in Ireland since 1996.

### **C/001/22 - H1 Item ID:73609 Confirmation & Re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 15th December 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 15th December 2021 which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

[HI 1 Minutes of 15th December, 2021](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73517)

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

“That the recommendations contained in the minutes of 15th December be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**C/002/22 – QUESTIONS**

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

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

## **Transportation**

### **C/003/22 - Q1 Item ID:73631 – Bollard design for Main Street, Clondalkin**

Proposed by Councillor Eoin Ó Broin:

"To ask the Chief Executive if it is possible to ensure that there is a uniform bollard design for Main St., in Clondalkin? Recently installed bollards are of a different design than the ones that have been there for a number of years and are thus not matching."

**REPLY:**

It is not possible to ensure a uniform type of bollard. The design and availability of bollards varies over time.  In addition, differing bollard types may be more suitable for retro fitting rather than initial installation.

### **C/004/22 - H2 Item ID:73583 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/005/22 - H3 Item ID:73584 – Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

**(No Business)**

### **C/006/22 - H4 Item ID:73725 – Road Maintenance Works Programme**

The following report was presented by Mr. G. Walsh, Senior Engineer:

**"2022 Road Maintenance Works Programme”**

[HI 4 2022 Roadworks Programme - Clondalkin](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73558)

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillors F. Timmons, P, Kavanagh, E. Ó Broin and W. Carey. Mr. G. Walsh, Senior Engineer responded to the members queries and the report was **NOTED**.

### **C/007/22 - H5 Item ID:73794 – LED Upgrade Report**

The following report was presented by Ms. C. Lambert, Senior Executive Engineer and Ms. G. Mowlds, Executive Engineer:

[HI 5 LED Upgrade Programme Q1/2 2022](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73562)

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillors E. Ó Broin, W. Carey and P. Kavanagh. Ms. G. Mowlds, Executive Engineer responded to the members queries and the report was **NOTED**.

### **C/008/22 - C1 Item ID:73585 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/009/22 - M1 Item ID:73636 – New Concrete Planters**

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

"That this Area Committee welcomes the new concrete planters recently installed by a private contractor in liaison with Clondalkin Tidy Towns and South Dublin County Council on the footpaths outside the Tower Credit Union on Main St., Clondalkin and outside the Tower Shopping Centre, on Tower Road in Clondalkin, and agrees to install two more similar planters on the East footpath of the Ninth Lock Road at the Elmfield Court Apartment Block. The footpath at Elmfield Court Apartment Block is sufficiently wide that such planters would not hinder pedestrians and in addition they could also deter illegal car parking there."

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

The following request will involve inputs from several Departments within SDCC. This item needs to be discussed among the Departments to see if it is feasible. The several aspects of this item are the safe location for the planters, the installation of the planters and the on-going maintenance of the planters.  I will return to this ACM if the mechanism for delivery of these items can be agreed.

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**.

### **C/010/22 - M2 Item ID:73642 – Traffic Controlled Junction**

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

"That this Committee agrees that South Dublin County Council should carry out a study to ascertain if a traffic controlled junction is required at New Nangor Road and Cherrywood Crescent, to provide data showing frequency and type of road traffic accidents (RTA) and that the Chief Executive  report back to this Committee as soon as possible so that appropriate action can be decided upon."

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

A traffic count will be organised to allow an initial assessment. When this is completed, a report will be brought to a future TMM.

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

## **Planning**

### **C/011/22 - Q2 Item ID:73633 – Planning Enforcement Case Boherboy, Saggart**

Proposed by Councillor Eoin Ó Broin:

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the planning enforcement case that applies to lands at Boherboy in Saggart and is referred to in Members Reps. ID: 1685355?"

**REPLY:**

Enforcement Notices pursuant to Section 154 of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 (as amended) issued to the owners of the above lands on 6th May 2021. Investigations are ongoing and following the expiration date of the Enforcement Notice, the Management Team of the Planning Enforcement Unit are in consultation with our legal team to consider legal proceedings.

### **C/012/22 - Q3 Item ID:73634 – Planning Enforcement Case New Road, Clondalkin**

Proposed by Councillor Eoin Ó Broin:

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the planning enforcement case involving the construction that has taken place on the New Road in Clondalkin on lands previously known as San Jose and referred to in Motion 14 of the September 2021 Clondalkin ACM?"

**REPLY:**

Under Register Reference SD15A/0021, planning permission was granted following a ***significant further information*** ***request*** for omission of 2 No. semi-detached 4 bedroom houses as per original application, and in their place 1 no. 4 bedroom detached house (of 188sq.m) with ground, first and attic level and 1 No. 2 bedroom detached house of (86sq.m) with ground and attic level.  **This permission has been taken up.**

With regards the enforcement case it is still under investigation. Site visits were carried out by the Planning Inspector on the 10.09.21 & 05.11.21.

Also, on 05.11.21 Councillor Kenneth Egan and Local Residents met with some of the Enforcement Team in Clondalkin to discuss their concerns.

A further site visit is scheduled for the second week in January 2022. A draft report has been prepared and following a final recommendation complainants on file will be updated.

### **C/013/22 - H6 Item ID:73586 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/014/22 - C2 Item ID:73587 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

## **Economic Development**

### **C/015/22 - Q4 Item ID:73644 – Update on Orchard Lodge**

Proposed by Councillor William Joseph Carey:

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Orchard Lodge project?"

**REPLY:**

The closing documents for Orchard Lodge have now been exchanged and were signed on 12th January last. The Council is now in possession of the unit and Community Department will arrange for fit out.

### **C/016/22 - H7 Item ID:73588 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/017/22 - C3 Item ID:73589 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/018/22 - M3 Item ID:73562 – Home to Clondalkin Campaign**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

"That this Committee recognising pandemic restrictions, request SDCC to liaise with Fáilte Ireland, the media, local hospitality partners and local entertainment/leisure/activity outlets to establish the 'Home to Clondalkin Campaign' to run from 1st June to 31st August each year (starting in 2022). This with a view to encouraging the Clondalkin diaspora to return home for the summer holidays, thereby enhancing inbound tourism in the area."

**REPORT:**

The concept of a ‘Home to Clondalkin Campaign’ is redolent of The Gathering Ireland 2013 which was a tourism-led initiative aimed to mobilise the Irish diaspora to return to Ireland during 2013 to be part of specially organised local gatherings and events during the year. It was a government supported initiative driven primarily by Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland and relied on grassroots initiatives of private individuals, and non-governmental organisations.

Whilst the proposed ‘Home to Clondalkin Campaign’ would not be to the scale of The Gathering, it is worth recognising the findings of the Final Report on the initiative with regard to the need for sufficient time to plan, to establish a dedicated team to coordinate the initiatives and stakeholders, and the relatively high cost and the heavy resource requirements to stage and manage new events. There must also be regard to the cost of international media and publicity in relation to the very targeted nature of appealing to the Clondalkin diaspora. The Council does not have the resources to dedicate to such a venture.

It is clear from the Final Report on The Gathering that key to the success of the initiative was having things to see and do in a locality supported by the local communities. The Council’s Tourism Event and Festival Grant Scheme grew out of The Gathering initiative and this scheme provides financial support to organisations and organisers who plan to hold a public festival or event within the County. The aim is to fund innovative events/festivals that are supported by local businesses and communities which will add value to the county’s tourism product.

The current Programme for Government identifies a plan to make 2023 "the Year of the Invitation", which is described as "a global invitation to visit Ireland on the 10-year anniversary of The Gathering". The Council would consider a submission from a local group aimed at developing the concept and would encourage local organisations and event organisers to consider applying to the Council’s Tourism Event and Festival grant scheme with regard to taking part in any future gathering initiative. Suitable events etc can then be uploaded to the Visit Dublin website to help with publicity <https://www.failteirelandevents.ie/#/>

### **C/019/22 - M4 Item ID:73621 – Update on Orchard Lodge**

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

"This Area Committee calls for an update into the ongoing process to provide an age-friendly facility at Orchard Lodge and asks what can be done to escalate the matter if necessary."

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

The closing documents have now been exchanged and were signed on 12th January last. The Council is now in possession of the unit and the Community Department are arranging for fit out.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillor P. Kavanagh, F. Timmons, E. Ó Broin and W. Carey. Ms. L. Leonard, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED**.

### **C/020/22 - M5 Item ID:73565 – Contemporary Film of the Parade**

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

"That this Committee requests South Dublin County Council agree that the contemporary film of the parade, supporting the preservation of the Round Tower be displayed permanently in Brú Chrónain/Round Tower Visitors' Centre and that the name of the original filmographer be acknowledged as part of the copy on display."

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

South Dublin County Council proposes to explore the option of creating a space for temporary /revolving displays which could include the display of items related to the story of Clondalkin not already told in the permanent exhibition. To maintain the standards of display which is evident within the permanent exhibition it may be necessary to formally curate submissions for any series of temporary displays. This is all subject to funding. In the meantime, the County Promotion Unit will explore the possibility of projecting the video onto the flat screen in the café/shop subject to technical capabilities and securing permissions from original filmmaker.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillor F. Timmons. Ms. L. Leonard, Senior Executive Officer responded to the member’s query and the motion was **AGREED**.

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **C/021/22 - Q5 Item ID:73564 – Clondalkin Living History Group**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons:

"To ask the Chief Executive to issue a report that explores ways to support and fund the Clondalkin Living History Group during the summer season and festivals going forward and to provide contact details for the group."

**REPLY:**

Since 2018 the Council has operated the Tourism Event and Festival Grant scheme which makes funding available to businesses and community groups across South Dublin County to support key priority areas such as cultural, food, sports and activity-based tourism aimed at growing the visitor economy. The aim is to fund innovative events/festivals that will be supported by local businesses and community groups, and which add value to our tourism product.  The budget allocation for the scheme is currently €40,000. In response to the challenges COVID-19 is presenting for event management, the Council has adapted the scheme to continue to support event organisers in an equitable and reasonable manner. Details of the adapted scheme for 2022 will be promoted in the coming weeks, however the Council’s County Promotion Unit (econdev@sdublincoco.ie) will accept expressions of interest from event organisers in advance of the republishing of application forms.

### **C/022/22 - H8 Item ID:73590 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/023/22 - H9 Item ID:73591 – Application for Arts Grants**

**(No Business)**

### **C/024/22 - H10 Item ID:73592 – 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=73522)
[statistics](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73523)

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillor E. Ó Broin. Ms. L. Corry, Senior Executive Librarian responded to the member’s query and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/025/22 - C4 Item ID:73593 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/026/22 - M6 Item ID:73563 – Joe Williams Archive**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

"That South Dublin County Council Libraries liaise with The Joe Williams Archive to ensure that the burial records are available online via South Dublin County Council website are accurate and easily accessible to people tracing their ancestors."

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

South Dublin Libraries will engage with the Joe Williams Archive to assess the records held by them, with a view to digitising and making them available online if suitable.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillor F. Timmons & E. Ó Broin. Ms. L. Corry, Senior Executive Librarian responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED**.

### **C/027/22 - M7 Item ID:73566 – History of Mount St. Joseph Cemetery**

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

"That South Dublin County Council Libraries and South Dublin County Council support local people to celebrate the history of the Mount St. Joseph Monastery (now gone) and also its contribution to Clondalkin's educational heritage and other aspects of our history. Also, to assist local people in promoting the celebration of the bicentenary of the first burial in Mount St. Joseph Cemetery, on 19th June 2022."

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

South Dublin Libraries would welcome the opportunity to assist local people in the celebration of the history of Mount St. Joseph and in the promotion of the bicentenary of the opening of the cemetery.

Joe Williams' book 'The Monastery of Mount St. Joseph', which was published by South Dublin Libraries in 2010, will shortly be made available online in digital format. Physical copies are also available from branch libraries.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillor F. Timmons. Ms. L. Corry, Senior Executive Librarian responded to the member’s query and the motion was **AGREED.**

## **Corporate Support**

### **C/028/22 - H11 Item ID:73594 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/029/22 - C5 Item ID:73595 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/030/22 – M8 Item ID:73646 – Defibrillator Stations**

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

"This Committee agrees that defibrillator stations should be established in all of our villages and centres of high social activity centres and that the Chief Executive should consider budgeting for such a programme on an annual basis."

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

Defibrillators are installed in County Hall, Tallaght and the Clondalkin Civic Offices, and at all Public Libraries. These are publicly accessible and are signed as such. These can be accessed by the public during opening hours.
There are also further defibrillators provided throughout the County by a wide variety of groups from local community groups, sports organisations, large shopping centres, individual pharmacies and private commercial companies. The installation, upkeep and maintenance of defibrillators is the responsibility for the relevant committees/management, or company, within their respective community centres and clubs. However, where a defibrillator is installed in a premises with limited opening hours, the provision of signage in the vicinity can cause delays of vital minutes if access is required and attempted outside of those opening hours.
The Council will continue to promote the importance of defibrillators in saving lives with local community centres and sports centres on an ongoing basis.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillor W. Carey, F. Timmons and E. Ó Broin. Ms. C. Hurson, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED**.

### **C/031/22 - M9 Item ID:73647 – Laurels Charity Crew**

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

"That this Committee agrees to write to the organisers (Laurels Cycle Crew) of the Santa Cycle through Clondalkin and surrounds including Corkagh Park on December 5th congratulating them on the tremendous charity work being carried out and that this Committee also expresses thanks to the staff of South Dublin County Council for their co-operation and facilitation of allowing the event to pass through the park."

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

If the Motion is passed, a letter of congratulations will be issued.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillor W. Carey and P. Kavanagh. Ms. S. Conroy, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED**

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **C/032/22 - H12 Item ID:73596 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/033/22 - C6 Item ID:73597 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

## **Water & Drainage**

### **C/034/22 - H13 Item ID:73598 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/035/22 - C7 Item ID:73599 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

## **Public Realm**

### **C/036/22 - Q6 Item ID:73645 – Tender for St. Cuthbert’s Park**

Proposed by Councillor William Joseph Carey:

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the tendering process for St. Cuthbert's Park and to inform this Committee of the criteria and parameters that has been established for the success of this project?"

**REPLY:**

The first tender for the Design Plan of Saint Cuthbert's Park failed to result in any return. Unfortunately, the second open tender has been found unsuitable. It is now proposed to progress the project by direct negotiation. Consultation with the local community is to be part of the overall plan, to aid the success of the project.

### **C/037/22 - Q7 Item ID:73617 – Littering Prosecutions in Clondalkin**

Proposed by Councillor Peter Kavanagh:

"To ask the Chief Executive if he will outline the number of successful prosecutions for littering in the Clondalkin Area over the last three years and make a statement on the number?"

**REPLY:**

The total number of successful prosecutions for littering in South Dublin County over the last three years is set out below:

2019: 19

2020:  5

2021: 30

During 2020 and 2021 there were no District Court sittings for extended periods of time. The 30 successful prosecutions in 2021 were all heard in the District Court during the month of November; many of these cases were originally listed for hearing on various dates in 2020. Data on successful prosecutions is not currently recorded on the basis of LEAs.

### **C/038/22 - Q8 Item ID:73632 – Update on New Footpath in Corkagh Park**

Proposed by Councillor Eoin Ó Broin:

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Public Realm works 2021 proposal for a new footpath in Corkagh Park linking the pedestrian entrance from Cherrywood Crescent to the pedestrian entrance to Corkagh Grange and the necessary consultation with local residents and An Gardaí Síochána with regard to the same."

**REPLY:**

As requested by the elected members following the presentation of [HI-6](http://intranet/Cmas/search.aspx?term=Cherrywood&amp;meetingtype=33&amp;meeting=2033&amp;searchreplies=False) at the Clondalkin ACM in April 2021, the residents in the houses in Cherrywood Crescent opposite the location of the proposed path were consulted to get their views on the proposal. Details of the proposed path were delivered to each house on November 15th and a ballot was enclosed to enable each household to provide their opinion. Residents were invited to submit their preference for 1 of 3 options.

**Option 1:** I am in favour of the construction of the path

**Option 2:** I am not in favour of the construction of the path

**Option 3:** I have no preference

39 ballots were issued and 24 were returned by the closing date November 29th.

The results of the ballot are as follows:

**Option 1:** Number in favour of path: 2 (5%)

**Option 2:** Number not in favour of path: 22 (56%)

**Option 3:** Number with no preference: 0

No Response: 15 (39%)

AGS have advised that they would be in favour of the path as it would bring additional park users into this part of the park and provide an increased level of passive supervision.

A statutory Part 8 consultation process is currently taking place on Proposed Enhancements and upgrades at Corkagh Park. The provision of the path in question is included in the proposal to enhance secondary routes throughout the park. A final decision on the path will be made pending the outcome of the consultation process.

Submission can be made in writing up to 5pm on the 9th of February 2022 either online to [http://consult.sdublincoco.ie](http://consult.sdublincoco.ie/) or by post to:

Senior Executive Officer, Environment Water and Climate Change Department, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 YNN5.

### **C/039/22 - Q9 Item ID:73349 – Grass Cutting for Wildflower Meadows**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons:

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report that asks the Park Department to detail the current grass cutting for the Wildflower Meadows, in Rathcoole Park, in particular for the Annex habitat Lowland Hay Meadow? Also, to provide advice and information to staff on the Annex habitat Lowland Hay Meadow, to regularly remind and update staff on South Dublin County Council wildflower policy and practice, and to provide a report on same."

**REPLY:**

The grass pitches are cut weekly, amenity grass is cut fortnightly, and the meadows are cut and collected once per annum with alternative cuts done thereafter. Traditionally hay meadows were cut in late summer, the field would have been used for grazing up to the point when frost or waterlogging prevented further grazing.

The general grassland cutting programme used presently allows flowering species to flower and set seed, while also aiming to reduce the overall competition from grass species.  There are plans to leave some areas uncut in the parks in wintertime to provide winter hibernation places for insects and their larvae. There are a number of options regarding how and where a balance between all these objectives might be achieved - and the choice of management option can be site-specific (case-by-case) depending on what particular issues exist at each site.

As there are no  eco-grazers in the park to control the grass after the late summer cut is removed, the only alternative is to occasionally cut the meadow to control grasses until the weather closes off the grass-growing season.

The Annex 1 Hay Meadow in question is an excellent example of an old species-rich hay meadow.  This meadow has received occasional cutting into autumn/early winter after the late summer cut occurred.  This is why there are fewer dominant grasses and a much higher cover of flowering species than in some of our other good species-rich meadows.

Council staff have been briefed on the management of wildflower meadows, and a training video is being prepared for staff.

### **C/040/22 - Q10 Item ID:73509 – Update on Leaflet Drop in Cherrywood Crescent**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons:

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report into what was the outcome of leaflet drop that the Council did into the houses on Cherrywood Crescent to find out whether residents were in favour or against the Council constructing a path from Corkagh Grange to the pedestrian entrance on Cherrywood Crescent? Also, what works do the Council intend to carry out in the area opposite these houses in the line of tree cutting or landscaping and what is the time frame on these works being done?"

**REPLY:**

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The works that are proposed to take place opposite the houses have been requested by an Garda Siochána to address antisocial activities in the area. They will include the cutting back of vegetation to open up the area. The trees will also be examined and should works be required to remedy any defects this will be undertaken. These works will be carried out during the current pruning season.

### **C/041/22 - H14 Item ID:73600 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/042/22 - H15 Item ID:73615 – Draft Public Realm Improvement Works Programme 2022**

The following report was presented by Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent:

**Draft Public Realm Improvement Works Programme 2022**

The following is the list of improvement works proposed for the Clondalkin EA for 2022.  These proposals have been compiled from issues raised as agenda items at area committee meetings throughout the course of 2021, undertakings given in response to members representations throughout the year as well as works that have been identified by staff.  An additional sum of €100,000 has been provided in the revenue budget for 2022 on a once-off basis to fund bulb planting schemes.  The list below includes a total of 4 such bulb planting schemes and this, along with proposals for other parts of the County, will account for that additional provision.  It should be noted that the list below does not include those works which have already been included in the Council's three year rolling capital works programme, it includes only those works of a small scale which are to be funded from the revenue budget.

This list of schemes, along with lists of schemes for the other electoral areas, will be presented to the meeting of the County Council in February 2022 for the approval of the elected members.

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| **No** | **Location** | **Description** |
| 1 | Bawnogue Road | New path parallel to Bawnogue Road from Lindisfarne Vale to Lindisfarne Park |
| 2 | Castlegrange Open Space | Upgrade path on open space |
| 3 | Corkagh Park | Footpath upgrade Cherrywood Drive to Cherrywood Grove |
| 4 | Corkagh Park | Surface path by cycle track (Phase 2) |
| 5 | Corkagh Park | Upgrade boundary at front of playground |
| 6 | Corkagh Park | New benches on Main Avenue |
| 7 | Corkagh Park | Upgrade back entrance path into playground |
| 8 | Knockmitten open space | Calisthenic equipment Phase 2 |
| 9 | Knockmitten open space | Upgrade & widen link path on open space |
| 10 | Nangor Road | Upgrade planting on roundabouts & surface perimeter |
| 11 | Rathcoole Park | Pollinator bulb planting |
| 12 | Clondalkin Park | Pollinator bulb planting |
| 13 | Knockmitten open space | Pollinator bulb planting |
| 14 | Corkagh Park | Pollinator bulb planting |

### A discussion followed with contribution from Councillor F. Timmons, P. Kavanagh, E. Ó Broin and K. Egan. Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the members queries and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/043/22 - C8 Item ID:73601 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/044/22 - M10 Item ID:73193 – Report on Mount St. Joseph Graveyard**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

"That this Area Committee calls on the Chief Executive to present a report on Mount St. Joseph Graveyard and how this can be preserved for the future and protected against destructive anti-social behaviour.

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

It is often found that passive supervision has a role to play in the security of sites such as Mt St Joseph Church and graveyard. One way to increase this is to remove obstacles which hinder the visibility of the site. The tree on the right side of the entrance to Monastery Heath has been identified as a significant obstacle and it is proposed to remove it to enhance visibility from Monastery Road. A review of trees growing on the periphery of the site will also be carried out to see if further crown raising or selective thinning can be undertaken to increase visibility. A section of open space boundary hedge approximately 10m long which screens the church from Monastery Road will be examined and considered for removal.

While the church and graveyard are surrounded by a 1.4-meter-high railing and a 1.6 meter high double leaf gate the locking device on the interior gate requires upgrading. This will be undertaken in Q1.

These actions together with ongoing maintenance should help preserve and protect the site.

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

### **C/045/22 - M11 Item ID:73618 – Installation of Reflection/Memorial Benches**

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

"This Area Committee calls for an update on the agreed installation of reflection/memorial benches and agrees that the Committee be consulted on final wording of any dedications or inscriptions, as well as locations."

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

The agreed proposal to provide reflection/mobility benches is intended for the following purposes:

1. In recognition of the challenges of the COVID pandemic.
2. To support older people and people with limited mobility to frequent our villages and take an active part in society.

A number of benches are to be provided in the Clondalkin EA to address each of the above objectives. Locations are currently being assessed to determine suitability. Once this has been narrowed down, a proposal will be presented to the Clondalkin Elected Members which will include an inscription for discussion. Should any elected member have a specific location in mind such suggestions can be forwarded for consideration.

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

### **C/046/22 - M12 Item ID:73639 – Painting of Boundary Wall on Watery Lane**

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

"That this Area Committee agrees to paint the boundary wall on the Watery Lane between the Castle View Road and Castle Park, (the wall which forms the boundary between Watery Lane and the gardens of Castle Close) a dark Ivy Green in order to reduce the appeal of the wall for graffiti tagging and to also match the colour of the foliage on the banks of the Camac River on the opposite side of the road and thus enhance the aesthetics of this road and create a green corridor."

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

The boundary wall referred to is a private rear boundary wall to a large number of residential properties. Should the residents decide to paint this wall, they can apply for paint under the social credits scheme.

In all cases of Graffiti reported to the Council, individual complaints will be examined by the Litter Warden Service and ultimately the private property owner will be responsible.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillor E. Ó Broin and F. Timmons. Ms. S. Conroy, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

## **Environment**

### **C/047/22 - H16 Item ID:73602 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/048/22 - C9 Item ID:73603 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

## **Housing**

### **C/049/22 - Q11 Item ID:73643 – Data Level of Mould and Dampness in SDCC properties**

Proposed by Councillor William Joseph Carey:

"To ask the Chief Executive if the Council can provide data on level of mould and dampness in council properties, (particular attention should be given to age friendly accommodation)? To ascertain if there is a design flaw or if there is proper ventilation installed in properties that are deemed to be insulated and airtight."

**REPLY:**

Dampness and mould in a property are related to temperature and humidity of the immediate environment.  As such, both issues can result from homeowner’s behaviour, construction issues or a combination of both. Due to the nature of our climate and the way we live, most homes would have some element of dampness and mould that requires interaction of the homeowner to help ventilate, clean and prevent build up over time. The vast majority of damp and mould issues reported are preventable with the positive interaction of the tenant.

In severe cases of damp and mould related to construction issues, the Housing Maintenance Section are currently trialling Centralised Mechanical Extract Ventilation in a number of properties.  This form of ventilation provides a constant controlled circulation of air within the property, to help improve air circulation thereby reducing moisture levels.  Once the initial trials have been completed, our maintenance section will assess the suitability of the solution to roll out to other similar property types experiencing similar issues.

It should also be noted planned maintenance programmes, such as the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program and the Accelerated Windows and Doors replacement programme, will also have a positive impact on the control of damp and mould in properties. For 2022, it is expected in excess of 400 properties across the county will have planned maintenance works undertaken which will have an impact on the fabric of the building.

### **C/050/22 - Q12 Item ID:73619 – Number on Housing List in Clondalkin Area**

Proposed by Councillor Peter Kavanagh:

"To ask the Chief Executive if he will outline the number of families and individuals on the Housing List based in the Clondalkin area?"

**REPLY:**

There are 1060 households listed on the South Dublin County Council Social Housing list with a current address in Clondalkin.  The Council operates two areas of preference, North and South of the Naas Road.

Their area of preference is listed as follows

North Naas Road only                    437

South Naas Road only                   114

Both North and South Naas Road   509

### **C/051/22 - Q13 Item ID:73567 – Emergency Accommodation in Clondalkin**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons:

"To ask the Chief Executive to issue a report in what progress has been made in providing emergency accommodation (Homeless) as requested by several pass motions in the Clondalkin Area? Also, to outline what attempts have been made over the last few years?"

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council is committed to delivering better outcomes for our homeless population within the County. To this end the Council is constantly examining the feasibility, as well as funding options, for additional emergency accommodation throughout the County.  A number of sites were examined, together with the DRHE, recently. These sites were commercial units, one of which was based in Clondalkin, however they did not progress due to a variety of reasons.  The Council will, however, together with its partners continue to look at properties that may be used for emergency accommodation and have specifically identified Clondalkin as an area requiring emergency accommodation.

The Council operates an outreach service and multi-agency approach to address rough sleepers across the County.  The Outreach worker works closely with the HSE in particular in identifying rough sleepers and sourcing appropriate accommodation and support services. The needs of rough sleepers are often very complex and challenging and require a comprehensive and coordinated approach.

SDCC provides hostel type accommodation in our own administrative area and elsewhere through the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive Central Placement Services, and at present there is sufficient capacity in the system for any rough sleeper to be referred to emergency accommodation.

The Council is also committed to the Housing First programme which aims to provide a person sleeping rough, or someone who has been long-term homeless, with their own secure accommodation as well as access to intensive and specialised support services.

If Councillors are aware of any available premises which may be considered for use as emergency accommodation, please contact Senior Management and the proposal will be examined.

### **C/052/22 - Q14 Item ID:73640 – Part 8 plans for Clondalkin Area**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons:

"To ask the Chief Executive to issue a report into what part 8s are planned for the Clondalkin area for 2022.  How many houses these will provide by scheme and what timeframes are envisaged for each?"

**REPLY:**

There are currently four sites within the Clondalkin area which are planned for Part 8 within 2022.

The Council are currently preparing Part 8 designs for the proposed mixed tenure housing development in Phase 2 of Clonburris SDZ, on lands known as the Canal Site. The proposed development of approximately 113 new homes of which 56 (49%) will be social and 57 (51%) affordable purchase.

The Council has identified two sites at Alpine Heights and Deansrath/Melrose as suitable for Age Friendly Housing developments. A design team is due to be appointed in Q1 2022 to develop the proposed sites to planning stage. Once the design team has been appointed a programme will be agreed on the proposed schemes.

### **C/053/22 - H17 Item ID:73604 – New Works**

**No Business)**

### **C/054/22 - H18 Item ID:73655 – Anti-Social Behaviour Quarterly Report**

The following report was presented by Ms. E. Leech, Senior Executive Officer:

**HI 18 Anti- Social Behaviour – Quarter 4 Report 2021**

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| **STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORTED TO COUNCIL IN CLONDALKIN ACM AREA** |
| **Incidents** | **2020 TOTAL**  | **1st Qtr 2021** | **2nd Qtr 2021** | **3rd Qtr 2021** | **4th Qtr 2021** | **2021 TOTAL**  |
| **CATEGORY A** |  |   |   |   |   |  |
| Drugs Activity reported to SDCC | 14 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 3 | **11** |
| Criminal Activity reported to SDCC | 8 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | **5** |
| Joyriding reported to SDCC | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| Violence/intimidation/ harassment reported to SDCC | 22 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | **7** |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| **CATEGORY B** |  |   |   |   |   |  |
| Squatters/illegal occupiers reported to SDCC | 12 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 | **10** |
| Vandalism reported to SDCC | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | **2** |
| Physical condition of property reported to SDCC | 5 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 2 | **13** |
| Physical condition of Garden reported to SDCC | 11 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 1 | **12** |
| Racism reported to SDCC | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| Vacant House reported to SDCC | 10 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 5 | **16** |
| Neighbour Dispute (including parking)reported to SDCC | 14 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | **3** |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| **CATEGORY C** |  |   |   |   |   |  |
| Noise/disturbance reported to SDCC | 43 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 1 | **14** |
| Pets/animal nuisance reported to SDCC | 7 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | **4** |
| Children Nuisance reported to SDCC | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | **3** |
| Selling alcohol |   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| **Total Incidents reported to SDCC** | **154** | 31 | 34 | 19 | 16 | 100 |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| **Total Complaints reported to SDCC** | **154** | 28 | 24 | 11 | 3 | **66** |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| **Total Actions taken by Allocations Support Unit Staff - Main actions listed below** | **1822** | 319 | 243 | 154 | 90 | **806** |
|  |   |   |   |   |  |
| Housecall / Inspection | 189 | 19 | 35 | 21 | 18 | **93** |
| Demand for Possession Section 15 & 17 | 189 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| Abandonment notice served | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | **3** |
| Surrenders Obtained (including Termination of Tenancy under Section 15) | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 1 | **7** |
| Warnings issued | 9 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 14 | **29** |
| Interviews held (formal office and by phone) | 29 | 107 | 43 | 29 | 15 | **194** |
| Pre-Tenancies (includes following up Tenancy Checks) | 549 | 8 | 11 | 13 | 12 | **44** |
| Complaints received by WhatsApp |   | 3 | 5 | 1 | 4 | **13** |

### A discussion followed with contribution from Councillor F. Timmons, E. Ó Broin and W. Carey. Ms. E. Leech, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries and the report was **NOTED**.

### **C/055/22 - H19 Item ID:73809 – Housing Supply Report**

The following report was presented by Ms. B. Pierce, Senior Executive Officer:

[HI 19 QTR Housing Supply report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73583)

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillor F. Timmons, E. Ó Broin and W. Carey. Ms. B. Pierce, Senior Executive Officer and Ms. E. Leech, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/056/22 - C10 Item ID:73605 - Correspondence**

[Cor. 1 Letter to An Garda Commissioner M 72314](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73473)
[Cor. 2 Reply from Sup, N. Featherstone M 72314](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73474)

The correspondence was **NOTED**.

### **C/057/22 - M13 Item ID:73641 – Upgrading of Day Units in Mayfield**

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

"That this Committee agrees that bed sits are inappropriate living dwellings for people housed by South Dublin County Council and it calls on the Chief Executive to upgrade the 6 day units in Mayfield to one bedroom apartments, excluding the facility used by the Clondalkin Men's Shed."

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

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.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillor W. Carey and P. Kavanagh. Ms. E. Leech, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries and the report was **NOTED.**

## **Community**

### **C/058/22 - Q15 Item ID:73630 – Community Meeting Space in Orchard Lodge**

Proposed by Councillor Eoin Ó Broin:

"To ask the Chief Executive to present an approximate timeline for the fit out of the Community Meeting Space in the Orchard Lodge Apartment Block, for which planning permission was granted eighteen years ago (SD03A/0271)?"

**REPLY:**

The acquisition of the Orchard Lodge unit was completed on Wednesday the 12th of January 2022.

Draft Internal Fit Out Drawings have been prepared by the Council's Architects Dept and budget provisions of €100K have been made within the Council's Capital Programme Budget to finance these proposed works.

The Council's Community Development Team will continue to liaise with the local GOLD committee and discussions will now recommence in relation to both confirming the management model for the unit and to progress plans for the delivery of the fit out of the unit.

It is anticipated that the fit out of the unit will be completed before the end of 2022.

### **C/059/22 - H20 Item ID:73606 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/060/22 - H21 Item ID:73607 – Deputations for Noting**

**(No Business)**

### **C/061/22 - C11 Item ID:73608 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/062/22 - M14 Item ID:73194 – 10 Years of Clondalkin Tidy Towns**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

"That this Area Committee asks the Chief Executive and Executive to consider how best to acknowledge 10 years of Clondalkin Tidy Towns in February 2022 and the great work they have done in those 10 years."

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

Various sections of the Council will, of course, work with Clondalkin Tidy Towns to advise and support any events they may wish to run to celebrate 10 years in operation.

Our Community Department can also provide support for any proposed events through our village festival funding and the Communications team can liaise with the group to promote their work for this milestone event.

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

### **C/063/22 - M15 Item ID:73616 – Playground at Clondalkin Leisure Centre**

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

"That this Committee calls for a report on the opening hours of the playground facilities at Clondalkin Leisure Centre/Clondalkin Park and the opening hours of the gate to Clondalkin Park on Mill Lane."

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

SDCC has contacted the Management of South County Dublin Leisure Services in Clondalkin regarding the opening of the Mill gates and playground at Clondalkin Leisure Centre and can confirm the following opening hours:

Monday to Friday,       7am -  8 30pm

Saturday,                   9am -  5pm

Sunday,                      9.45am - 2.45pm

Bank Holidays             9.45am – 1.45pm

Should any amendments to these opening hours be required please contact the SEO directly to discuss. SDCC currently has two representatives on the board of SCDLS.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillor P. Kavanagh and E. Ó Broin. Ms. J. Moroney Ward, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED**.

### **C/064/22 - M16 Item ID:73635 – Liaison System for Tidy Towns Groups**

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

"That this Area Committee agrees that the Chief Executive should set up a liaison system with the local Tidy Towns groups in the area to coordinate work e.g., litter picking, hedge trimming, weeding."

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

The local public realm supervisor is the most appropriate contact for any associated coordination or assistance with Tidy Towns work as outlined in the Motion.  This ensures ongoing connection and engagement for such work in local areas and provides prompt, effective responses for local groups to support their work.

Administrative support for tidy towns work is being reviewed to ensure the most appropriate structure is in place to facilitate these arrangements.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillor E. Ó Broin. Ms. J. Moroney Ward, Senior Executive Officer and Ms. S. Conroy, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED**.

The meeting concluded at 5:40pm.

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