## **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 16th February.

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

Councillor William Joseph Carey

Councillor Kenneth Egan

Councillor Peter Kavanagh

Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

Councillor Shirley O’Hara

Councillor Francis Timmons

**Apologies:** Councillor Trevor Gilligan

Cathaoirleach, Councillor F. Timmons presided.

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Senior Executive Engineer Mr. John Hegarty, Mr. Damien McNulty

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

Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Mr. David Fennell

Senior Executive Librarian Ms. Liz Corry

A/Senior Planner Mr. Eoin Burke

Executive Planner Ms. Caitlin O’Shea

Assistant Planner Ms. Sarah Watson

Senior Staff Officer Ms. Pamela Brennan

Staff Officer Ms. Leona Maher

Assistant Staff Officer Ms. Ita Kenny

### **C/065/22 - H1 Item ID:73846 Confirmation & Re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 19th January 2022**

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 19th January, 2022](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73756)

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/066/22 – QUESTIONS**

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

“That pursuant to Standing Order 13, Questions 1 to 17 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **C/067/22 - H2 Item ID:73822 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/068/22 - H3 Item ID:73823 – Application for Arts Grants**

**(No Business)**

### **C/069/22 - H4 Item ID:73824 – Library News & Events**

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

[HI 4 Library Events](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73950)  
[HI 4 Library Statistics](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73951)

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillors F. Timmons and P. Kavanagh. Ms. L. Corry, Senior Executive Librarian, responded to the member’s queries and the report was **NOTED**.

### **C/070/22 - C1 Item ID:73825 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/071/22 - M1 Item ID:74084 – Funding for Art Commission for St. Brigid**

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 F. Timmons and Seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh:

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

"That this Committee requests that South Dublin County Council investigate funding for an Art Commission for St. Brigid near St. Brigid's Well and to report back to this Clondalkin Area Committee.  To report on funding available via the per cent for the Art Scheme."

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

The Arts Office is currently focused on the delivery of a public artwork, a heritage sculpture, at the Woodford Roundabout entrance to Clondalkin, arising primarily out of funding from the NTA and Land Use, Planning and Transport, and some per cent for art monies arising out of the Riversdale, Watery Lane Social Building Scheme. Artists will be asked to respond to one of a number of heritage themes relating to the Clondalkin area, including its connection to St. Brigid and the Well. The selection and commissioning process for this sculpture will be completed before other sculptural artworks are considered.

The Council's Public Art Working Group will shortly begin the planning process for In Context 5 - Connect. In Context is South Dublin County Council's Public Art Programme under the Per Cent for Art Scheme. There are a number of Social Build Projects from the Clondalkin area, but unfortunately none of these are in the area of St. Brigid's Well.

### **C/072/22 - M3 Item ID:74128 – St. Brigid’s Day Festivities**

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

"That this Area Committee congratulates the organizers of the St. Brigid's Day festivities in Clondalkin which included a walk to the St. Brigid's Well and cross making in Bru Chrónain on Sunday 30th January 2022 and also compliments South Dublin County Council for their recent collaboration with Clondalkin Men's Shed to maintain the well area."

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 Councillors F. Timmons, W. Carey, E. Ó Broin and P. Kavanagh. Ms. L. Corry, Senior Executive Librarian responded to the members queries and the motions were **AGREED**.

## **Economic Development**

### **C/073/22 - H5 Item ID:73826 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/074/22 - C2 Item ID:73827 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **C/075/22 - H6 Item ID:73828 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/076/22 -C3 Item ID:73829 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

## **Corporate Support**

### **C/077/22 - Q1 Item ID:74089 – WW1 Memorial Stone for Corkagh Park**

Proposed by Councillor S. O'Hara:

"To ask the Chief Executive when South Dublin County Council will clarify if WW1 Memorial Stone is permitted to be erected in Clondalkin Park?"

**REPLY:**

A Motion to progress a WW1 Memorial Stone was agreed by elected members last year, and it was agreed to take this proposal to the relevant committee. The Infrastructure Naming Committee is currently under review, with the terms of reference and structure agreed by the Mayor.

This proposal will be listed for consideration when the relevant committee is convened.

### **C/078/22 - H7 Item ID:73830 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/079/22 - C4 Item ID:73831 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/080/22 - M2 Item ID:73968 – Updated Report on Security Cameras in SDCC ownership**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

''In view of the recent killing along the Grand Canal in Co. Offaly and a previous Motion regarding public safety in public places, that this meeting of County Councillors asks SDCC Management and local Garda for a full updated report regarding security cameras in the control or ownership of SDCC and the following: 1) What progress has been made to give the Clondalkin Garda direct access to security cameras in the following places \* along the Grand Canal in the Clondalkin area? \* in Corkagh Park and any other public parks where there are security cameras? \* in St Cuthbert's Park? 2) What progress has been made to transfer to An Garda Síochána full control of and 24/7 access to security cameras in the Clondalkin area? 3) What progress has been made to ensure that the security cameras are functioning to an acceptable standard 24/7, both during daylight hours and night-time? 4) What progress has SDCC made to save the expenditure involved in having a third-party enterprise having primary access to and control of security cameras in the public places and parks mentioned above?"

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

If the Motion is passed, a letter will be issued to the local Superintendent and the response circulated to the Members.

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

## **Public Realm**

### **C/081/22 - Q2 Item ID:74180 – Casual Traders Licence**

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey:

"To ask the Chief Executive how many casual traders licence position for the sale of flowers at graveyards are currently in use and if he considers the cost of this licence a disincentive for the uptake of these positions?"

**REPLY:**

Casual trading is regulated by South Dublin County Councils Casual Trading Bye Laws 2016. There are three designated sites under the casual trading byelaws 2016 for the sale of flowers at cemeteries, Esker cemetery, Bohernabreena cemetery and Newcastle cemetery.  Two of these designated sites are currently vacant and the council is dealing with one application for a Casual Trading Licence for the sale of flowers for the 3rd site.

The cost of the licence has been determined by the current Casual Trading Bye laws 2016 and the cost of the licence was agreed and adopted. There has been no evidence to date that the cost of the licences is considered a deterrent and/or a disincentive to take up these locations for the sale of flowers. A review of the Casual Trading Bye Laws 2016 is due to be done this year.

### **C/082/22 - Q3 Item ID:74097 – Landscaping of Roundabout**

Proposed by Councillor K. Egan:

"To ask the Chief Executive to landscape the roundabout at entrance to Luas Red Cow?"

**REPLY:**

The roundabout at the entrance to the Luas Red Cow car park has been added to the 2022 Public Realm Improvement Works Programme for landscaping. The full Improvement Works Programme was presented to the Council meeting on February 14th.

### **C/083/22 - Q4 Item ID:74122 – Grass Cutting and Landscaping for Pedestrian Lane**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin:

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that a grass cutting and landscaping schedule exists for the pedestrian lane along the Camac River between Woodford Walk and Knockmitten Park."

**REPLY:**

The pedestrian lane along the Camac River between Woodford Walk and Knockmitten Park has not been taken in charge and the maintenance and upkeep of the area is a matter for the landowner.

### **C/084/22 - Q5 Item ID:74081 – Dog Park for Rathcoole**

Proposed by Councillor S. O'Hara:

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the dog park for Rathcoole?"

**REPLY:**

The construction of a dog run in Rathcoole Park was included in the 2021 Public Realm Improvement Works Programme.  The project did not proceed in 2021 as concerns arose with regard to the selected site.  This matter is currently being reviewed with regard to the optimum site location within the park and the need to provide a drainage system on the site.  Once these matters have been resolved it is intended to proceed with the scheme, and this will take place during the current year.  The necessary procurement processes have been completed to facilitate the work and therefore no further delay will take place in this regard.  It is proposed that the elected members will be informed once the matter of site selection has been finalised.

### **C/085/22 - Q6 Item ID:73979 – St. Cuthbert’s Church**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons:

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report into the condition of St. Cuthbert's Church and will he get South Dublin County Council to arrange for the fabric of this medieval church to be made sound until such time as the outcome of the High Level Task Force come up with a plan for St. Cuthbert's Church, the attached Cemetery and Moat is known. Liaising with relevant authorities may be necessary. Please note according to experts, St. Cuthbert's Church, Graveyard and Moat are roughly the same age as the County's Round Tower in Clondalkin."

**REPLY:**

The design plan for the St. Cuthbert’s Park redevelopment is currently at the tender stage to procure consultants to design same. The multi-disciplinary team being procured include consultants with the required expertise to carry out a survey/condition assessment of the church and provide a schedule of works to ensure that the structure is maintained. This survey and condition assessment will be required prior to any works being carried out. The tender for these consultants is still at negotiation stage. We will update the Clondalkin ACM as soon as we have a result.

### **C/086/22 - Q7 Item ID:74098 – Bins in Clondalkin Village**

Proposed by Councillor K. Egan:

"To ask the Chief Executive to  replace or maintain the bins in Clondalkin Village. They have burn marks and others have graffiti on them.  What are South Dublin County Council's plans to rectify this?"

**REPLY:**

The litter bins in Clondalkin Village will be inspected and a list drawn up of works to include repair, repainting or replacing bins where required. The inspection will take place in February and works implemented thereafter pending the outcome of the inspection.

### **C/087/22 - Q8 Item ID:73981 – Harvesting of Reeds in Corkagh Park**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons:

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report into the harvesting of reeds in Corkagh Park and that South Dublin County Council explore with Friends of the Camac and the management of Corkagh Park with the possibility of harvesting the reeds in Corkagh Park for the making of St. Brigid's Crosses."

**REPLY:**

The harvesting of reeds in Corkagh Park is subject to their suitability for removal having regard to minimising impact on the parkland setting in which they are growing. The Friends of the Camac should contact the Parks Supervisor based in Corkagh Depot to examine this matter further.

### **C/088/22 - H8 Item ID:73832 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/089/22 - C5 Item ID:73833 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/090/22 - M4 - Item ID:74125 – Dumping Blackspot in St. Cuthbert’s Park**

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 5 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 F. Timmons:

"That this Area Committee commends South Dublin County Council for the regular removal of illegally dumped material from the dumping blackspot in St. Cuthbert's Park off St Cuthbert's Road. That this Area Committee further organizes the removal of all of the additional rubbish and illegally dumped waste that is in and under the hedge which is located behind the boundary wall of St. Cuthbert's Park and St. Cuthbert's Road from Deansrath to the Swallows shops. It is unreasonable to expect volunteers to do this cleaning given the time the waste has been in situ, infestation in the area and difficulty with removal of waste from this type of hedge."

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

A clean up of the rubbish under the hedge which is located behind the boundary wall of St. Cuthbert's Park and St. Cuthbert's Road from Deansrath to the Swallows shops will be carried out as part of the ongoing maintenance of St. Cuthbert’s Park. Due to the extent of area involved the works are likely to be scheduled over a number of weeks commencing in late February.

### **C/091/22 - M5 Item ID:74179 – Clean Up of Corner at St. Cuthbert’s Road**

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

"That this Committee agrees that South Dublin County Council should initiate a clean up of the ground at rear of Deansrath Depot (corner of St. Cuthbert's Road and Westbourne Drive). This site has become particularly unkempt and is attracting illegal dumping."

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

The ground at the rear of Deansrath Depot (corner of St. Cuthbert's Road and Westbourne Drive) will be examined in February to determine the extent of litter and illegal dumping present. A clean up will be organised as soon as it can be included in the maintenance programme for the area.

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

## **Environment**

### **C/092/22 - Q9 Item ID:74090 – Utility Boxes in Clondalkin**

Proposed by Councillor S. O'Hara:

"To ask the Chief Executive as a large number of different utility boxes in Clondalkin have graffiti on them, can they be painted with murals?"

**REPLY:**

The Dublin Canvas Art Project is only available for traffic light control boxes, which the local authority owns directly. We work in partnership with Dublin Canvas, a small community street art project, but they are not in a position to introduce painting of other utility boxes. It is also worth noting that utility boxes are not owned by South Dublin County Council.

### **C/093/22 - H9 Item ID:73834 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/094/22 - H10 Item ID:74099 – Litter Management Plan Update**

The following report was presented by Ms. S. Conroy, Senior Executive Officer:

[HI 10 Litter Management Plan Action Plan Update Feb 2022](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74067)  
[Presentation - Litter Management Plan Feb 2022](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74066)

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillors F. Timmons, P. Kavanagh, E. Ó Broin, W. Carey and S. O’Hara. Ms. S. Conroy, Senior Executive Officer and Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the members queries and the report was **NOTED**.

### **C/095/22 - C6 Item ID:73835 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/096/22 - M6 Item ID:74126 – Graffiti on Utility Box**

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

"That this Area Committee agrees to take appropriate action to ensure that the graffiti on the EIR Utility Box at the entrance to the Riversdale Estate in Clondalkin is removed within the month or the EIR company fined for dereliction of social responsibility."

The Following Report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

Communication with Eir has been a major factor in the delay of the removal of graffiti on the utility boxes at the entrance to Riversdale Estate.  Eir have failed to respond to letters, emails and phone calls from this council.  I have since spoken to LUPT section on the identity of both utility boxes in question and they have been very helpful in identifying the owners of the utility boxes and also in making contact with Eir. The council is confident that the graffiti will be removed in the near future.

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

**C/097/22 - M7 Item ID:74127 – Funding for Clondalkin Equine Club**

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

"That this Area Committee agrees to restore core funding to Clondalkin Equine Club."

It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and Seconded by Councillor W. Carey to amend the motion as follows:

“That this Area Committee contact the Department of Agriculture to request that they restore core funding to Clondalkin Equine Club.”

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

South Dublin County Council are not the core funder to Clondalkin Equine Club. The council have met with the Clondalkin Equine Club and are currently carrying out a review of the club and its funding streams. The council has also arranged to meet with clubs core funder, the Department of Agriculture. This is to take place before the end of February.

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

## **Water & Drainage**

### **C/098/22 - H11 Item ID:73836 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/099/22 - C7 Item ID:73837 – Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

## **Community**

### **C/100/22 - Q10 Item ID:74123 – Community Centre in Kilcarberry**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin:

"To ask the Chief Executive for an approximate timeline for the delivery of the Community centre, creche facilities & retail units in Kilcarberry?"

**REPLY:**

The creche facility at Kilcarberry is scheduled to commence construction in Q3 2022 with a scheduled 11-month build programme and so it should be complete in Q2 2023.  The community centre is proposed for the final phase of construction in the development and is anticipated to commence in late 2023/early 2024.

Separately, the adjacent, proposed retail site is planned to be advertised for expressions of interest next month with a preferred bidder potentially selected in Q2 202, followed by a provisional 24-month timeline for delivery incorporating planning and construction.

### **C/101/22 - Q11 Item ID:74172 – Newcastle Community Centre**

Proposed by Councillor S. O'Hara:

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on Newcastle Community Centre?"

**REPLY:**

The Community team are liaising directly with the Board of Management of Newcastle Community Centre on a regular basis on this matter. Following meetings with the Planning Department and, more recently, with the Board of Management, revised drawings for the proposed community centre are currently being prepared by the Architects Dept taking into account all relevant feedback.  The revised drawings will be the basis for further discussions with the Planning Department, local community representatives and the landowner to arrive at a final agreed proposal that can then be progressed towards planning approval.

### **C/102/22 - Q12 Item ID:74124 – Repair of Clondalkin Swimming Pool**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin:

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the repair of the boom in Clondalkin Swimming Pool?"

**REPLY:**

Following the recent visit by specialist contractor to Clondalkin Swimming Pool to fit replacement parts, significant issues were discovered relating to transducers which now require full replacement.  Unfortunately, this will involve the order of replacement parts and a return visit by the contractor and we will update the committee as soon as specific timelines for this are known.

The frustration of swimming pools users and swimming clubs over the ongoing lack of access and service is fully understood and their undoubted disappointment at this latest update is shared by the Council.  We are reviewing maintenance arrangements and service cover in conjunction with facility managers from South County Dublin Leisure Services to improve the responsiveness and efficiency of these arrangements for leisure centre users.  The Council has committed the funding necessary to ensure that all appropriate options can be explored and will prioritise making any necessary arrangements identified in this regard.

### **C/103/22 - H12 Item ID:73838 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/104/22 - H13 Item ID:73839 -Deputations for Noting**

**(No Business)**

### **C/105/22 - C8 Item ID:73840 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/106/22 - M8 Item ID:74066 – Clondalkin Youth Band**

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 9 and Motion 10 in tandem with this item as they were of a similar subject matter.

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

"That this Area Committee requests that South Dublin County Council investigate the old swimming pool beside Clondalkin Leisure centre as a base for Clondalkin Youth Band who need a new long-term base for the Band.  What would the cost be to bring it into use? Would there be an area Clondalkin Youth Band could use with others long term? Clondalkin Youth Band are effectively homeless from 1st April. Can South Dublin County Council accommodate them long term? We also request South Dublin County Council  to look at a short-term storage space they could use and work with local elected councillors on this. We request a full report be brought to this Area Committee for discussion."

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

The Old Swimming pool beside Clondalkin Leisure Centre requires a full evaluation by SDCC Architects and is currently not accessible to the public. Following a full assessment of the building an evaluation of the best potential usage, for what is a strategically located building, can take place. This represents a major capital refurbishment project and will require significant investment to bring it to an accessible state.  The Community department is keen to get this building assessed, and to consult with the board of SCDLS on its potential future. Consultation with the wider community would also be vital for any future redesign and refurbishment to take place.

With regard to the provision of storage space and/or base for Clondalkin Youth Band the Community Department will link the Clondalkin Youth Band with local community facilities and the County Arts Officer to explore potential options to meet their needs.  The band’s running costs can also be supported through our community grants, subject to receipt of an application for same in future.

### **C/107/22 - M9 Item ID:74175 – Clondalkin Youth Band**

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

"That this Committee urges the Chief Executive to work with the Clondalkin Youth Band to secure a permanent premises as they have to leave their current premises in April."

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

The Community Department will link the Clondalkin Youth Band with local community facilities and the County Arts Officer to explore potential options to meet their needs. The band’s running costs can also be supported through our community grants, subject to receipt of an application for same in future.

### **C/108/22 - M10 Item ID:74083 – Community Storage Space**

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

"That this Committee requests South Dublin County Council to investigate community storage space for local community groups and bring back a report to this Area Committee."

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

Where community groups present to the Community Department seeking user and/or storage space, the Community Department will connect them with boards of management in local community facilities explore potential options to meet their needs.

Our planned community facilities survey in Q2, 2022 may indicate the potential for storage space options and we will revert to area committees on this in due course.

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

## **Housing**

### **C/109/22 -Q13 Item ID:74181 – Mechanical Extract Ventilation**

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey:

"To ask the Chief Executive if he can indicate how many properties Centralised Mechanical Extract Ventilation is currently being trialled and when we can expect a report on their use?"

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council has recently retrofitted two properties with de-centralised Mechanical Extract Ventilation systems.  Works typically involve the installation of a combination of low trickle continuous running extract fans and wall mounted positive input ventilation units.  The success of the units is being monitored with the cooperation with the tenants.  Further suitable trial properties are currently being identified for immediate inclusion in the trial.  Once we have a number of properties retrofitted, Housing Maintenance Section will review the effectiveness for possible future role out and the scenarios where the system is most effective.

Housing Maintenance section envisage the introduction of planned works such as Mechanical Extract Ventilation along with the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program and the Windows & Doors replacement program, will be the key measure to be utilised were improvement to the internal environment of the council housing stock is required.

### **C/110/22 - H14 Item ID:73841 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/111/22 - H15 Item ID:74100 – Allocations Report**

The following report was presented by Mr. D. McNulty, Senior Executive Engineer:

The following table gives the allocations and transfers for 2021:

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| **Allocations** |  | **County wide Total** | **Clondalkin** |
| **Allocations Total** |  | **Total 627** | **Total 242** |
| CBL Total |  | **369** | **163** |
| CBL General | 195 |  | 73 |
| CBL Homeless | 5 |  | 4 |
| CBL RAS Fixed Transfer/RAS NTQ | 10 |  | 4 |
| CBL HAP Transfer | 159 |  | 82 |
| Homeless/Med Homeless |  | **131** | **46** |
| Medical |  | **50** | **17** |
| OAP/Homeless OAP/Other |  | **77** | **16** |
| **Transfers** |  | **Total 122** | **Total 44** |
| Transfers including medical |  | 88 | **30** |
| RAS/Landlord Cancelled |  | 34 | **14** |

### A discussion followed with contribution from Councillor E. Ó Broin. Mr. D. McNulty responded to the member’s query and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/112/22 - C9 Item ID:73842 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/113/22 - M11 Item ID:74177 – Age Friendly Dwellings**

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

"This Committee calls upon the Chief Executive to prioritise age friendly dwelling currently in use for the installation Central Mechanical Extraction Ventilation systems and that South Dublin County Council recognises that "mould" can be a particularly hazardous occurrence for those tenants of a senior age as well as those suffering from respiratory illness. (reference reply Q11 CAC, Jan 9th, 2022)"

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

 The issue of mould in properties is caused by a combination of moisture and temperature within the property.  The tenant’s behaviour, tenant’s action and the fabric of the building has a direct impact on the level of moisture within a building.  In the cases of severe mould, depending on the likely source of the moisture, a combination of measures including tenant education, introduction of mechanical ventilation and improvement to the building fabric is carried out.  When prioritising of works is required, tenant’s medical conditions will be considered to ensure the correct actions are carried out and done so in a timely fashion.

As part of 2021/22 Planned Maintenance works relating to the improvement building fabric, Age Friendly units have been included as part of the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program and the replacement of Windows and Doors Program.  This will have an impact on reducing moisture build up within these properties.  Were required, if Mechanical Ventilation is deemed necessary to tackle severe mould, these works will be carried out.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillor W. Carey. Mr. D. McNulty, Senior Executive Engineer responded to the member’s query and the motion was **AGREED**.

## **Planning**

### **C/114/22 - Q14 Item ID:73980 – Clondalkin Crochet Group**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons:

"To ask the Chief Executive to issue a report on Clondalkin Crochet Group and ask will South Dublin County Council receive a report from Clondalkin Crochet Group regarding the long, proud history of lace-making in Clondalkin. The report to be written by a person who is a third-generation lace-maker in Clondalkin. To give a contact person for this report to be given to."

**REPLY:**

Clondalkin is known as a location with a rich heritage of lace making, including needle laces, Irish Crochet, and Irish Crochet Lace. In 2021, the County Heritage Officer facilitated the recording of some aspects of this important cultural heritage with the production of the award winning film on the involvement of local Clondalkin women in the making of crochet for the renowned Irish fashion designer, Sybil Connolly,- ‘Clondalkin’s Tangible Threads, Clondalkin in the world of haute couture’.

The Heritage Officer would welcome any report from the Clondalkin Crochet Group which would add to the knowledge and understanding of the role of Clondalkin in the development of these nationally important crafts.

### **C/115/22 - Q15 Item ID:73983 – RIC Barracks**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons:

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report into the RIC Barracks [Recorded Protected Structure] and to ask (as it continues to fall into dereliction and decay and is now a disgraceful eyesore Old Nangor Road) what will South Dublin County Council do to make this building more acceptable?

**REPLY:**

A number of detailed, replies, reports and updates have been provided to date to Clondalkin ACM by the Council's Architectural Conservation Officer and Planning Enforcement Section. As you may already know several attempts to serve notices on the owner or gain authorised access to the property to facilitate a proper inspection by the Enforcement Section, Planning and Environmental Services, Derelict Sites have been exhausted as the owner is in absentia.

The property remains in private ownership and therefore it is not the remit of the local authority to determine a use for the property or to carry out any works, nor would it be feasible for the SDCC to purchase the building.

### **C/116/22 - H16 Item ID:73843 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/117/22 - H17 Item ID:73850 – Planning Application**

The following report was presented by Ms. C. O’Shea, Executive Planner:

SHD3ABP-312501-22 - Mill Road, Saggart, Dublin.

[HI 17 SHD 3](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74086)

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillors F. Timmons, E. Ó Broin, P. Kavanagh, W. Carey, S. O’Hara and K. Egan. Mr. E. Burke, A/Senior Planner took all of the members queries and questions for input to the report for An Bord Pleanala and the report was **NOTED**.

### **C/118/22 - H18 Item ID:74183 – Planning Application**

The following report was presented by Ms. S. Watson, Assistant Planner:

SHD3ABP-312571-22 - Dolcáin House, Monastery Road, Clondalkin

[HI 18 SHD 3](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74087)

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillors F. Timmons, E. Ó Broin, P. Kavanagh, W. Carey, S. O’Hara and K. Egan. Mr. E. Burke, A/Senior Planner took all of the members queries and questions for input to the report for An Bord Pleanala and the report was **NOTED**.

### **C/119/22 - C10 Item ID:73844 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/120/22 - M12 Item ID:74178 – Construction Vehicles on Castle Road in Saggart**

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

"That this Committee calls upon the Chief Executive to ensure that South Dublin County Council enforces a requirement by construction vehicles entering and exiting with construction and excavation materials along Castle Road in Saggart, are not overloaded and spilling such materials on to surrounding streets."

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

It is noted that the motion refers to a broad location in Saggart and not a particular development site. If there is unauthorised development or non-compliance of conditions of a planning permission granted to a site then Planning Enforcement can investigate. Planning permission for a particular site will detail what is permitted for the development to be deemed authorised.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillors W. Carey and S. O’Hara. Mr. E. Burke, A/Senior Planner responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED**.

## **Transportation**

### **C/121/22 - Q16 Item ID:74176 – Fob System for Gate on the Ninth Lock Road**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin:

"To ask the Chief Executive if there is any impediment to the management company of Thornfield Square (S00A/0574) installing a fob system for pedestrian access to the complex from the gate to the Ninth Lock Road? The management company would like to restrict access to the complex from the Ninth Lock Road from between 5pm and 8am to residents. There is also a vehicle gate which is open from 8am-5pm and managed by the HSE for Steeple House."

**REPLY:**

This complex is a private development and is managed by a management company. South Dublin County Council have no issues with a fob gated arrangement between the hours of 5pm and 8am.

### **C/122/22 - Q17 Item ID:73971 – Welcome Signs in Newcastle Village**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons:

"To ask the Chief Executive would he consider 2 welcome signs in Newcastle village.  There is no sign coming from Celbridge at Hazelhatch. The location for 2 Welcome signs is on Hazelhatch Road and the other on Athgoe Road and that he consult with Newcastle Tidy Towns to ensure that the signs match the current two signs under the signage installation programme. Then all 4 locations will be covered. (already have 2 welcome signs in the village. One at entrance from N 7 and the other on Peamount Road coming from Lucan.)"

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**REPLY:**

The Arts Office is currently focused on the delivery of a public artwork, a heritage sculpture, at the Woodford Roundabout entrance to Clondalkin, arising primarily out of funding from the NTA and Land Use, Planning and Transport, and some per cent for art monies arising out of the Riversdale, Watery Lane Social Building Scheme. Artists will be asked to respond to one of a number of heritage themes relating to the Clondalkin area, including its connection to St. Brigid and the Well. The selection and commissioning process for this sculpture will be completed before other sculptural artworks are considered.

The Council's Public Art Working Group will shortly begin the planning process for In Context 5 - Connect. In Context is South Dublin County Council's Public Art Programme under the Per Cent for Art Scheme. There are a number of Social Build Projects from the Clondalkin area, but unfortunately none of these are in the area of St. Brigid's Well.

### **C/123/22 - H19 Item ID:73845 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/124/22 - H20 Item ID:73848 – Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

**(No Business)**

### **C/125/22 - H21 Item ID:73847 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/126/22 - M13 Item ID:73967 – Unfinished Estate – Whitton Ave**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

"That this Committee requests a report for discussion on Whitton Ave and why this Estate has not been finished and left with a road full of potholes, no public streetlights (Health and Safety issue) and open sewers and now an exposed metal plate running across the centre of the road.   Also report to include how much has South Dublin County Council got from Builders and how this ongoing issue will be resolved for the residents? This Area Committee calls on South Dublin County Council to immediately address the issues."

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

The Whitton Avenue developer is no longer in existence.  Planning Enforcement has been issued on this development to repair the snags on the developer.  Enforcement are now in the process of establishing the new owner.  A solution will materialise in this respect. SDCC cannot enter onto private property without a legal basis for doing so.  

The existing road is a private road and is the temporary access to Whitton Avenue.  A permanent solution is outlined in the paragraph below: This temporary road will be closed off at the eastern end of Whitton and will become the private access for the farmhouse only.

Two cash payments have been received by SDCC in relation to this planning grant reference number SD14A/0002 at Whitton Avenue.

A total of €50,000 has been paid to SDCC under condition 3,  The details of condition 3 are copied below.

A total of €60,000 has been paid to SDCC under condition 16.  The details of condition 16 are copied below.

The first cash payment of €50,000 has been levied as insurance to ensure that (under condition 3) the road from the Clonburris SDZ is constructed into the northern side of the proposed development. This road has not been constructed by the developer. Therefore, this money will be retained by SDCC to cover the costs of delivering this road connection.  I have uploaded extracts of 2no. drawings showing the tender drawings that will be used to procure the delivery of the Clonburris Southern link road.  This will include a spur into Whitton Avenue to connect this estate to the Clonburris SDZ development.  This road will have drainage, foul sewer and public lighting included in the deliverables.  This tender will be advertised very shortly.

The second cash payment under condition 16 has been levied as a general charge to ensure that the developer completes the roads, open spaces, car parks, sewers, watermains, drains and other publicly accessible services to the required SDCC Taking in Charge standards.  SDCC will strive to get the remaining snags completed to a satisfactory standard, and get the estate taken in charge.  The €60,000 shall be retained until such times as these works are completed satisfactorily.

[Whitton Avenue Road Link Drawings](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73988)

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

### **C/127/22 - M14 Item ID:73718 Safety of Junction at Naas/Boot Road**

It was Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan

"That this Area Committee arrange with TII, to facilitate the safety of the junction at Naas Road/Boot Road."

In the absence of Councillor T. Gilligan, the motion **FELL**.

### **C/128/22 - M15 Item ID:74082 – Junction 4 on the N7**

It was Proposed by Councillor S. O'Hara, Seconded by Councillor F. Timmons and unanimously **AGREED** without debate to accept the Chief Executive’s report:

"To ask the Chief Executive will he write to Transport Infrastructure Ireland to request a solution to the dangerous tailbacks of traffic queued up on the hard shoulder at junction 4, N7 each morning coming into Rathcoole?"

**REPORT:**

If the Motion is passed, a letter will be issued to Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the response circulated to the Members.

### **C/129/22 - M16 Item ID:73970 Outer Ring Road for Newcastle**

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

"That this Committee calls for South Dublin County Council to ensure that an outer Ring Road for Newcastle is part of future development of the area and they work with Transport Infrastructure Ireland to ensure that the traffic and HGV issues in the area are dealt with, and that this motion is also copied to Transport Infrastructure Ireland."

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

The Outer ring road is contained on our current County Development Plan.  It is also contained as an objective in our pending County Development Plan due to be adopted in the autumn of this year.

SDCC further has asked that this objective be included in the GDA Transport Strategy Plan 2022 to 2042 in the latest public consultation process that took place in November 2021.

SDCC has also asked the NTA to carry out Transport studies in the Rathcoole, Greenogue, Newcastle and environs to identify the transport needs at this location.  SDCC have identified that these areas as having significant congestion problems and impressed on the NTA that timely inventions are necessary.

SDCC Traffic Department can send a copy of this Motion to the NTA and TII for their attention.

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

### **C/130/22 - M17 Item ID:73931 – Whitton Avenue, Taking in Charge**

It was Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan

"That the Chief Executive assist with issues in Whitton Avenue, Clondalkin, inc. but not limited to street lighting, internet access, potholes. When will the estate be taken in charge?"

In the absence of Councillor T. Gilligan, the motion **FELL.**

The meeting concluded at 5:55p.m.

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