COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS
SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of Environment Public Realm & Climate Change SPC Meeting held on 9th February 2022**

**Venue: MS Teams Meeting**

**In attendance:**

**Elected Members Sectoral Members**

Councillor David McManus (Chair) Ms. Una Ruddock

Councillor Madeleine Johansson Mr. Donie Anderson

Councillor Dermot Richardson Ms. Deirdre Mooney

Councillor Yvonne Collins

Councillor Guss O’Connell

**Officials**

Teresa Walsh, Director of Service

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer

Leo Magee, Senior Engineer

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent

Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer

Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer

Fiona Hendley, Administrative Officer

David Grant, A/Project Resident Engineer

Fionnghuala Ryan, Climate Action and Environmental Awareness Officer

Michael Heffernan, Senior Executive Engineer

**Apologies**

Councillor Francis Timmons

Councillor David McManus (Chair) welcomed those in attendance and those new to the SPC committee. A quick round of introductions followed.

**Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 2nd November 2021**

The [minutes](http://intranet/cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=73716) of Environment SPC meeting held on 2nd November 2021 were proposed by Councillor Johansson, seconded by Councillor Collins, and agreed.

**Item 2: Flood Alleviation and Surface Water Schemes**

David Grant, A/Project Resident Engineer presented the [report](http://intranet/cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=74164) to the committee

Councillor McManus (Chair) noted local appreciation of works proposed for Whitechurch Stream

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 3: Local Authority EV Charging Strategy**

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer presented the [report](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=74395) to the committee. The [presentation](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=73846) was available to all members to view separately.

Councillor O’Connell and Ms. Mooney raised queries on the report. Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer responded to the queries raised

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 4: SDCC Sustainable Drainage Systems (Suds) Explanatory, Design & Evaluation Guide**

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer presented a [report](http://intranet/cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=74165) to the committee.

Councillors Johansson and Collins raised queries on the report. Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer responded to the queries raised

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 5: Climate Change Action Plan 2019 - 2024**

Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer presented an [update](http://intranet/cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=74166) on the Climate Change Action Plan 2019 - 2024 to the committee by means of the Climate Change Implementation Plan 2022

Councillor Johansson raised queries on the update. Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer responded to the queries raised.

The Update was **NOTED**

**Item 6: Update on Environmental Awareness Activities**

Fionnghuala Ryan, Climate Change and Environmental Awareness Officer presented an [update](http://intranet/cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=74167) to the committee.

The Update was **NOTED**

**Item 7: Allotments Policy Update**

Fiona Hendley, Administrative Officer presented an [update](http://intranet/cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=74168) to the Committee.

Mr. Anderson and Councillor Collins raised queries on the update. Fiona Hendley, Administrative Officer and Teresa Walsh, Director of Service responded to the queries raised

The Update was **NOTED**

**Item 8: Pollinator Plan Update**

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent presented an [update](http://intranet/cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=74169) to the committee.

The Update was **NOTED**

**Item 9: Sustainable Uplands Agri-environment scheme (SUAS) update**

Mr. Donie Anderson presented an [update](http://intranet/cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=74170) to the committee

The Update was **NOTED**

**Item 10: Any Other Business**

Councillor Gus O’Connell was nominated to the biodiversity sub-committee by Councillor McManus (Chair) and seconded by Councillor Collins and Mr. Anderson

Ms. Ruddock invited the committee members to a virtual tour of the Cloughjordan eco village at 7pm on the 22nd of February next.

Teresa Walsh, Director of Service thanked Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer for all his work on this SPC over the past number of years, this will be his last meeting before leaving South Dublin County Council

Councillor Mc Manus thanked Councilor Yvonne Collins for her contribution to the committee as this will be her last meeting

The meeting concluded at 6:51 p.m.