

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS**  
**SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**



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

**Venue: MS Teams Meeting**

**In attendance:**

**Elected Members**

Councillor David McManus (Chair)  
Councillor Madeleine Johansson  
Councillor Dermot Richardson  
Councillor Yvonne Collins  
Councillor Guss O'Connell

**Sectoral Members**

Ms. Una Ruddock  
Mr. Donie Anderson  
Ms. Deirdre Mooney

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021**

The [minutes](#) of Environment SPC meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](#) 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](#) to the committee. The [presentation](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) to the committee.

The Update was **NOTED**

**Item 7: Allotments Policy Update**

Fiona Hendley, Administrative Officer presented an [update](#) 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](#) to the committee.

The Update was **NOTED**

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

Mr. Donie Anderson presented an [update](#) 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.