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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Area Committee Hybrid Meeting of Rathfarnham, Templeogue, Firhouse, Bohernabreena, held on Tuesday 13th September 2022 through Microsoft 365 Teams and in person in the Council Chamber

### **COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

Alan Edge

David McManus

Emma Murphy

Lynn McCrave

Lyn Hagin Meade

Brian Lawlor

Deirdre O'Donovan

Ronan McMahon

Laura Donaghy

### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Senior Executive Officer Mary Maguire, Sharon Conroy

Senior Engineer Leo Magee, Gary Walsh,

Executive Engineer Grainne Mowlds,

Senior Executive Librarian Sile Colman, Paul Fusco

Administrative Officer Adrienne Moloney

Staff Officer Aoife Brennan,

Clerical Officer Vikki Cryan,

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Lyn Hagin Meade presided

Apologies were received from Councillor. Carly Bailey, Councillor. Yvonne Collins & Councillor. Pamala Kearns

### **RTFB/337/22 H1/ Item ID:76383-Minutes**

Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting of 13th September 2022.

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Rathfarnham/Templeogue/Firhouse/Bohernabreena Area Committee dealing with Housing, Community, Transportation, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries, Corporate, Performance & Change Management, Public Realm, Environment, Water & Drainage held on 13th September 2022 which have been circulated, were submitted, and **APPROVED** as true record and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor Lyn Hagin Meade, seconded by Councillor Ronan McMahon, and **RESOLVED** “That the recommendations contained in the minutes of 13th September 2022 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

[H1 Minutes](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76279)

## **RTFB/338/22 - Questions**

It was proposed by Councillor Lyn Hagin Meade, seconded by Councillor Alan Edge, and **RESOLVED** “That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 that Questions 1 - 6 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

## **Performance Change Management**

### **RTFB/339/C1 Item ID:76390-Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/340/H2 Item ID:76403- New Works**

New Works (No Business)

## **Corporate Support**

### **RTFB/341/Q1/Item ID:76410- 300k Firhouse/Bohernabreena**

Proposed by Councillor Brian Lawlor

To ask the chief executive for an update on one of the projects that was successful in the 300k Firhouse/Bohernabreena ward. The Nature Trail along the river Dodder which received 926 votes €20,000?

**REPLY:**

This work was completed.

It involved the installation of nature trail signage at a number of locations along the Dodder, as well as the creation and installation of a viewing platform with a view of the bridge and waterfall at Old Bawn.

### **RTFB/342/ C2 Item ID:76386 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/343/H3 Item ID:76398 - New works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/344/ M1/ Item ID:76298-Bus Route improvement**

Proposed by Councillor Alan Edge & Seconded by Councillor Lyn Hagin Meade

That this Area Committee write to the Minister for Transport, NTA and Dublin Bus to demand that improvements are made to the 17, 75 and 175 bus routes following considerable hardship caused to residents in this area recently by late or cancelled bus services.

The Following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:

If the Motion is passed, a letter will be issued to the Minister for Transport and the NTA in this regard and the response circulated to the Members.

An Amendment for this Motion was Proposed by Councillor Ronan McMahon and Seconded by Councillor Emma Murphy which was unanimously **Agreed.**

Following contributions from councillors Alan Edge, Laura Donaghy, Ronan McMahon, Emma Murphy & Lyn Hagin Meade, Mary Maguire Senior Executive Officer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

## **Public Realm**

### **RTFB/345/ Q2 Item ID:75809- Bus stop Kimmage Road West**

Proposed by Councillor Carly Bailey

To ask the manager for an update on a request I made for a public bin to be installed at Bus Stop 1090 on the Kimmage Road West, near to the KCR junction. I made this request some time ago and note that Dublin City Council have a bin on the opposite side of the road at Bus Stop 2437...

**REPLY:**

Arrangements will be made to install a litter bin at this location, at bus stop 1090 on Kimmage Road West near Kimmage Crossroads.

### **RTFB/346/22 Q3/1022 Item ID:76123-Cruagh Cemetery**

Proposed by Councillor Emma Murphy

To ask the Council to provide details on the schedule for cleaning and maintenance of Cruagh cemetery?

**REPLY:**

Cruagh burial ground is inspected regularly by Public Realm supervisory staff with maintenance works scheduled as required following those inspections.  In general, the burial ground is cleaned weekly, and grass is cut monthly throughout the grass cutting season.  The waste bunker is emptied and cleaned on a regular basis as determined through the regular inspections.

### **RTFB/347/Q4/ Item ID:76428-Tree maintenance Programme**

Proposed by Councillor Lynn. McCrave

To ask the Chief Executive to include Templeogue Road between Templeogue Wood Lane and Templeogue Bridge opposite Cheeverstown House in their next tree maintenance programme.

**REPLY:**

The trees at this location, on Templeogue Road between Templeogue Wood Lane and Templeogue bridge, have been listed for inspection.  If maintenance works are found to be required, then this will be included in the next 3 year tree maintenance programme for the period 2023 to 2025.

### **RTFB/348/ Q5 Item ID:76417- Removal of Tree stump Glendoher**

Proposed by Councillor David McManus

To ask the Chief Executive to remove a large tree stump in place since 2020, outside 11 Glendoher Drive in Rathfarnham? The stump impedes access to cars due to its size.

**REPLY:**

The tree stump at the address given on Glendoher Drive has been listed for removal.  Tree stump removals are due to commence in November, the programme of removals will be completed over the winter months.

### **RTFB/349/C3 Item ID:76392 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/350/ H4 Item ID:76405- New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/351/M2 Item ID:76462-Litter Bins Stocking Avenue**

Proposed by Councillor Lyn Hagin Meade & Seconded by Councillor Ronan McMahon

To ask for the provision of new litter bins adjacent to bus stops 6278 and 6287 on Stocking Avenue near the entrance to Whitepines and Tesco Whitepines. It has been brought to my attention that there is a significant increase in littering in this area recently. Residents are currently picking up litter from the main road and in the shrubbery in this area on a daily basis.

**The Following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

Arrangements will be made to provide litter bins at the 2 locations mentioned, on Stocking Avenue at Whitepines, in the coming weeks.

Following contributions from Councillor Lyn Hagin Meade and the report was **NOTED**.

### **RTFB/352/M3/ Item ID:75897 – Play Area Glendown**

Submitted by Councillor Pamela Kearns

That this committee calls on the manager to install a railing around the Glendown children's play space at the junction of Glendown road and Templeville Road. This is an issue I raised when the proposal for play space was first brought to council, and it continues to be a matter of grave concern to the parents of young children that visit the play area.

 In the absence of Councillor Pamela Kearns this **Motion FELL**

### **RTFB/353/ M4 Item ID:76060 – Installation of Bins Dodder Valley Park**

Proposed by Councillor Alan Edge & Seconded by Councillor Lyn Hagin Meade

That a timetable is provided for the installation of much needed bins in Dodder Valley Park as the situation at present is unacceptable.

**The Following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

Litter bins are currently in place at the following locations servicing Dodder Valley Park -

* At the pedestrian entrance to the park from Old Bawn Road,
* In the car park adjacent to the Old Bawn sports pavilion,
* At two locations beside the sports pavilion itself,
* At the Seskin View Road entrance to the park,
* At the pedestrian entrance to the park beside the Firhouse Road car park,
* At the bus stop beside the Firhouse Road car park,
* At the Cherryfield car park entrance to the park.

There are eight litter bins at the locations listed above.  It is proposed to provide additional litter bins at approximately six selected locations within the park between Old Bawn and Cherryfield.  The locations to be chosen will focus on areas where seating has been provided including the plaza type areas at the Firhouse weir and at the junction of Firhouse Road and the Spawell link road.  These additional litter bins will be installed in the coming weeks.

Following Contributions from Councillor Alan Edge, Emma Murphy & Ronan McMahon, Leo Magee Senior Engineer responded to queries raised and the Report was **NOTED**

### **RTFB/354/M5 Item ID:76116- Tree Management works**

Submitted by Councillor Yvonne Collins

That this council undertakes to complete the tree management works agreed, in or around April 2021, in relation to the silver Birch trees at the boundary of Tymon Park and 2 Rushbrook View in order to prevent further damage being done to the boundary wall of Tymon Park and 2 Rushbrook View.

 In the Absence of Councillor Yvonne Collins this **Motion FELL**

### **RTFB/355/ M6 Item ID:76350-Stump Removal**

Submitted by Councillor Carly Bailey

To ask the Manager for a report on tree stump removal works for the Dublin 12 area.

 In the absence of Councillor Bailey this **Motion FELL**

### **RTFB/356/ M7 Item ID:76423- Overgrown Trees**

Proposed by Councillor David McManus & Seconded by Councillor Lyn Hagin Meade

That this area committee requests that the large overgrown trees on The Avenue, Cypress Downs in Templeogue are pruned due to falling tree sap on cars.

**The Following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

 The trees on The Avenue, Cypress Downs were pruned as part of the current tree programme and that work was completed in 2021.  The Public Realm Section will examine the issue raised here and will make contact with the affected residents, if their details can be provided.  If further pruning is required to address this issue, then these works can be arranged.

Following contribution from Councillor David McManus and the Report was **NOTED.**

### **RTFB/357/ M8 Item ID:76360- Gates Rathfarnham Castle Park**

Submitted by Councillor Yvonne Collins

That new automated gates be installed at Rathfarnham Castle Park as the existing automated gates are faulty and in need of regular and costly repair, and automated gates are essential in preventing anti-social behaviour at night”

 In the absence of Councillor Yvonne Collins this **Motion FELL**

## **Environment**

### **RTFB/358/ C4 Item ID:76384- Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/359/H5 Item ID:76400- New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/360/ M9 Item ID:76342- Illegal Dumping**

Proposed by Councillor Alan Edge & Seconded by Councillor Lyn Hagin Meade

In light of an increasing issue with illegal dumping of household rubbish in Kiltipper, that this Area Committee calls for more inspections and, if feasible, surveillance in the areas taken in charge.

**The Following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

The Council appreciates and shares the concern expressed by the Elected Members and members of the public in relation to the illegal dumping and fly tipping throughout the county.

All reports of illegal dumping and littering are investigated by the Council's Litter Warden Service and all dumped material is searched for evidence. Where evidence is found, the appropriate enforcement action is taken under the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended. Increasingly, it is found that no personal information relating to polluters is contained within the dumped material, with personal information having been removed or shredded.

We have received six complaints of illegal dumping in this area (two in Kiltipper and four in Ellensborough). All six complaints were investigated as well as anything additional found on the Litter Wardens routine patrols, there was no identifying evidence found and therefore no fines were issued.

The Litter Warden carries out their routine patrols in this location a minimum of twice a week and any complaints received are also investigated.

A number of initiatives continue to be implemented through the Environment Water & Climate Change directorate.  The Council's Litter Management Plan has committed to the deployment of innovative and emerging technologies, including CCTV and Programmable Audio Messaging Devices to tackle the problem of illegal dumping and fly tipping.  In managing this service, the Council is mindful of resources available, and requests for the installation of such technologies to be assessed on a case-by-case basis, having regard to certain criteria, including site suitability and the repetitive nature of illegal dumping and fly tipping.

The Litter Warden will increase their patrols of this area for the next four weeks.

Following contribution from councillor Alan Edge and the report was **NOTED**.

## **Water Drainage**

### **RTFB/361/ C5 Item ID:76394 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/362/H6 item ID:76407- New Works**

New Works (No Business)

## **Community**

### **RTFB/363/ C6 Item ID:76385- Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/364/H7 Item ID:76397- New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/365/H8 Item ID:76395- Deputations for Noting**

Deputations for Noting

## Deputation meeting – 28 September 2022 @ 4pm - **Templeroan Residents Association**

**Deputation** **attendees:** Caroline Egan and Helena Shanahan

**Elected Members:**Cllr Lynn Hagan Meade, Cllr Yvonne Collins, Cllr William Joseph Carey

**Council Officials:**Margaret Farrell, Marian Travers, Michael Murtagh, Brendan Redmond, Eamon Harnett, Angela Kelleghan, Sheila Kelly

Cllr Lynn Hagan Meade presided.

**Items discussed**:

1. Removal of Shrubbery along pathway (from Templeroan roundabout towards Ballyboden roundabout)
2. Benches for estate entrance
3. Templeroan View – inadequate space for parking
4. Development of main green space
5. Templeroan Meadows – removal of tree stumps
6. Commitments given

**Commitments given**:

* To arrange a meeting with the group in the next 3 to 4 weeks to look at the area (from Templeroan roundabout towards Ballyboden roundabout) and agree what needs pruning and thinning out ***(Eamon Harnett, SDCC)***
* To meet with the group to discuss the benches. Will look at including in the improvement works scheduled for next year. ***(Brendan Redmond, SDCC)***
* To meet the resident’s association on site to discuss the best use of the green area. Has noted it in the list for consideration for 2023 improvement works programme. ***(Brendan Redmond, SDCC)***
* Re tree stumps - the Council are engaging contractors at the moment and the work will be scheduled to be done either the end of this year (2022) or early next year (2023). ***(Brendan Redmond, SDCC)***

THIS REPORT WAS ***NOTED***

## **Housing**

### **RTFB/366/RTFB/336/ Q6/1022 Item ID:76349- Older persons Accommodation**

Proposed by Councillor Carly Bailey

To ask the Manager to confirm that retrofitting works are due to be carried out on the Older Persons Accommodation at Limekiln Green, Dublin 12, when this will take place and what works will be carried out.

**REPLY:**

Housing Maintenance have identified 16 older/vulnerable persons homes in Limekiln Green for Energy Efficiency Retrofit works.  The works required will be included in the tendering process for other areas of the county.  Below is the progress of the works to date.

* Limekiln (Ph1) --- 8 properties --- tender process to commence eek of 3rd October 2022. Works expected to commence November 2022, with completion Jan/Feb 2023
* Limekiln (Ph2) --- 8 properties --- properties currently being surveyed and tender documentation being prepared. Tender to be issued before year end.  Works to be carried out Q1 2023.

### **RTFB/367/ C7 Item ID:76388 Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/368/H9 Item ID:76401 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/369/22 H10 Item ID:76458 Housing Allocations Report**

The following Report was Presented by Adrienne Moloney A/Administrative Officer

Housing Allocations Report

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| **Allocations** | **County wide Total** | **Rathfarnham Templeogue Firhouse Bohernabreena** |
| **Allocations** |  |  |
| CBL General | 177 | 13 |
| CBL Homeless | 1 |  |
| CBL RAS Fixed Transfer/RAS NTQ | 3 |  |
| CBL HAP Transfer | 24 |  |
| Homeless | 49 | 7 |
| Medical | 66 | 8 |
| OAP/Homeless OAP/Other | 35 | 4 |
| **Total** | **355** | **32** |
| Transfers including medical | 65 | 2 |
| RAS/Landlord Cancelled | 41 | 3 |
| **TOTAL** | **461** | **37** |

## The Report was **NOTED**

## **Planning**

### **RTFB/370/C8 Item ID:76391- Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/371/ H11 Item ID:76404 – New works**

New Works (No Business)

## **Transportation**

### **RTFB/372/ Q7 Item ID:76467- Felling of Trees**

Proposed by Councillor Lyn Hagin Meade

To ask for the councils’ response to the felling of trees on the Lower Dodder Road along the Dodder Greenway cycle track in mid-September 2022.

**REPLY:**

There appears to be some public ambiguity regarding the location of tree felling as part of the Dodder Greenway based on this question, and recent customer contacts in the same subject.

There was no tree felling on the Lower Dodder Road. However, as part of the current works for the Dodder Greenway on Springfield Avenue, trees (as per image attached) were felled under the instruction of the project Arborist who has surveyed them and deemed the trees to be in poor condition.  He determined that the trees would not survive the works to the area, and in fact some have fallen over the last few years.

Mitigation measures are in place with additional tree planting to occur, the most appropriate location of this new planting is being agreed on site between the Landscape Designer and Arborist.

[Q7 Dodder Greenway - felled trees image](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76178)

### **RTFB/373/Q8 Item ID:76427 - Parking Permits**

Proposed by Councillor Lynn. McCrave

Ask the Chief Executive that they consider the businesses' parking Permits for Rathfarnham Village?

**REPLY:**

The Control of Parking Bye Laws 2021 which were made by the Council in May 2021 provide for parking control areas, including Commercial Parking Permits.

The following are approved locations for purchase of commercial permits within the Rathfarnham Pay and Display zones

* Village Court Public Car Park - 40 no.
* Rosemount Shopping Centre Car Park - 12 no

There is no commercial parking permitted on the Main Street Rathfarnham or in Rathfarnham Castle car park.

The cost of a commercial permit is €60 per month and applications may be made online at [www.sdps.ie](http://www.sdps.ie)

(Permits are not transferrable).

It is not possible to "amend" the Byelaws without a full statutory public consultation process on the Byelaws "as a whole".

[Q8 (ii) Control of Parking ByeLaws 2021](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76311)

### **RTFB/374/Q9 Item ID:75892 – Footpath Repairs**

Proposed by Councillor David McManus

To ask the Chief Executive to consider Whitehall Gardens for footpath repairs as part of future programmes?

**REPLY:**

 Whitehall Gardens will add to list of estates for consideration for the 2023 Footpath Repair Programme

### **RTFB/375/ Q10 Item ID:76063 – Grange Road Cycle Scheme**

Proposed by Councillor David McManus

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the completion of the Grange Road cycle scheme, if the bottle bank will be re-installed at the junction of Grange Road and Nutgrove Avenue and if the bottle bank could be cleaned or better presented before back in use?

**REPLY:**

Due to ESB delays, the completion of the Grange Road Cycle Scheme is scheduled for mid-October 2022.

A new bottle bank to the junction of Grange Road and Nutgrove Avenue was placed in the carpark on the 24th of September 2022.

### **RTFB/376/C9/ Item ID:76393 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/377/ H12/ Item ID:76406 – New works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/378/ H13 Item ID:76408 -Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads - NO BUSINESS

### **RTFB/379/ H14 Item ID:76457**

The Following Report was Presented by Grainne Mowlds Executive Engineer

 Update to the Energy Efficiency Programme / SOX Maintenance

[HI14 Update to the Energy Efficiency Programme / SOX Maintenance](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76319)

Following contributions from Councillors Ronan McMahon & Lyn McCrave, Grainne Mowlds, Executive Engineer, responded to queries raised and the Report was **NOTED**

### **RTFB/380/ H15/ Item ID:76466 - Winter Maintenance Plan**

The following Report was Presented by Gary Walsh Senor Engineer

Winter Maintenance Plan 2023

[H15 (i) Winter Service Plan Presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76301)  
[H15 (ii) Winter Maintenance Plan](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76302)

Following Contributions from Councillor Alan Edge, Lynn McCrave, Ronan McMahon & Lyn Hagin Meade, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer, responded to queries raised and the Report was **NOTED**

### **RTFB/381/ M10 Item ID:76463-Pavement repair**

Proposed by Councillor Lyn Hagin Meade and Seconded by Councillor R McMahon

That the Chief executive agrees to repair the wooden pavement edge low barriers along Stocking Lane, opposite to the entrance to Prospect Manor as these have recently been broken.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

The railing opposite Prospect Manor entrance was assessed and it was found to have significant rot to the posts and had very minimal structural integrity left.

This section of post and rail has been removed

Following Contribution from Councillor Lyn Hagin Meade and the Report was **NOTED**

### **RTFB/382/22 M11/1022 Item ID:76426- Additional Public Lighting**

Submitted by Councillor Yvonne Collins

That the Chief executive considers installing additional public lighting between Scholarstown Park and the 15B bus stop at Templeroan Lodge as residents advise that the route to the bus stop from the estate is very dark and off putting and would be much appreciated as a deterrent for any anti-social behaviour

In the absence of Councillor Yvonne Collins this Motion **FELL**

**RFTB/383/ M12/ Item ID:76416- Footpath repair inspection**

Submitted by Councillor Yvonne Collins

That the footpaths at Washington Park in Rathfarnham be inspected, in particular the footpath at (Address Provided), and that necessary repairs are carried out as soon as possible.

 In the absence of Councillor Yvonne Collins this Motion **FELL**

## **Libraries Arts**

### **RTFB/384/C10 Item ID:76389 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/385/ H16 Item ID:76402 – New Works**

NEW WORKS (No Business)

### **RTFB/386/ H17 Item ID:76382 – Application for Arts Grants**

Application for Arts Grants - NO BUSINESS

### **RTFB/387/ H18/1022 Item ID:76396**

The Following Report was Presented by Sile Coleman, Senior Executive Librarian

Library News & Events

[H18 (i) Library Events](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76274)  
[H18 (ii) Library Statistics](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76275)

Following Contributions from Councillors Emma Murphy, Ronan McMahon, Lyn Hagin Meade & Deirdre O ‘Donovan, Sile Coleman Senior Executive Librarian and Paul Fusco County Librarian responded to queries raised and the Report was **NOTED**

## **Economic Development**

### **RTFB/388/ C11 Item ID:76387 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/389/22 H19/1022 Item ID:76399 – New works**

New Works (No Business)

The meeting concluded at 15:59pm.

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