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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Clondalkin, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart and Brittas Area Committee Meeting dealing with Economic Development, Libraries, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management, Water & Drainage, Public Realm, Environment, Housing, Community, Transportation and Planning held on Wednesday 16th November

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

Councillor William Joseph Carey

Councillor Trevor Gilligan

Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

Councillor Francis Timmons

Councillor Kenneth Egan

Councillor Shirley O’Hara

Cathaoirleach, Councillor W. Carey presided.

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

County Librarian Mr. Paul Fusco

Senior Executive Officer Ms. Sharon Conroy, Ms. Elaine Leech, Ms. Laura Leonard

Senior Engineer Mr. John Hegarty

Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Mr. David Fennell, Mr. Laurence Colleran

T/Graduate Landscape Architect Ms. Hannah Johnston

Senior Planner Ms. Gormla O’Corrain

Administrative Officer Ms. Fiona Hendley

A/Assistant Staff Officer Ms. Asta Tamosaite

### **C/474/22 - H1 Item ID:76901 Confirmation & Re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 19th October**

The minutes of the October meeting of the Clondalkin, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart and Britttas Area Committee meeting dealing with Planning, Transportation, Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Performance & Change Management, Corporate Support, Environment, Water & Drainage, Public Realm, Community and Housing held on 19th October 2022 which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

[HI 1 Minutes of 19th October, 2022](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76720)

It was proposed by Councillor W. Carey, seconded by Councillor K. Egan, and **RESOLVED:**

“That the recommendations contained in the minutes of 19th October be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**C/475/22 – QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor S. O’Hara:

“That pursuant to Standing Order 13, Questions 1 to 16 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

## **Environment**

### **C/476/22 - H2 Item ID:76890 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/477/22 – H3 Item ID:76902 – Litter Management Plan**

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

[HI 3 - Litter Management Plan](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76595)

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillors F. Timmons, T. Gilligan, E Ó’Broin and W. Carey. Ms. Conroy, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries and the report was **NOTED**.

**C/478/22 – C1 Item ID:76876 – Correspondence   
(No Business)**

## **Water & Drainage**

### **C/479/22 – H4 Item ID:76897 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/480/22 - C2 Item ID:76886- Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

## **Public Realm**

### **C/481/22 – Q1 Item ID:76674 – Saggart Village**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons:

To ask the Chief Executive would he consider the allocation of additional bins in Saggart at the plaza and crossroads in consultation with Saggart Village Residents group?

**REPLY:**

Saggart Village is currently serviced by 8 litter bins at the following locations -

* Two at the new plaza in the centre of the village,
* One at Jacob's pub,
* One at Centra,
* One at the church on garter Lane,
* One at the junction of Garter Lane and Citywest Drive,
* One at the bus stop on Garter Lane opposite the Citywest Hotel entrance, and
* One at the site of the Schoolhouse Community Centre.

The litter bins at the plaza, Centra and Jacob's pub are all within 50 metres of the main crossroads and for this reason it is considered that the village is adequately serviced by litter bins at the present time.

### **C/482/22 – Q2 Item ID:76744 – Public Realm Improvement Programme**

Proposed by Councillor S. O’Hara:

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the 2022 Public Realm Improvement Programme for Clondalkin LEA in tabular form, setting out which projects have been completed, which are in progress (describing the stage of progress), and dates for completion of those which have not been commenced?

**REPLY:**

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| **No** | **Location** | **Description** | **Status** |
| 1 | Bawnogue Road | New path parallel to Bawnogue Road from Lindisfarne Vale to Lindisfarne Park | Completed |
| 2 | Castlegrange Open Space | Upgrade path on open space | Completed |
| 3 | Corkagh Park | Footpath upgrade Cherrywood Drive to Cherrywood Grove | Completed |
| 4 | Corkagh Park | Surface path by cycle track (Phase 2) | Completed |
| 5 | Corkagh Park | Upgrade boundary at front of playground | Awaiting delivery of a meter kiosk to facilitate removal of ESB meter from cabin prior to taking cabin off site. Ducting installed to divert power supply. |
| 6 | Corkagh Park | New benches on Main Avenue | This item will be addressed under the Corkagh Park masterplan to ensure that there is a uniformity of facilities provided throughout the park. |
| 7 | Corkagh Park | Upgrade back entrance path into playground | Completed |
| 8 | Knockmitten open space | Calisthenic equipment Phase 2 | Completed |
| 9 | Knockmitten open space | Upgrade & widen link path on open space | Completed |
| 10 | Nangor Road | Upgrade planting on roundabouts & surface perimeter | Not started. Supplier of surface material still awaiting pigment to produce material for surfacing roundabouts. |
| 11 | Rathcoole Park | Pollinator bulb planting | Bulbs being planted in November |
| 12 | Clondalkin Park | Pollinator bulb planting | Completed |
| 13 | Knockmitten open space | Pollinator bulb planting | Completed |
| 14 | Corkagh Park | Pollinator bulb planting | Completed |
| 15 | Roundabout at entrance to Luas Park and Ride | Roundabout upgrade | Will be upgraded in Q4 |

### **C/483/22 – Q3 Item ID:76927 – Monastery Gate scramblers**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin:

There are currently two kissing gates to restrict scrambler bikes from accessing Knockmitten Park from Monastery Gate Close. There are however none to prevent scramblers accessing Knockmitten Park from Monastery Gate Villas via the footpath that is located at the rear of the IBIS Hotel Car Park and Mount Talbot apartment block. Recently, scramblers have used this footpath to ride at high speed between Monastery Gate and Knockmitten Park. Local residents have asked me why a kissing gate has never been installed on the footpath? There are currently boulders there. The residents appreciate that kissing gates are losing favour given their restrictive nature, but wonder if there is an inconsistency between kissing gates blocking access from Monastery Gate Close and not blocking access from Monastery Gate Villas?

**REPLY:**

A kissing gate was never installed at this location as no reports have been received to date of scrambler issues.  The kissing gates at Monastery Gate Close were provided under the 2019 Public Realm Improvement Works Programme following representation on behalf of residents to address a scrambler issue which was present at the time.  A review of the path at the rear of the IBIS Hotel Car Park and Mount Talbot apartment block will be carried out and if considered necessary, vehicle restrictive measure will be listed for consideration in the draft Public Realm Improvement Works Programme 2023.

### **C/484/22 – Q4 Item ID:76932 – Bonfire clean up** Proposed by Councillor Carey:

### To ask the Chief Executive for an update report on bonfire clean-up for the entire area?

### **REPLY:**

### Bonfire cleanup has commenced in all areas.  Cleanup is well underway and all it is expected that all works will be completed within the next fortnight.

**C/485/22 – H5 Item ID:77060 – Teen Spaces**The following report was presented by Mr. L. Colleran, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent:

### [HI 5 Teen Spaces](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76736)

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillors E. Ó’Broin, F. Timmons, W. Carey and S. O’Hara. Mr. L. Colleran, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the members queries and the report was **NOTED**.

### **C/486/22 – H6 Item ID: 76895 – New Works** (No Business)

### **C/487/22 - C3 Item ID:76884 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/488/22 – M1 Item ID:76918 – Boundary Treatment**

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey and seconded by Councillor T. Gilligan:

That this Area Committee agrees, that in conjunction with the development of the "Canal Extension Site" adjacent to Ashwood that SDCC should provide a proper boundary treatment along Bawnogue Rd aimed at preventing intrusion by illegal motorbike use through the Ashwood Estate.

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

While the Public Realm Section provide boundary treatment to parks and open space this is generally limited to Regional Park and Neighbourhood Parks.   The provision of boundary treatment along roadside grass margins such as the one in question is not something that is provided to address the issue of motorbikes.  It is the experience of the Public Realm Section that such structures can give rise to loitering, become targets for anti-social behaviour and vandalism, and restrict universal access for residents.

The issue of scramblers and irresponsible motor cyclists traversing this area should be brought to the attention of the Gardaí who have the powers to enforce the law regarding these matters.  The Criminal Justice (Public Order) (Quadbikes and Scramblers) (Amendment) Bill 2021 which is currently before the Dáil will provide additional legislation which would be more appropriate in this instance.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillors T. Gilligan, F. Timmons and W. Carey. Mr. David Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED**.

### **C/489/22 – M2 Item ID:76934 – Corkagh Park dressing rooms**

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey and seconded by Councillor T. Gilligan:

That this Area Committee request an update on discussions to bring the Corkagh park dressing rooms into full use and to inform the committee as to the status of electrical supply.

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

Public Realm staff have engaged with a number of the clubs who are using the pavilion in Corkagh Park. A meeting will be held between SDCC, and the clubs involved, and a number of agenda items will be dealt including the status of the electrical supply.

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

**C/490/22 – M3 Item ID:76792 – Clondalkin Skatepark**Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor T. Gilligan:

### That this Area Committee supports local calls and petition for lights to be added into the Clondalkin Park local skatepark, we recognise the importance of this local amenity to so many young people and request the council look and act on this request

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

When the skatepark was constructed, it was managed as a controlled facility that was locked at night.  It was not envisaged that night-time skating would take place in the skatepark and therefore lighting was not provided at the time.  The facility has developed in the intervening years and it is no longer locked at night.  The request for lighting the skatepark will be examined.  Anti-social activities that developed at this facility in recent years would need to be considered as part of this examination.  However, it should be noted that these activities would appear to have abated.  If considered appropriate, lighting will be listed for consideration in the draft Public Realm Improvement Works Programme for 2023.

The Public Realm Section has not received a copy of the petition and would appreciate if this could be forwarded so that it could be considered as part of the process.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillors F. Timmons and W. Carey. Mr. David Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED**.

**C/491/22 – M4 Item ID:76919 – Woodford Bollards**Proposed by Councillor E. Ó’ Broin and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:

That this Area Committee request SDCC to install wooden bollards around the mini green at the end of the Woodford Meadows cul-de-sac in the same manner as wooden bollards are installed around the mini green at the end of the Woodford Crescent cul-de-sac. The bollard arrangement should take cognisance of access to the corner houses of the cul-de-sac.

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

The wooden bollards that were installed at the end of the cul de sac in Woodford Crescent were provided to prevent vehicles driving over the grass verge from Woodford Crescent onto Woodford Walk.  A review of the end of the cul de sac at Woodford Meadows will be carried out.  If a similar problem of cars driving over the grass verge onto Woodford Walk exists, bollards will be considered for installation.  The simplest way to prevent this activity is to install a straight line of bollards beside the Woodford Walk footpath.  This method of installation will be cognisant of vehicle access requirements to houses in the vicinity.  The final configuration of bollards will be determined by the presence of any underground services.

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

## **Housing**

### **C/492/22 – Q5 Item ID:76922 – Time scales on Tenancy offers** Proposed by Councillor W. Carey:

To ask the Chief Executive for an approximate or typical time scale between when an offer of tenancy has been agreed and the occupancy taking place?

**REPLY:**

In general properties are advertised on Choice Based Letting, or offered to priority applicants, three months before the estimated delivery of the unit, whether a new build or a relet of existing stock. This allows Housing staff to complete financial assessments of the successful applicants, complete estate management checks and also allows the applicants time to prepare for the move and apply for any grants that can assist with the move.

Delays can occur when new developments run over on time, when the connection of utility services (gas/electricity) are delayed or when relet properties are found to require more extensive works than initially thought.  In these instances, all efforts are made to communicate the delay to the proposed tenant.

**C/493/22 – Q6 Item ID:76924– Rent Assessments**Proposed by Councillor W. Carey:

To ask the Chief Executive for an approximate length of time currently for a person to wait between submitting documentation and receiving a completed assessment for their rents and if rents are increased can they confirm if this is backdated to cover the period of assessment or from period of submission of documents etc.?

**REPLY:**

Tenants are required to notify us of any change in their household income and submit relevant documentation immediately, so their rent can be adjusted e.g., copy of payslip or social welfare payment. The weekly rent will change only from the date the documentation is received. The Rents team have assessed over 3,500 rent accounts to date this year. It currently takes approximately two weeks to review a rent assessment application provided all the information submitted is complete. However, in a significant number of cases, additional information is requested, and we provide tenants with an additional 14 days to respond.

**C/494/22 – Q7 Item ID:76909– Medical Priority**Proposed by Councillor E. Ó’Broin

To ask the Chief Executive if any of the new social housing being built in Clondalkin e.g. in Lindisfarne, Mayfield, Kilcarberry or Nangor Road are specifically adapted as part of their construction to meet the needs of those on the housing list with Medical Priority?

**REPLY:**

Social Housing projects currently under construction in the Clondalkin LEA include universally adapted units which can be used to house persons on the housing list with medical priority.

### **C/495/22 – HI 7 Item ID: 76891– New Works (No Business)**

### **C/496/22 - C4 Item ID:76880 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/497/22 – M5 Item ID:76935 – Affordable Purchase Scheme**

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

That this Area Committee requests an update on the status of the affordable purchase scheme in Kilcarberry and if the problems regarding financing of loans has been overcome.

**REPORT:**

The Priorities Agreements with Bank of Ireland, Permanent TSB and Allied Irish Bank (including its subsidiaries EBS and Haven Mortgages) have all now been executed. Applicants are currently in the process of applying for formal loan offers from their relevant lenders. Legal packs and contracts will issue as soon as the formal loan offers have been received.

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

## **Community**

### **C/498/22 – Q8 Item ID:76906 – Saggart Community Centre**

Proposed by Councillor S. O'Hara:

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the Saggart Community Centre and a possible timeframe for completion?

**REPLY:**

Construction has begun on the Saggart Schoolhouse Community Centre project with a current projected completion date of Summer 2023.

SDCC Community is supporting the BOM of Saggart Schoolhouse Community Centre throughout this process.

### **C/499/22 - H8 Item ID:76887 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/500/22 - H9 Item ID:76898 – Deputations for Noting**

**(No Business)**

### **C/501/22 – C5 Item ID:76877 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

## **Transportation**

### **C/502/22 – Q9 Item ID:76904 – Active Travel to Schools**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons:

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to Tidy Towns judges' feedback 2022 that Convent Lane had a lot of traffic, and it is wondered if council has thought about promoting safe cycling routes along or near this area. Is this area part of a safe school travel zone? If so, drop-off and walking routes could be identified providing alternative and safe travel options for school pupils. what can SDCC do in this regard?

**REPLY:**

Following the adoption of the County Development Plan 2022-2028, preparatory work has commenced on the initiation of a Local Area Plan (LAP) for Clondalkin (as per Objectives: QDP14-3 and EDE4-14). Public consultation will be carried out in the first 6 months of 2023, with the aim of publishing a draft LAP in October for further consultation.

Applications for the Safe Routes to School were sought from schools by An Taisce who coordinate the SRTS programme. Scoil Naomh Áine was the only school in the area that applied to the SRTS programme. [**Safe Routes to School – Green-Schools (greenschoolsireland.org)**](https://greenschoolsireland.org/saferoutestoschool/)

There are no proposals to create a school zone on Convent Road. However, the SDCC Active Travel team are working with the Planning Department to ensure that works identified within the LAP are fully coordinated with the proposed Active Travel routes.

We have applied to the NTA for funding in 2023 to enable the acceleration of the Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Route and it is anticipated that some rapid delivery measures will be installed over sections of that route in 2023 in tandem with the development of the permanent design.

Works identified under the Clondalkin LAP will be funded from the Capital Budget or through grant funding once those works are identified and the LAP is adopted.

Additionally, the SDCC Road Safety Officer will continue to work with schools and provided advise to them on waling and cycling to school.

With the assistance of NTA 2022 funding, SDCC has installed or is in the process of installing bicycle stands in three of the schools in Clondalkin Village and will be issuing another call for applications from schools early in the New Year.

### **C/503/22 -Q10 Item ID:76905 – Rathcoole and Newcastle Cycling**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons:

To ask the chief executive to respond to Tidy Towns judges' feedback 2022 re Newcastle and Rathcoole and how SDCC can create cycle parking facilities and safe cycle routes in both villages? to give as much feedback as possible in the response

**REPLY:**

The SDCC Active Travel team will add Newcastle and Rathcoole to the list for Cycle Parking facilities both Cycle Parking and Cycle Repair Stations for early 2023, when we roll out phase 3 of our Cycle Parking installation programme.

The wider roll out of the SDCC Cycle Network, including in Newcastle and Rathcoole is part of the Cycle South Dublin Programme of works

Details are available on our dedicated Active Travel Website, where the mutli annual plans are set out and mapping provided; [**Active Travel - SDCC**](https://www.sdcc.ie/en/active-travel/)

### **C/504/22 -Q11 Item ID:76923 – Speed Limit** Proposed by Councillor E. Ó’Broin

To ask the Chief Executive what the speed limit is on Commons Lane, Moneenalion Upper?

**REPLY:**

The Speed Limit Byelaws, 2017 have this entire area of Moneenalion Commons Upper listed as "80kph Local Roads"

### **C/505/22 - H10 Item ID:76896 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/506/22 - H11 Item ID:76899 – Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

**(No Business)**

### **C/507/22 – C6 Item ID:76885 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/508/22 – M6 Item ID:76917 – Screens/sound deflectors**

It was Proposed by Councillor W, Carey and Seconded by Councillor T. Gilligan:

That this Area Committee agrees that SDCC request TII to consider the removal of 1 or possibly 2 of the screens (used as sound deflectors) from the junction of the N7 and Boot Road in order to increase visibility at this junction.

**REPORT:**

SDCC have specifically asked TII to look at these barriers and they have given us the response attached, which says that they believe there is no traffic risk created by the barriers.  However, the TII have confirmed to SDCC that they are investigating a number of solutions at the Boot Road junction as this junction is in their maintenance and charge. These improvement works may include speed control, safety barriers and additional line marking and written warning marking.  My belief is that when these changes are implemented, that the N7 / Boot Road junction will be much safer.

[TII response](http://intranet/Cmas/documents/Clondalkin-%20Newcastle-%20Rathcoole-%20Saggart%20and%20Brittas%20Area%20Com/2022/November/Clondalkin,Newcastle,Rathcoole,SaggartandBrittasAreaCommitteeMeeti/72e191a1-4f70-461c-b035-da195db55ad1.docx)

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

### **C/509/22 – M7 Item ID:76925 – Bus Shelter**

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

That this Area Committee agrees that SDCC should request a bus shelter be installed at the bus stop outside Camac Valley caravan park. This particular location is wide open to all the elements of wind and rain and residents seeking travel into the city from here quite often are exposed in the open here.

**REPORT:**

SDCC traffic section has looked at the proposed location.  It has sufficient space for the installation of a shelter.  SDCC will communicate this request to the NTA and Dublin Bus who are responsible for the installation of bus shelters.  We will inform the committee members on any progress on this matter by group email.

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

### **C/510/22 – M8 Item ID:76926 – Liffey Valley Parking**

It was Proposed by Councillor W. Carey.

Item not discussed as is area specific and not for Clondalkin, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart and Brittas Area ACM. It falls under the Lucan ACM.

### **C/511/22 – M9 Item ID:76910 – Safety Measures**

It was Proposed by Councillor S. O’Hara and Seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:

That this Area Committee agrees That the Road Safety Team works with TII Regional Road Safety Engineer who has committed to discussing with South Dublin County Council, the possibility of installing barriers and additional safety measures to protect pedestrians walking along the footpath from Poitín Still to the Applegreen on the N7 southbound at Rathcoole

**REPORT:**

This issue has been jointly discussed with the TII. The feasibility of a range of solutions is currently being explored.  Should any progress be made on this matter, the traffic section will inform the committee members by group email.

The motion was **AGREED**.

### **C/512/22 – M10 Item ID:76920 – Weight Restriction**

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

That this Area Committee agrees to impose a 7.5 tonne HGV weight restriction in Newcastle Village. As such a weight restriction already exists on the nearby Athgoe Road, the proposal would merely extend the area of Newcastle with such status.

**REPORT:**

There will be a countywide HGV review conducted very shortly.  (Early New Year) Newcastle main street can be included in that review.

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

## **Planning**

### **C/513/22 – Q12 Item ID:76565 – Clondalkin Village Improvement Scheme**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons:

To ask the Chief Executive for an updated report on the 'Clondalkin Village improvement design? Previous report stated "design to commence following filling of staff vacancies hopefully in April" - October is 6 months later?

**REPLY:**

A provision has been made in the 3-year Capital Budget for the Clondalkin Village Improvement scheme.

Following the adoption of the County Development Plan 2022-2028, preparatory work has commenced on the initiation of a Local Area Plan (LAP) for Clondalkin (as per Objectives: QDP14-3 and EDE4-14)

Public consultation will be carried out in the first 6 months of 2023, with the aim of publishing a draft LAP in October for further consultation.

Works identified under the Clondalkin LAP will be funded from the Capital Budget provision made, once those works are identified and the LAP is adopted.

### **C/514/22 – Q13 Item ID:76915 – Bus Stop**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin:

To ask the Chief Executive if he would be willing to engage with the developer of SD20A/0234 on Watery Lane, wrt to the creation of a temporary waiting space for those waiting at bus stop #4664 to stand or sit? Currently the footpath at this location can be blocked by those waiting at the bus stop due to there being no waiting area set back from the footpath?

**REPLY:**

An Bord Pleanala granted permission for application SD20A/0234 on Watery Lane, condition 9 required the submission of a Construction Management Plan. This type of document would address the type of concerns identified in the above question. A Construction Management Plan was submitted on October 25th for the written agreement of the Planning Authority. It was referred to the Transportation Section as experts in this area. The Planning Authority must indicate whether or not it agrees the Construction Management Plan by December 19th. The Traffic Section will carry out a site visit and engage with the developer on the identification of an alternative space for the bus stop if insufficient space is provided for.

### **C/515/22 - Q14 Item ID:76911 – Rathcoole rights of way and TIC**

Proposed by Councillor S. O’Hara:

To ask the Chief Executive, now that SDCC in the Development plan have agreed that Rathcoole Woodlands be designated as Rural and that a defined portion of the Woodland will be retained in SDCC ownership for future generation to enjoy, could the manager clarify the legal situation regarding long-established' rights of way' through the woodlands from Rathcoole to Saggart, as to whether the public can continue to use these 'rights of way' can they be designated as such under the current 'rights of way' mapping exercise. Also, could the manager clarify when this area of woodland will formally be taken in charge and incorporated into the responsibilities of the Parks Dept?'

**REPLY:**

There are no formal Public Rights of Way identified through the Woodlands currently. The process of identifying existing and established Public Rights of Way across the County was carried out as part of the review of the County Development Plan and only one established public right of way was identified. There is an objective in the County Development Plan for the Council to carry out a further review of Public Rights of Way and where possible to identify and establish new routes and the Rathcoole Woodlands could be considered as part of that review.

Taking in Charge is reserved for vehicular roads, footpaths, cycle paths, underground drainage, public water supplies and green open spaces which are not owned by the Council in the first instance and which are directly connected with a particular estate for the amenity purposes of that estate.  For those lands owned by the Council identified as RU and referred to as the Rathcoole Woodlands, a Taking in Charge process is not required.

### **C/516/22 - Q15 Item ID:76916 – Swift Boxes**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin:

To ask the Chief Executive if it is possible for him to require all new multi floor buildings that receive planning permission to install boxes for Swifts or Swallows?

**REPLY:**

The provision for swift or swallow boxes is one of the options facilitated in the County Development Plan as a GI intervention as part of the green space factor required of all developments – ‘‘The provision of bird boxes (as building façades for nesting sparrows or swift bricks), bat boxes, hedgehog passes, and other wildlife interventions as required in landscape settings’. Further supporting policy for biodiversity is included in the Development Plan in the Natural Heritage section including objectives such as NCBH5 Objective 1: ‘To ensure that development does not have a significant adverse impact on biodiversity, including known rare and threatened species, and that biodiversity enhancement measures are included in all development proposals.’

In addition, the Council’s Climate Change Action Plan contains an objective re Swifts: E.22 In all building projects, new build or retrofit, Swift Bricks or other nesting sites for swifts will be provided where practicable. The presence of swift breeding sites will be identified to ensure that known breeding sites are not lost as a result of construction work.  
While it may not be appropriate for all multi floor buildings to be required to install swift or swallow boxes, there is sufficient policy support to require them in appropriate locations by way of condition.

### **C/517/22 - H12 Item ID:76894 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/518/22 – C7 Item ID:76883 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/519/22 – M11 Item ID:76713– St. Brigid’s Well**

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

That this Area Committee supports Rathcoole History Society in the protection of a St Brigid’s Well on Tay Lane in Rathcoole. We request that the council protects this site from any future development and works with the Rathcoole History Society to look how it can be preserved (locations of site Grid ref O 18510 26822, Latitude, Longitude: 53°16'55.03"N, 6°28'22. S1" W)

**REPORT:**

St Brigid's Well is a recorded monument with reference number DU021-030004 Ritual Site - Holy Well. As such, it is protected under the National Monuments Act 1994 as amended. Works to the Holy Well would be subject to license. A Planning Application SD22A/0342 was made earlier this year in respect of lands containing the holy well. The holy well is located within an area proposed as Public Open Space. The proposals have been referred to the National Monuments Service, who may make recommendations in relation to same. The application is currently at further information stage.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillor F. Timmons. Ms. G. O’ Corrain, Senior Planner responded to the member’s queries and the motion was **AGREED**.

## **Economic Development**

### **C/520/22 - Q16 Item ID:76933 – Grand Canal Extension**

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey:

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the canal extension Part 8 that was approved?

**REPLY:**

The extension of the Grand Canal Greenway from 12th Lock To Hazelhatch is imminent. At present the process of evaluation of tenders is underway with some clarifications been sought. Once concluded the appointment of a successful tenderer /contractor will follow with an expectation that some enabling works may commence prior to year end.

### **C/521/22 – H13 Item ID:76889 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/522/22 – C8 Item ID:76879 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/523/22 – M12 Item ID:76912 – Woodford Walk Pedestrian route**

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

That this Area Committee agrees to write to KPMG, the court appointed receivers who retained possession of the pedestrian route between Woodford Walk and Knockmeenagh Park after the developer of the Áras na Cluaine Apartment Block in Clondalkin went into receivership and ask them to engage with SDCC with regard to the eventual taking in charge of the route by SDCC. It is understood that Shane McCarthy is the agent for KPMG who is the court appointed receiver. This matter was referred to in Motion 7 at the May 2022 Clondaklin ACM. https://home.kpmg/ie/en/home/contacts/m/shane-mccarthy.html

**REPORT:**

If the Motion is passed, the letter as requested will issue. As referenced previously, engagement on achieving the Taking in Charge standard will primarily be with Public Realm although co-ordinated through LUPT.

The motion was **AGREED**.

**C/524/22 – M13 Item ID:76914– Grand Canal Greenway bin**It was Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin and Seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:

That this Area Committee agrees that the bins along the Grand Canal Greenway in Clondalkin should be emptied more often than once a week.

**REPORT:**

Significant resources are being put in to the monitoring and maintenance of the Grand Canal Greenway. Our tender for services associated with this including provision for bin collection /cleansing services is at present up for review and we are discussing the matter more broadly with Waterways Ireland the property owners and Dublin City Council into whose area the service extends. Rates and service standards will be sought that can provide for a degree of flexibility in the service particularly at those times of the year where activity levels are high leading to additional rubbish accumulating.

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

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **C/525/22 - H14 Item ID:76875 – Application for Arts Grants**

**(No Business)**

### **C/526/22 - H15 Item ID:76892 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/527/22 – H16 Item ID:76900 – Library News & Events**

The following report was presented by Mr. P. Fusco, County Librarian:

[HI 16 Library events](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76668)   
[Library Development Plan](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76667)   
[Library Statistics](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76669)  
[Mobile Library Timetable](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76670)

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillors F. Timmons, W. Carey and E. Ó Broin. Mr. P. Fusco, County Librarian responded to the members queries and the report was **NOTED**.

### **C/528/22 – C9 Item ID:76881 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

## **Corporate Support**

### **C/529/22 – HI 17 Item ID:76888 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/530/22 – C10 Item ID:76878 - Correspondence**

### Correspondence from Scoil Íde Board of Management in response to M76460

### [Correspondence 10](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76688)

### **C/531/22 – M14 Item ID:76793 – Secondary School Newcastle**

It was Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and Seconded by Councillor S. O’Hara:

That this Area Committee supports the residents of Newcastle call and petition for the establishment of a secondary school in Newcastle, we note the huge growth in population, poor transport links and in the interest of community that a secondary school is vital for the area. Plans to build a school in Citywest are not satisfactory to the Newcastle Community and we commit to write to Minister of Education with this motion.

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

**REPORT:**

If motion is agreed, a letter will issue to the Minister for Education on behalf of this Area Committee.

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

### **C/532/22 – M15 Item ID:76903 – Liffey Valley Parking**

It was Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons.

Item not discussed as is area specific and not for Clondalkin, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart and Brittas Area ACM. It falls under the Lucan ACM.

### **C/533/22 – M16 Item ID:76913 – New Bus Stops**

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

That this Area Committee agrees to engage with the NTA and Dublin Bus to initiate a process to deliver new bus stops that correspond with the newly introduced 60 and G1 busses at the following locations respectively: - on the Station Road near an entrance to James Connolly estate and an entrance to the Crag Industrial estate for route 60 - in the vicinity of the junction between Woodford Walk and the New Nangor Road to allow passengers to switch between the G1 and 151 busses.

**REPORT:**

If the motion is agreed, letters will issue to the NTA and Dublin Bus as outlined in the motion above.

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

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **C/534/22 – H1 18 Item ID:76893 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/535/22 - C11 Item ID:76882 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

The meeting concluded at 17:28pm.

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