## **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 Transportation, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management, Water & Drainage, Public Realm, Environment, Housing and Community held on Wednesday 18th January 2023.

### **COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

Councillor William Joseph Carey

Councillor Laura Donaghy m

 Councillor Trevor Gilligan

 Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

 Councillor Francis Timmons

 Councillor Kenneth Egan

 Councillor Shirley O’Hara

Cathaoirleach, Councillor W. Carey presided.

### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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

Senior Engineer Mr. John Hegarty, Mr. Gary Walsh

Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Mr. David Fennell,

Executive Librarian Ms. Emma Perry

Administrative Officer Ms. Adrienne Moloney

Senior Planner Ms. Hazel Craigie

Communications Manager Mr. Declan Healy

Senior Staff Officer Mr. John Savage

Staff Officer Ms. Leona Maher

Assistant Staff Officer Mr. Brian Booth

Clerical Officer Ms. Asta Tamosaite

### Before the meeting commenced Councillor W. Carey welcomed Councillor L. Donaghy to the ACM.

### **C/001/23 H1 Item ID:77741 Confirmation & Re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 14th December**

The minutes of the November meeting of the Clondalkin, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart and Brittas Area Committee meeting dealing with Transportation, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management, Water & Drainage, Public Realm, Environment, Housing and Community held on 14th December 2022 which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

[HI 1 Minutes of 14th December, 2022](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=77411)

It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons, seconded by Councillor K. Egan, and **RESOLVED:**

“That the recommendations contained in the minutes of 14th December be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**C/002/23 – QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor L. Donaghy:

“That pursuant to Standing Order 13, Questions 1 to 11 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

## **Transportation**

### **C/003/23 – H2 Item ID:77729 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/004/23 – H3 Item ID:77605 – 2023 Roadworks Programme**

The following report was presented by Mr. G. Walsh, Senior Engineer:

[H-I3 2023 RWP](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=77374)

A discussion followed with contribution from councillors F. Timmons, T. Gilligan, L. Donaghy, E. Ó Broin, S. O’Hara and W. Carey. Mr. G. Walsh, Senior Engineer responded to the members queries and the report was **NOTED**.

### **C/005/23 – H4 Item ID:77561 – Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

**(No Business)**

### **C/006/23 - C1 Item ID:77558 - Correspondence**

[C1 M76913 response](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=77386)

The correspondence was **NOTED**.

### **C/007/23 - M1 Item ID:77634 – Bus Lane at Intersection of N7 and R136**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

That this Area Committee agrees, to call for a removal of the "bus lane" which begins after the intersection of N7 and R136 and continues to intersection of Newlands Cross via junction of Booth rd. and further calls for the reconfiguration of this junction as a matter of priority before a more serious incident occurs here. The current configuration of the merging lanes on N7 are causing confusion and leading to dangerous situations developing at the intersection of Booth Rd. Additional traffic exiting N7 for Clondalkin are confused due to lack of clarity regarding Bus lane and exit to Newlands Cross.

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

The maintenance and installation of Road Marking on N7 is the responsibility of TII.  The Council's Traffic Section has contacted and arranged meeting with TII Road Safety Engineer to discuss the road marking issue on N7 at this location. Traffic Section will provide update after getting response from TII Safety Engineer. TII Safety Engineer has also confirmed that TII will be carrying out work on N7 at the Boot Rd junction/bend. This includes “Slow” and “Left Turn” markings proposed along with signage to further delineate and highlight the bend.”

The Council will inform the elected members of this committee by Group email on the outcome of the planned TII meeting and any commitments made by the TII at this location.

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

### **C/008/23 - M2 Item ID:77635 – Salt Bins**

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 4 in tandem with this item as they were of a similar subject matter.

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

That this Area Committee agrees that SDCC should review the locations for "Salt Bins" to enable people to clear ice and snow from footpaths and streets within estates. The committee notes that the area of Greenpark is a particularly problematic area due to the incline of the streets that run perpendicular from N7 down through estate.

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

Following issues with compacted snow that was experienced by a number of estates during the second week of December we have carried out a review of our salt bin location criteria.

We will no longer be placing salt bins within individual estates but will be placing them at strategic locations around the county. These salt bins will be available to multiple estates and local amenities and will provide a better and broader level of service.

We are currently examining strategic locations bearing in mind

* Location of local community amenities such as shops and schools
* What roads are on our treatment routes
* Where other salt bins are located.

We will also use customer requests from the December weather event to locate areas that were identified as problematic.

### **C/009/23 - M4 Item ID:77601 – Salt Bins**

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan and Seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:

That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to allocate 20 salt bins to the Clondalkin area as a matter of urgency.

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

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We will also use customer requests from the Dec weather event to locate areas that were identified as problematic.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillors W. Carey, T. Gilligan, F. Timmons, E. Ó Broin and L. Donaghy. Mr. G. Walsh, Senior Engineer responded to the members queries and the motions were **AGREED**.

### **C/010/23 - M3 Item ID:77509 – Street Signage at Brideswell Commons**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and Seconded by Councillor T. Gilligan:

That this Area Committee supports Clondalkin Mens Shed's request for street signage to be placed at Brideswell Lane, adjoining St Brigid’s Well at Brideswell Commons , Boot Road Clondalkin! Can the Director of Land use and planning explain when this name change to Brideswell Lane occurred or indeed if ever it was renamed?

**REPORT:**

The official name on the section of road from St. Brigid’s well to Smiths house, a length of 213m, is called "St. Brigid’s Well Lane".  (See extract from the roads schedule)

To complicate matters there are houses with Eircode addresses which are called Lilliput Lane and Google maps calls this lane "Brideswell Lane".  These versions are contrary to the roads schedule which is the definitive catalogue of road names in the South Dublin County Council local authority area.

The official name currently is "St. Brigid’s Well Lane" coming from the roads schedule.  In the current situation, any directional signage that SDCC may put up has to agree with the Roads schedule name.

Should this name not be acceptable, any official name change would need to go through a Corporate Section plebiscite process to change to an agreed name.  This will be complicated as currently there are at least three separate names for this location, with house addresses and businesses called different versions of these names.

[M3 Extract from the Road Schedule](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=77441)

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

## **Planning**

### **C/011/23 - Q1 Item ID:77491 – Clondalkin LAP**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons:

To ask the Chief Executive will SDCC to forward a complete copy of The Vision for Clondalkin document (formulated by local people and presented to SDCC in 2022) to the consultants the SDCC Management has engaged to draw up the Local Area Plan for Clondalkin as part of the Council's new Development Plan? All the local Council representatives agreed with the contents of the Vision for Clondalkin document. Will the consultant’s report to the Local Area Committee on the progress regarding the Vision for Clondalkin document?

**REPLY:**

The Vision for Clondalkin document prepared by Clondalkin Vision Alliance was received by the Planning Department in June 2022. At that time the County Development Plan was in the process of being adopted and preparatory work on the Clondalkin Local Area Plan had not commenced. The work and thought that went into the document is acknowledged.

The process for Local Area Plans is set out in Planning legislation and in planning guidelines. In essence, there is an informal stage of preparation which is not time limited before a draft plan goes out on formal public display with subsequent decisions made by elected members at Council meetings within a set timeframe.

At this time, very early preparatory work on the LAP is being undertaken by the planning department to gather background data and conduct land use surveys.  In addition, procurement for consultants is underway to ensure that the necessary cross disciplinary skills to meet the requirements of QDP14 Objective 3 in the County Development Plan will be available to the Planning Department. The draft LAP will be prepared by the Planning Department with specialist input from the relevant consultants, and with public and stakeholder consultation a key consideration informing the plan making process.

A facilitator is currently being procured to help the planning department to engage proactively with the public. It is anticipated that the first stage of informal consultation will begin later in Q1 of this year, followed by a further round of statutory public consultation later in the year.  The vision document referenced should be put forward so that it is on formal record, as part of the local area plan public consultation process. It will then be reviewed alongside any other views gathered from the public and other stakeholders. This will provide for a greater level of transparency in the plan making process.

The planning department will work with the facilitator to ensure that the public consultation reaches as many people as possible in its design. Councillors will be engaged in the process of preparing the Local Area Plan and updates will be brought to the SPC, the ACM and the decision on the plan will be taken by full Council. The public and other key stakeholders will also be kept updated on public consultation events in due course.

### **C/012/23 - H5 Item ID:77728 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/013/23 - C2 Item ID:77556 – Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/014/23 - M5 Item ID:77631 – Old RIC Barracks**

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

That this Area Committee agrees to add the Old RIC Barracks aka Riverside (D22 KT20) on the Old Nangor Road to the Vacant Sites Register.

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

The RIC Barracks in Clondalkin is a protected structure within the Clondalkin ACA.

The Vacant Sites Register (VSR) is a mechanism under the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 to encourage the use of vacant lands for housing through the charging of a levy on the value of the land. The tax applies to land zoned residential where the primary or sole use is for housing. It also applies to regeneration land subject to certain criteria. The site size must be over 0.05ha. The RIC Barracks is on land with the zoning objective ‘TC’ Town Centre and is less than 0.05ha.  As such it does not meet the criteria for the tax.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillors E. Ó Broin, F. Timmons and W. Carey. Ms. H. Craigie, Senior Planner and Ms. S. Conroy, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries. Both managers proposed to discuss the matter further with other Departments within SDCC and to update the elected members. This was agreed by the elected members. The motion was **NOTED.**

## **Economic Development**

### **C/015/23 - Q2 Item ID:77478 – Rathcoole Woodlands**

Proposed by Councillor S. O'Hara:

To ask the Chief Executive, what person or department in South Dublin County Council has day-to-day operational responsibility for the council lands commonly called Rathcoole Woodlands.

**REPLY:**

The lands referred to in the question are not in active use although have been the subject of a masterplan for Housing provision. As such they form part of the Councils land bank, responsibility for which rests with the Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development Department.

### **C/016/23 - Q3 Item ID:77624 – Grand Canal Greenway**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin:

To ask the Chief Executive to account for why the Grand Canal Greenway between the 9th Lock and Park West was closed to the public for a number of weeks in December and what role they had in the closing?

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council had no role in the closing of the Grand Canal Greenway, the canal is owned and managed by Waterways Ireland.

### **C/017/23 - H6 Item ID:77726 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/018/23 - C3 Item ID:77552 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **C/019/23 - H7 Item ID:77727 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/020/23 - H8 Item ID:77669 – Library News & Events**

The following report was presented by Ms. E. Perry, Executive Librarian:

[H-I 8 library news and events](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=77393)
[H-I 8 Spreadsheet of events](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=77394)

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

### **C/021/23 - H9 Item ID:77562 – Application for Arts Grants**

**(No Business)**

### **C/022/23 - C4 Item ID:77554 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

## **Corporate Support**

### **C/023/23 - Q4 Item ID:77510 – Clondalkin 300K Have Your Say**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons:

To ask the Chief Executive for an update report on the Clondalkin 300k Have your say and explain what happens to funds of projects not completed?

**REPLY:**

 Please see updated document attached. Some updates remain outstanding. All funding allocated to winning projects which have not yet been completed remains allocated and available to draw down for these projects. Funding cannot be reassigned or moved to a different project which did not go through the participatory budgeting process and which was not voted on by citizens of the Council.

[Q4 Clondalkin 300k Update](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=77423)

### **C/024/23 - H10 Item ID:77734 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/025/23 - C5 Item ID:77551 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/026/23 - M6 Item ID:77625 – Christmas Tree Civic Offices Clondalkin**

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

That this Area Committee compliments SDCC for the Christmas Tree erected on the plaza outside the Civic Offices in Clondalkin recently and agrees that for 2023 that the lighting arrangement should consist of significantly more and varied colours of lights than were used in 2022.

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

Thanks Councillor for your compliments which are noted and welcome. There is currently no budget assigned for Christmas tree lighting in 2023 however, SDCC will be assessing the Christmas lights in the mentioned location as well as Civic Offices Tallaght in relation to cost and energy efficiency given the ongoing cost of living crisis ahead of Christmas 2023. Subject to the completion of this assessment; SDCC will plan to upgrade the lights in line with your request.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillors E. Ó Broin, F. Timmons and W. Carey. Mr. D. Healy, Communications Manager responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED**.

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **C/027/23 - H11 Item ID:77735 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/028/23 - C6 Item ID:77555 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

## **Water & Drainage**

### **C/029/23 - H12 Item ID:77731 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/030/23 - C7 Item ID:77559 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

## **Public Realm**

### **C/031/23 - Q5 Item ID:77477 – Rathcoole Teenspace**

Proposed by Councillor S. O'Hara:

To ask the Chief Executive, where will the Teen Space agreed for Rathcoole Park be located and what will it consist of?

**REPLY:**

The proposed extension to the playspace programme was approved in the 2023 budget onwards and the planning and design work has yet to commence on this Teenspace. Therefore the site has not been selected and the details of what will be included have not been worked out.

The design of any teenspace follows consultation with local teenagers. The next step for Public Realm is to meet with local teenagers; either through schools, clubs or youth groups to find out what facilities they would like and then we would look for appropriate sites to deliver the required facilities.

### **C/032/23 - Q6 Item ID:77493 – Mount St. Joseph Headstones**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons:

To ask the Chief Executive for an update report on repairs to Mount St. Josephs headstones & the lock and new signage?

**REPLY:**

The upgrade of the information sign and the repairs to headstones has been listed for consideration in the draft 2023 Public Realm Improvement Works Programme which is being presented at today’s meeting.

The inner gate closing mechanism was modified in 2022 and a bolt and nut were fitted to secure the gate pending the provision of a padlock.A new padlock will be fitted shortly*.*

### **C/033/23 - Q7 Item ID:77494 – Landscaping of LUAS roundabout**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons:

To ask the Chief Executive for an update report on the Landscaping of LUAS roundabout (due to be done Q4 2022)?

**REPLY:**

Works have commenced on the roundabout and vegetation has been stripped in preparation for planting.  Plants are currently being sourced and it is expected that planting will be carried out in February.

### **C/034/23 - Q8 Item ID:77620 – Damage in Public Parks**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin:

To ask the Chief Executive if damage done to public parks by scrambler bikes and quad bikes constitutes criminal damage, where the grass is torn up by the tyres of said bikes and the earth underneath exposed?

**REPLY:**

In accordance with the Parks & Open Space bye laws 2011, Section 5.1 (b) General Regulations in Relation to Persons Using a Park;

 “No person shall damage, destroy or remove any tree, shrub or plant growing in a Park or pluck, cut or remove any leaf, flower, blossom, fruit, or other part of any tree, shrub or plant.”

While grass that is damaged by scramblers is a breach of the park bye law, the matter of criminal damage would need to be determined by An Garda Siochána.

### **C/035/23 - H13 Item ID:77730 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/036/23 - H14 Item ID:77604 – Draft Public Realm Improvement Works Programme 2023**

The following report was presented by Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent:

The following is the list of improvement works proposed for the Clondalkin, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart and Brittas areas for 2023.  These proposals have been compiled from issues raised as agenda items at area committee meetings throughout the course of 2022, undertakings given in response to members representations throughout the year as well as works that have been identified by staff.    It should be noted that the list below does not include those works which have already been included in the Council's three-year rolling capital works programme, it includes only those works of a small scale which are to be funded from the revenue budget.  This list of schemes, along with lists of schemes for the other electoral areas, will be presented to the meeting of the County Council in February 2022 for noting by the elected members.

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| **No** | **Location** | **Description** |
| 1 | Clondalkin Playground | New equipment |
| 2 | Clondalkin Skatepark | Provide lighting (subject to DPIA) |
| 3 | Corkagh Park | Surface path on north side of fishing lake |
| 4 | Corkagh Park | Upgrade section of Oak Avenue beside fairy walk |
| 5 | Corkagh Park | Surface path to dog run & paddock area |
| 6 | Corkagh Park | Restore section of wall at entrance to Walled Garden |
| 7 | Corkagh Park | St Johns Car Park - replace bollards with stone wall |
| 8 | Corkagh Park | Replace vehicle barrier at MANN centre with park gates |
| 9 | Corkagh Park | Pollinator bulbs |
| 10 | Lealand estate | Upgrade path between Lealand Walk and Lealand Close |
| 11 | Monastery Gate | Boundary upgrade between Mount Talbot Apartments & Monastery Gate Close |
| 12 | Monastery Road | Accommodation works for gateway sculpture |
| 13 | Monksfield Avenue | Path upgrade works in Knockmitten Park |
| 14 | Mt. St. Joseph Cemetery | New information panel and headstone repairs |
| 15 | R120 Rathcoole Village | Pollinator bulbs |
| 16 | Rathcoole Park | Pollinator bulbs |
| 17 | Woodford Park | Path upgrade works on open space |
| 18 | Woodford Park | Surface paths in vicinity of Calisthenics equipment |

### a discussion followed with contribution from Councillors L. Donaghy, E. Ó Broin, F. Timmons and W. Carey. Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent and Ms. S. Conroy, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries and the report was **NOTED**.

### **C/037/23 - C8 Item ID:77557 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/038/23 - M7 Item ID:77397 – Clean up of Bin on Woodford Road**

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan

That this Area Committee agrees to a more regular clean up of the bin at Woodford Road, opposite the bus stop at castle park green.

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

### **C/039/23 - M8 Item ID:77627 – Boulders in Westbourne**

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

That this Area Committee compliments the Public Realm section on the judicious use of boulders between Westbourne Green and Lealand to prevent scrambler bike access between the estates and agrees to review the boulder arrangement and clean the surrounding footpaths which have become covered with muck thus impeding pedestrian access between the estates.

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

A review of the boulders arrangement will be carried out and if required they will be reconfigured to facilitate pedestrian access while restricting unauthorised vehicles.  A clean-up of the path will also be undertaken.

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

## **Environment**

### **C/040/23 - Q9 Item ID:77621 – Fines for Illegal Dumping**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin:

To ask the Chief Executive if any fines for illegal dumping of litter have been issued in 2022 to Four Star Pizza, 5-7 Main St., Clondalkin given the egregious way in which the business leaves litter outside their premises? See attached photo of latest incident.

**REPLY:**

All reported and detected incidents of littering and illegal dumping at this location 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.

There have been no fines or notices issued to this business in 2022. The Litter Warden will continue to monitor this location in line with routine patrols. The Litter Warden will also monitor and liaise if necessary with our Waste Enforcement team on the presentation of waste for this business.

As always, the Council is grateful for assistance and support from local residents or others in their investigations of such incidents as they arise. In the absence of substantive evidence / witness statements and the presence of such witnesses in court, it is not possible for us to bring successful prosecutions.

[Q9 Photo provided](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=77353)

### **C/041/23 - H15 Item ID:77736 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/042/23 - C9 Item ID:77549 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

## **Housing**

### **C/043/23 - Q10 Item ID:77628 – Floraville Cottage Apartment Block**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin:

To ask the Chief Executive if the Floraville Cottage apartment block on the Monastery Road has been leased and allocated by SDCC?

**REPLY:**

The Leasing Agreement for the Floraville Cottage apartment block on the Monastery Road has completed.  The allocations team are completing the process of allocating tenants for the units.

### **C/044/23 - Q11 Item ID:77629 – San Guida Apartment Block**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin:

To ask the Chief Executive if SDCC has had any role in the leasing or allocation to tenants of the apartments in the San Guida apartment block on the New Road in Clondalkin?

**REPLY:**

Twenty one units are to be delivered in the San Guida Scheme which includes 2 part V units and an additional 19 units being acquired by the AHB.  SDCC has 100% allocation rights for the units and our allocations team are currently in the process of assigning units to tenants. It is anticipated that the units will be delivered before the end of Q1 2023.

### **C/045/23 - H16 Item ID:77732 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/046/23 - C10 Item ID:77553 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/047/23 - M9 Item ID:77496 – Single Bed Accommodation**

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

That this Area Committee reaffirms the need for Crisis single bed accommodation in the Clondalkin area and urges SDCC to raise this with the Minister to seek funding as a matter of urgency (this area committee and council has already agreed 62920, 61757, 55409, 53673, 48620, 46839, 46455, 44702, 44121, 42445) - we ask that a headed item is brought to this area committee as a matter of urgency and that this motion is also sent to the Minister for Housing.

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

There are currently approximately 350 Dublin Region Homeless Executive-supported bed spaces available to homeless households (individuals or families) in South Dublin.  Additional accommodation across Dublin provided by the DRHE is also available for use on a regional basis, including by homeless households from South Dublin.

All efforts are made to ensure that homeless households are provided with appropriate accommodation based on assessment of their needs together with advice from homeless service providers and other support agencies.

Our Homeless Unit continues to assist households becoming homeless or at risk of homelessness. Working in conjunction with the Dublin Region Homeless Executive, we operate an advice clinic in County Hall and provide outreach services across the County, as well as detailing emergency accommodation options including central placement, self-accommodate, family hubs and other supported accommodation.  Staff in the homeless unit will organise emergency accommodation for those assessed as homeless through the Assessment and Placement Service and the DRHE is providing extra beds for the Dublin Region for the “cold weather“ season with sufficient emergency accommodation available to meet the arising need for single persons.  However, in conjunction with the DRHE, the Council continues to explore options for additional emergency accommodation within the South Dublin administrative area, particularly in the area north of the Naas Road, to supplement the existing regional emergency accommodation provision.

Our homeless outreach service operates all year round for rough sleepers across the County, working with other agencies, including the HSE, in identifying rough sleepers and connecting them with appropriate accommodation and support services, playing a vital role in assisting homeless rough sleepers during the winter months, and the Council is also committed to the provision of Housing First tenancies for long-term homeless single people where appropriate.

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive have provided extra single beds for the Dublin Region for the “cold weather“ season.

The Council operates an outreach service and multi-agency approach to respond to and support rough sleepers across the County.  Our Homeless Outreach Worker works closely with the HSE and other relevant agencies in identifying rough sleepers and sourcing appropriate accommodation and support services.

We are still committed to the provision of homeless services facilities for both singles and families in areas North of the Naas Road.   Any suitable properties have to go through a tender process managed by the DHRE and there have been a number of these tenders completed in the last couple of years. Unfortunately no suitable facility for single homeless clients has been submitted during these tenders, however the Council will continue to consider any suitable proposals that arise.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillors F. Timmons and W. Carey. Ms. A. Moloney, Administrative Officer responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED**.

## **Community**

### **C/048/23 - H17 Item ID:77733 – New Works**

**(No Business)**

### **C/049/23 - H18 Item ID:77560 – Deputations for Noting**

**(No Business)**

### **C/050/23 - C11 Item ID:77550 - Correspondence**

**(No Business)**

### **C/051/23 - M10 Item ID:77495 – Autism Friendly Village**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and Seconded by Councillor L. Donaghy:

That this Area Committee requests a meeting with Council to look at how we can make Clondalkin a Autism Friendly Village (following on from agreed council business at 75551 , 75400 , 75399 , 75398 , 75397 , 75396 , 75395 , 68735) and that this meeting involves reps from Clondalkin Autism Parent Support Network and that we look at integrating this into our upcoming local area plan.

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

It may be appropriate for a deputation meeting to be organised to progress this proposal and the SDCC Community team are available to discuss this project as required. Please contact bkaluzny@sdublincoco.ie directly in regard to this matter going forward.

A discussion followed with contribution from Councillors F. Timmons and E. Ó Broin. Ms. J. Moroney Ward, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED** with the exception of Councillor F. Timmons who did not accept the manager’s report.

### **C/052/23 - M11 Item ID: 77499 – Anti-Racism Stickers for Community Events**

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

That this Area Committee calls for a meeting on anti-racism issues and the production of anti-racism stickers for community events and businesses and that someone from SDCC Community section attend and this be ready to be rolled out for the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on 21st March 2023 (following on from previously agreed business of 77222 , 48615 , 47614 , 46460 , 45911 , 45709).

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

SDCC Community team work with Community Partners across SDCC on an ongoing basis to develop appropriate anti racism and social inclusion programmes. The Community team are currently developing action plans with Community Centres and social inclusion events are a key element of local action plans. Such events may align with the UN international day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.  Please note that the area community officer for Clondalkin is Bernadette Kaluzny and all community centres in the area are served by assigned Community Officers.  We are committed to encouraging local partners to run events that promote social inclusion, integration and welcome new communities to access community centres and services. Should a wider local community network be involved in Anti Racism events and require support please contact the Community team to access supports.

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

### **C/053/23 - M12 Item ID:77632 – Local Policing Forum**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin and Seconded by Councillor S. O’Hara:

That this Area Committee agrees that a Local Policing Forum for Clondalkin should take place in Spring 2023.

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

It is proposed that a Clondalkin LPF takes place in February.  Maria Nugent is the contact for the JPC and Local Policy Fora here in SDCC. Please contact mnugent@sdublincoco.ie for further details in the coming weeks.

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

### **C/054/23 - M13 Item ID:77633 – Tidy Towns Funding**

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

That this Area Committee agrees that a second round of funding for Active Tidy Towns groups be opened from a portion of the unallocated part of the 2022 budget for Tidy Towns groups.

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

SDCC community advises councillors with any ongoing queries relating to Tidy Towns to contact SDCC directly via the associated email. SDCC Community will not be managing this funding stream in 2023 and following an evaluation of the funding stream impact the budget now links strategically to projects within Climate Action and Public Realm.  Please advise groups involved in tidy towns and environmental activities to email: tidytowns@sdublincoco.ie for further information on upcoming funding opportunities in 2023.

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

Before the meeting concluded the members wished Ms. J. Moroney Ward the best of luck in her new position and thanked her for all the work during her time in SDCC.

The meeting concluded at 17:55PM

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