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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council January 2023 Rathfarnham / Templeogue / Firhouse / Bohernabreena Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 10 January 2023 through Microsoft 365 Teams and in Person in the Council Chambers. Today’s Area Committee Meeting was webcast as the Council has extended webcasting to all Area Committee meetings from January 2023. The extension of webcasting Area Committee meetings demonstrates our commitment to promoting transparency and supporting understanding and participation in local democracy.

### **COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

Alan Edge

David McManus

Emma Murphy

Lyn Hagin Meade

Ronan McMahon

Laura Donaghy

Pamela Kearns

Yvonne Collins

### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Senior Executive Officer Mary Maguire

Senior Engineer Leo Magee, Gary Walsh, John Hegarty

Senior Executive Librarian Laura Joyce

Administrative Officer Susan Sinclair, Adrienne Moloney

Senior Staff Officer Adrienne McGee

Staff Officer Aisling Byrne

Clerical Officer Vikki Cryan

**An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Lyn Hagin Meade presided.**

Apologies were received from Councillor C. Bailey. Councillors Lynn McCrave, Brian Lawlor and Deirdre O’Donovan were Absent.

Councillor D. O'Donovan’s resignation was received prior to the meeting.

### **RTFB/1/H1/23 Item ID:77537 - Minutes**

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 8th November 2022 which have been circulated, were submitted, and **APPROVED** as true record and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor L Hagin Meade, seconded by Councillor R. McMahon, and **RESOLVED** “That the recommendations contained in the minutes of 11th October 2022 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

[H1 Minutes of December 2022](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=77365)

**RTFB/2/23 - Questions**

It was proposed by Councillor L Hagin Meade, seconded by Councillor P Kearns, and **RESOLVED** “That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 that Questions 1 - 4 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

## **Transportation**

### **RTFB/3/Q1/23 Item ID:77502 – Salt Box**

Proposed by Councillor Carly Bailey

To ask the Manager to consider installing a salt box for the Temple Manor and Wilkins Estate. Many of the roads and footpaths within the estate are in the shade which means that they stay frozen and icy for far longer than they should.

**REPLY:**

Following issues with compacted snow that was experienced by a number of estates during the second week of Dec 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 Dec weather event to locate areas that were identified as problematic.

### **RTFB/4/Q2/23 Item ID:77503 – Hill from Kilakee Drive Gritted**

Proposed by Councillor Carly Bailey

To ask the Chief Executive if he could ensure that the hill that leads from Kilakee Drive, Dublin 12 could be included in the gritting route during cold weather. This road leads to the main Greenhills Road and vehicles and pedestrians had to turn back, creating more traffic along other routes in order to access the M50 or travel towards Tallaght. The hill was unpassable for a number of days during the bad weather in Dec 22.

**REPLY:**

This section of road is already included on the winter treatment routes

### **RTFB/5/Q3/0123 Item ID:76743 – Road Marking Ballyboden**

Proposed by Councillor David McManus

To ask the Chief Executive to examine the worn road markings along Ballyboden Road to ensure adequate remarking is arranged as soon as possible, as the white road marking is faded between all three lanes of traffic?

**REPLY:**

This will be included on the next works list issued to the contractor

### **RTFB/6/C1/23 Item ID:77520 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/7/H2/23 Item ID:77531 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/8/H3/23 Item ID:77534 - Roads to be Public Roads**

Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads (No Business)

### **RTFB/9/H4/23 Item ID:77594 – Road Works Programme**

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

**2023 Roadworks Programme**

Following contributions from Councillors P. Kearns, Y. Collins, D. McManus, R. McMahon, Cllr E. Murphy, G. Walsh, Senior Engineer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**.

[H4 2023 RWP](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=77359)

### **RTFB/10/M1/23 Item ID:77140 – Signage Height**

Proposed by Councillor Lyn Hagin Meade and seconded by Councillor E. Murphy.

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

To request a review of the height of signage at the roundabout at the junctions of R115, Taylors Lane and Ballyboden Way In particular, the signage travelling northbound from R115 obscures vision - looking towards Taylors Lane - when merging onto the roundabout and necessitates car drivers edging forward and potentially causing conflict with cyclist road users.

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

An inspection was carried out at this location on 06/01/2022.  The sign height on both arms of the R113 will be amended in line with mounting height set out in the Traffic Signs Manual.  This should ensure that vision lines on each approach to the roundabout are safe.

Following contributions from Cllr Hagin-Meade, the Motion was **AGREED**.

### **RTFB/11/M2/23 Item ID:77480 – Report on Grit Box Locations**

Proposed by Councillor Alan Edge and seconded by Councillor Lyn Hagin Meade

That, in light of the many requests for grit boxes in the wake of the severe weather event in December, a report is in repaired for the Area Committee identifying suitable strategic locations which are accessible to residents and which cover particularly vulnerable areas including access routes to schools, healthcare centres, churches and community centres.

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

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

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* What roads are on our treatment routes
* Where other salt bins are located.

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

**Motion 2 was taken in conjunction with Motion 3**

### **RTFB/12/M3/01 Item ID:77592 – Grit Containers**

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

That this area committee requests the Chief Executive to install grit containers at the entrances to Whitecliff estate on Whitechurch Road, Bolton Park estate on Ballyboden Road and Eden estate on Grange Road, as a means of allowing residents to grit local roads and footpaths to combat snow and ice?

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

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Following contributions by Councillors A. Edge, E. Murphy, D. McManus, Y. Collins, D. McManus, P. Kearns, D. McMahon. Councillor A. Edge requested that a **Headed Item** regarding Cruagh and Glenasmole be brought back on this motion, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer responded to queries raised and agreed that Councillors will be informed of new locations as they are selected the Motion was **AGREED**.

## **Planning**

### **RTFB/13/C2/23 Item ID:77518 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/14/H5/23 Item ID:77529 – New works**

New Works (No Business)

### **Economic Development**

### **RTFB/15/C3/23 Item ID:77514 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/16/H6/23 Item ID:77524 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**Libraries & Arts**

### **RTFB/17/C4/23 Item ID:77516 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/18/H7/23 Item ID:77527 – New Works**

NEW WORKS (No Business)

### **RTFB/19/H8/23 Item ID:77535 – News & Events**

The following report was presented by Laura Joyce, Senior Executive Librarian

[H8 Libraries Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=77363)  
[H8(i) Libraries Stats](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=77364)

Following contributions from Councillors L. Hagin Meade, P. Kearns, R. McMahon and Y. Colins, L. Joyce, Senior Executive Librarian responded to queries raised and the Report was **NOTED**.

### **RTFB/20/H9/23 Item ID:77536 – Arts Grants**

Application for Arts Grants (No Business)

## **Corporate Support**

### **RTFB/21/C5/23 Item ID:77513 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/22/H10/23 Item ID:77523 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/23/M4/23 Item ID:77450 – Letter to Dublin City Council**

Proposed by Councillor R. McMahon and seconded by Councillor L. Hagin Meade

For this Council to make representations to Dublin City Council, who look after Fortfield Road on behalf of SDCC, for them to inspect and put Fortfield Road footpaths on their works programme, as the footpaths on both sides of the road are in a poor state in parts (trips of up to 80mm in places)

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

If this Motion is passed, a letter will issue to Dublin City Council in this regard.

The Motion was **AGREED.**

## **Performance Change Management**

### **RTFB/24/C6/23 Item ID:77517 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/25/H11/23 Item ID:77528 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

## **Water Drainage**

### **RTFB/26/C7/23 Item ID:77521 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/27/H12/23 Item ID:77532 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

## **Public Realm**

### **RTFB/28/Q4/0123 Item ID:77108 – Tree Pruning**

Proposed by Councillor P. Kearns

To ask the manager to investigate the progress on the tree pruning/ planting programme in the Saints Roads area of Greenhills and make a statement on the matter.

**REPLY:**

The first table below shows details of roads where tree maintenance has been completed over the period of the last 3 year maintenance programme from 2020 to 2022.  Also shown are details of areas included in the maintenance programme for the current year.  The second table below shows details of tree planting carried out to date, as well as tree planting proposed over the 5 year period 2023 to '27.

**Tree maintenance completed in period 2020 to '22 and proposed in 2023.**

|  |  |  |
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| **Location** | **Year** | **Comment** |
| **St. Mels Avenue** | 2020 | Completed |
| **Limekiln Avenue** | 2020 | Completed |
| **St Peter's Crescent** | 2020 | Completed |
| **St Joseph's Road** | 2021 | Completed |
| **St. Anthonys Crescent** | 2022 | Completed |
| **St. Malachys Drive** | 2022 | Completed |
| **St. Brendans Road** | 2022 | Completed |
| **St. James Road** | 2022 | Completed |
| **St. Columbas Rd** | 2022 | Completed |
| **St. Bridgets Drive** | 2022 | Completed |
| **St. Finbarrs Close** | 2022 | Completed |
| **Limekiln Estate** | 2023 | Proposed |
| **Limekiln Road** | 2023 | Proposed |
| **Limekiln Close** | 2023 | Proposed |
| **St Conleths Road** | 2023 | Proposed |
| **St. Gerards Road** | 2023 | Proposed |
| **St. Patricks Road** | 2023 | Proposed |
| **St. Peters Road** | 2023 | Proposed |
| **St. Peters Drive** | 2023 | Proposed |

**Proposed tree planting programme for the 5 year period 2023 to 2027.**

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| --- | --- |
| **Location** | **Year** |
| **St Joseph's Road** | 2020 |
| **St. Columba's Rd** | 2023 |
| **St. Bridget's Drive** | 2023 |
| **St. Anthony's Crescent** | 2024 |
| **St. Malachy's Drive** | 2024 |
| **St. Brendan's Road** | 2024 |
| **St. James' Road** | 2024 |
| **Limekiln Estate** | 2025 |
| **Limekiln Road** | 2025 |
| **Limekiln Close** | 2025 |
| **St Conleth's Road** | 2025 |
| **St. Gerard's Road** | 2025 |
| **St. Patrick's Road** | 2025 |
| **St. Peter's Road** | 2025 |
| **St. Peter's Drive** | 2025 |
| **St. Finbarr's Close** | 2026 |
| **St Mel's Avenue** | 2026 |

### **RTFB/29/C8/23 Item ID:77519 - Correspondence**

Correspondence(No Business)

### **RTFB/30/H13/23 Item ID:77530 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/31/H14/23 Item ID:77600 – Draft Public Realm Improvement Works Programme 2023**

The following report was presented by L. Magee, Senior Engineer

**Draft Public Realm Improvement Works Programme 2023**

The following is the list of improvement works proposed for the Rathfarnham/Templeogue/Firhouse/Bohernabreena area 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** | **Location description** | **Scheme description** |
| **1** | Moyville Estate | Open space adjacent to Whitechurch Estate | Construct perimeter footpath |
| **2** | Cypress Lawn | Open space between Cypress Lawn and Cypress Grove Road. | Overlay existing footpaths |
| **3** | Ely Arch | Open space | Public Realm upgrade |
| **4** | Willbrook/Fonthill estates | Open space between estates | Wildflower/bulb planting scheme |
| **5** | Tymon Park | Wellington Lane car park | Improvement works to accommodate new intergenerational facility |
| **6** | Firhouse | Footpath on open space adjacent to Scoil Treasa | Public lighting scheme |
| **7** | Firhouse | Scoil Treasa to Carrigwood | Overlay existing footpath |
| **8** | Carrigwood | Playspace | Erect fencing around playspace |
| **9** | Glendown | Playspace | Erect fencing around playspace |
| **10** | Glenmore Court | Hard surfaced area between Glenmore Court and Whitechurch estate | Overlay hard surfaced area as necessary |
| **11** | Grange Road | Cycletrack/walkway to Grange Downs | Upgrade wildflower margin with pollinator friendly species. |
| **12** | Cypress Downs | Open space adjoining The Heath & The Court. | Overlay existing footpath. |
| **13** | Dodder View Road/Fairways | Behind fairways Estate and adjacent to Dodder View Road | Bulb planting scheme. |
| **14** | Dodder Valley Park | At focal points within the park | Bulb planting |
| **15** | Templeroan Estate | Main open space | Construct phase one of loop footpath. |

### Following contributions by Councillors D. McManus, E. Murphy, P. Kearns, Y. Collis, R. McMahon and A. Edge, L. Magee, Senior Engineer responded to queries raised and the Report was **NOTED**.

### **RTFB/32/M5/23 Item ID:77476 – Uplighter Repairs**

Proposed by Councillor Yvonne Collins and seconded by Councillor L. Hagin Meade

That this Council repairs the uplighters at each side of the gate of the old Cemetery at the Plaza at Rathfarnham Village, and considers floodlighting the gate to highlight an attractive feature at the entrance to the village.

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

The uplighters at the entrance to the old graveyard in Rathfarnham Village were inserted into the new paving when the village enhancement scheme was carried out a number of years ago.  Maintenance of this footpath and the lighting contained in it is the responsibility of the Council's Road Maintenance Section, this matter has therefore been referred to Roads for attention.

The proposal to floodlight the entrance to the cemetery has been raised with the Council's Public Lighting Section with regard to its feasibility and likely cost.  It is felt that a better option would be to augment the lighting which is already in place rather than provide a new and additional source of lighting at this location.  The possibility of augmenting the existing uplighters will be examined when the necessary repairs are being carried out to make that lighting operational again.

Following contributions from Councillor Y. Collins and D. McManus. The Motion was **AGREED.**

### **RTFB/33/M6/23 Item ID:77479 – Pathway Scoil Treasa Firhouse**

Proposed by Councillor E. Murphy and seconded by Councillor L. Hagin Meade.

To ask the Council to include the pathway adjacent to Scoil Treasa Firhouse on the programme of works. There is no public lighting on this pathway which is heavily used and is becoming overgrown.

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

The proposal to provide public lighting on the pathway along the boundary of Scoil Treasa which leads from Firhouse to Carrigwood has been raised with the Council's Public Lighting Section with regard to its feasibility and likely cost.  There are high tension overhead power lines in close proximity to this footpath which may present difficulties with regard to the proposal.

This item has been provisionally included on the draft public realm improvement works programme for 2023, subject to a favourable reply being received regarding the feasibility of the proposal.  The draft improvement works programme is included as a headed item on the agenda of this meeting.

Following contributions by Councillor E. Murphy, the Motion was **AGREED.**

### **RTFB/34/M7/23 Item ID:77501 – Tree Planting**

Proposed by Councillor C. Bailey

To ask the Chief Executive whether resident groups have been contacted in relation to the agreed five year tree planting motions passed in 2022 for both the Greenhills and Walkinstown areas.

**In the absence of Councillor C. Bailey, the Motion Fell.**

### **RTFB/35/M8/23 Item ID:77564 – Communication Boards**

Proposed by Councillor Yvonne Collins seconded by Councillor L. Hagin Meade

Noting the recent funds allocated in the budget for Communication Boards, that this Council installs a Communications Board in Rathfarnham Castle Park playground.

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

 The process of installing communications boards in playspaces around the County has commenced and will include a communications board for Rathfarnham Castle Park Playground.

Following a contribution from Councillor Y. Collins, L. Colleran, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised and the Motion was **NOTED.**

## **Environment**

### **RTFB/36/C9/23 Item ID:77511 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/37/H15/23 Item ID:77525 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

## **Housing**

### **RTFB/38/C10/23 Item ID:77515 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/39/H16/23 Item ID:77526 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/40/H17/23 Item ID:77593 – Quarterly Housing Allocations Report**

The following report was presented by Adrienne Moloney, Administrative Officer

**Quarterly Housing Allocations Report**

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| **Allocations** | **County wide Total** | **Rathfarnham Templeogue Firhouse Bohernabreena** |
| **Allocations** |  |  |
| CBL General | 185 | 11 |
| CBL Homeless |  |  |
| CBL RAS Fixed Transfer/RAS NTQ | 3 |  |
| CBL HAP Transfer | 80 | 8 |
| Homeless | 71 | 9 |
| Medical | 80 | 8 |
| OAP | 23 | 7 |
| **Total** | **442** | **43** |
| Transfers including medical | 80 | 4 |
| RAS/Landlord Cancelled | 48 | 2 |
| Priority Transfer | 32 | 1 |
| **TOTAL** | **602** | **50** |

## Following contributions from Councillors Y. Collins and L. Hagin Meade, A. Moloney, Administrative Officer responded to queries raised and the Report was **NOTED.**

## **Community**

### **RTFB/41/C11/23 Item ID:77512 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/42/H18/23 Item ID:77522 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/43/H19/23 Item ID:77533 - Deputations**

Deputations for Noting (No Business)

Tributes were made by all Councillors to Councillor D. O’Donovan on her resignation as Councillor to the Rathfarnham/Templeogue/Firhouse/Bohernabreena Area

The meeting concluded at 15:48pm.

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