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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council September 2023 Lucan / Palmerstown / North Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting dealing with Planning, Transportation, Libraries, Economic Development, Performance & Change Management, Corporate, Environment, Water & Drainage, Public Realm, Community and Housing held on Tuesday 26th September 2023

**Councillors Present**

Vicky Casserly

Paul Gogarty

Alan Hayes

Shane Moynihan

Liona O’Toole

Guss O’Connell

Joanna Tuffy

Derren Ó’Brádaigh

**Officials Present**

Senior Executive Officers Sharon Conroy, Laura Leonard, Brenda Pierce

A/ Senior Executive Officers Edel Clancy

Principle Environmental

Health Officer Patricia Doonan

Senior Parks Superintendent Suzanne Furlong

Senior Executive Parks

Superintendent David Fennell

Administrative Officer Sheila Kelly

A/Administrative Officer Niamh Carton

Senior Engineers Gary Walsh, John Hegarty, Mick McAdam, Leo Magee

Senior Planner Eoin Burke

Executive Planner William Byrne

Senior Executive Engineer Damien McNulty, Liam McNeela

Senior Executive Librarian Rosena Hand

Senior Staff Officer Adrienne McGee

Staff Officer Eimear O’Sullivan

Clerical Officer Declan Hession

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Vicky Casserly, presided

Apologies were received from Councillors Madeline Johansson & Ed O’Brien

**LPNC/444/H1/0923 Item ID:80190 - Minutes**

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of June 2023 Lucan Palmerstown North Clondalkin ACM dealing with business relating to Housing, Community, Transportation, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries, Corporate, Performance & Change Management, Public Realm, Environment and Water & Drainage.

It was proposed by Councillor V Casserly and seconded by Councillor S Moynihan and RESOLVED: “That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the 27th of June 2023 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

[H1 Minutes of June LPNC ACM](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79764)

**LPNC/445/0923 – Questions**

It was proposed by Councillor V Casserly seconded by Councillor D Ó’Brádaigh and **RESOLVED** “That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 that Questions 1 – 26 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**

**Economic Development**

**LPNC/446/Q1/0923 Item ID:80168 – Completion Date for The Grand Canal Extension to Hazelhatch**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive for an update and projected completion date for the Grand Canal extension to Hazelhatch.

**REPLY:**

It is intended to re-tender the construction of the Greenway from 12th Lock to Hazelhatch, in Q4 2023 and commence construction in Q1 2024. Construction of the project is estimated to take 12 months.

**LPNC/447/Q2/0923 Item ID:80184 – Number of Small to Medium Size Enterprises in Lucan**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

This Committee asks the CE to report on how many or percentage of Small to Medium Enterprises in the Lucan area, and to include Adamstown as a separate report.

**REPLY:**

The Council does not have data to this level by EA but can inform broadly on the industry breakdown by sector across the County.

**Industry Breakdown**

 - Commerce & Trade: 27.9%

 - Professional Services: 32.1%

 - Transport & Comms: 10.6%

 - Manufacturing: 8.8%

 - Public Administration: 5.8%

 - Building/Construction: 5.1%

 - Other: 18.7%

**LPNC/448/Q3/0923 Item ID:80185 – Businesses in The Crossings**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

To ask the CE if the Council are aware of what types of businesses are taking up the units in the Crossings. To advise if any local businesses have sought these units, or if it's mainly chain stores/franchises etc.

**REPLY:**

The developers have appointed Bannon Property Consultants / Estate Agents to handle all enquiries for the Commercial Units and we have no reports to hand to share on the level of enquiries being received and the mix of business types who have expressed an interest in this units. The units are privately owned, and the Council has no role in the allocation of units for this development.

**LPNC/449/H2/0923 Item ID:79986 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**LPNC/450/C1/0923 Item ID:79998 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

**LPNC/451/M1/0923 Item ID:80165 – Silver Bridge in Palmerstown**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan Seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

That the Chief Executive writes to the Chief Executive of Fingal County Council to invite her to engage in a meaningful dialogue to bring the Silver Bridge into use, given the excellent conservation work that has been undertaken on that structure.

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

Fingal County Council is in regular contact with South Dublin County Council with regard the Silver Bridge at Palmerstown. Recently they have reported that ‘conservation works on the structure of the bridge to preserve and secure it are due for completion in the coming weeks. These works will not include reinstatement of a bridge deck; however, a structural appraisal allows for possible future installation of a 2m wide deck for pedestrian use within the steel structure.

The feasibility of re-establishing a pedestrian link at this location will be progressed further upon completion. This will consist of further discussions with South Dublin County Council to establish if appropriate lands and access from both northern and southern sides of the bridge can be provided, further analysis on road safety issues, and cost planning. Subject to a satisfactory outcome on this feasibility, funding for any future works to provide a link will be sought and agreed prior to a public planning notice.’

Based on the above report, and the regular contact the Council has with Fingal, it is considered prudent to hold off on inviting the Chief Executive of Fingal County Council to discuss the matter of the bridge until such time as that council has completed their assessment.

Following contributions from Councillors S Moynihan, G O’Connell, L O’Toole, D Ó’Brádaigh and V Casserly, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**

**Libraries & Arts**

**LPNC/452/Q4/0923 Item ID:80164 – Extended Opening Hours for Libraries in LPNC**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the introduction of additional opening hours in libraries in Palmerstown, Lucan and North Clondalkin.

**REPLY:**

Weekend opening of Palmerstown Library is contingent on newly recruited staff being trained. We have targeted mid-to-late October to commence service on Fridays and Saturdays. Additional opening hours for Lucan Library will be offered through the provision of My Open Library, the automated system of providing additional hours of service in the evenings and weekends. The tender for this system has just been published. We have targeted Q1 2024 to launch this service. While all branches of South Dublin Libraries have been included in the tender, there are no plans to extend the service beyond Lucan until it has operated there for a sufficient amount of time to allow us to review and plan its further rollout.

**LPNC/453/Q5/0923 Item ID:80176 – Extended Opening Hours for Palmerstown Digital Hub**

Proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell

To compliment the Library Staff for the wonderful range of services provided in the Palmerstown Digital Hub and to enquire when the opening hours can be extended for this vital community service?

**REPLY:**

Weekend opening of Palmerstown Library is contingent on newly recruited staff being trained. We have targeted mid-to-late October to commence service on Fridays and Saturdays.

**LPNC/454/Q6/0923 Item ID:80187 – Newly Installed 3D Printer in Lucan Library**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

To ask the CE what was the public’s reaction to the newly installed 3D printer in Lucan library, to ask what costs were involved and if this will be rolled out in other areas?

**REPLY:**

Libraries introduced 3D printers as part of the maker space room in Tallaght library in 2016, with 2 printers installed there. The service was rolled out to all branches in 2020. This year we have invested in upgrades in a number of our branches and increased the number of printers available, with a total of 9 printers across the network, including Palmerstown Library.

Costs are approximately €4,500 each (inc. VAT), which includes staff training, 2 years' maintenance, and initial supplies of materials.

Public reaction has been very positive. The design and physical appearance of the machine is visually impressive and has caught the attention of many patrons while at the desk. Anecdotally, Casual queries at the desk have increased in the three weeks since installation and have come from a wider demographic than previous interest. Feedback on the quality and appearance of the new filament has been of particular note.

Social media posts relating to the new printer were the top and 2nd most-liked posts on Lucan Library Facebook page on the week beginning 21/8 (installation occurred 22/8).

Just last week, we received a Facebook message from a very happy patron, Frances Smyth, with an image of her 3D item.

**LPNC/455/H3/0923 Item ID:79989 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**LPNC/456/H4/0923 Item ID:79981 – Application for Arts Grants**

Application for Arts Grants (No Business)

**LPNC/457/H5/0923 Item ID:79983 – Library News & Events**

The following report was presented by Rosena Hand Senior Executive Librarian

Library News & Events

[H5(I) Libraries Events Stats](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79756)  
[H5(ii) Libraries Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79755)

Following Contributions from Councillors L O’Toole, S Moynihan, P Gogarty, D Ó’Brádaigh and V Casserly, Rosena Hand Senior Executive Librarian Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

**LPNC/458/C2/0923 Item ID:80000 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

**Corporate Support**

**LPNC/459/C3/0923 Item ID:80250 - Correspondence**

Correspondence from May 2023 LPNC ACM - item 78924 & 79187

Replies received from HSE Primary Care Team in relation to Emergency Department and GP appointments & An Garda Síochána in relation to red lights at The Oval

[C3 (I) Letter to HSE Primary Care Team (item 78924)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79798)  
[C3 (ii) Reply from HSE Primary Care Team (item 78924)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79799)  
[C3 (iii) Reply from HSE Primary Care Team (item78924)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79800)  
[C3 (iv) Letter from An Garda Siochana (item 79187)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79862)

The items of correspondence were Noted

**LPNC/460/H6/0923 Item ID:79985 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**Performance & Change Management**

**LPNC/461/H7/0923 Item ID:79990 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**LPNC/462/C4/0923 Item ID:80002 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

**Water & Drainage**

**LPNC/463/H8/0923 Item ID:79994 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**LPNC/464/C5/0923 Item ID:80006 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

**Public Realm**

**LPNC/465/Q7/0923 Item ID:80155 – Waterstown House Roof Installation**

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes

To ask the Manager when the installation of a roof on Waterstown House will take place, given funding has been allocated for same and in June 2023 work was being progressed to secure a contractor?

**REPLY:**

The specific design of the roof structure has not yet been confirmed.  Once this is established the detail will be used to put together a tender document for advertising.

It is important to note that the proposal to provide a roof on Waterstown House is for the purpose of protecting the structure.  It is not a roof that will make the building useable or habitable.

[Q7 Picture 1](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79651)

**LPNC/466/Q8/0923 Item ID:80157 – Glenvale Estate Laneway Cleanup**

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes

To ask the Manager to please provide a thorough clean up on the laneway and roadsides outside Glenvale Estate in Lucan which has become somewhat overgrown and unkempt?

**REPLY:**

The area in question has been listed for a cleanup.  The works will include the cutting back of vegetation from the footpath, removal of weeds and leaves and a general litter pick.

**LPNC/467/Q9/0923 Item ID:80149 – Removal of Cut Grass from Footpaths in North Clondalkin**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

To ask the Chief Executive for an update regarding the agreement for removal of cut grass from paths/footpaths in North Clondalkin?

**REPLY:**

When grass cutting is taking place in the vicinity of paths some clippings can end up on the path.  This can be caused when clippings are ejected by mowers onto the path or when wet clippings are carried onto the path on the wheels of mowers/tractors.  In most situations grass tends to blow back off the path as it dries, however when grass is particularly long or wet it can stick to the hard surface and remain in situ.  In situations where this is problematic the grass is removed either by sweeping or by a blower machine.

**LPNC/468/Q10/0923 Item ID:80161 – Tree Maintenance Programme for LPNC**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update (in tabular form) on the implementation of the 2023-2025 Tree Maintenance Programme for Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin, detailing estates where works have been completed, where works are underway and when works are due to be completed where they have not commenced yet, and to identify those estates where tree maintenance works have not taken place in the past 20 years.

**REPLY:**

The table below provides an update on the 2023-2025 Tree Maintenance Programme for Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin indicating the year in which each of the listed estates will be attended to and completed.  Tree maintenance work at Adamstown Road/Avenue and at Earlsfort Estate have commenced but are not completed yet.

While the Public Realm Section does not have tree maintenance records dating back 20 years, it would be reasonable to say that all estates that are in public ownership would have had maintenance works carried out where required at some stage during this timeframe.

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| **Lucan/Palmerstown/North Clondalkin 2023-25** | |
| **Location** | **Year** |
| Adamstown Road/Avenue | 2023 |
| Abbeywood | 2024 |
| Ashpark | 2024 |
| Bewley | 2024 |
| Brookvale | 2023 |
| Ballyowen Road - L1042 (Larkfield to Fonthill Road) | 2025 |
| Culmore Road and Park | 2025 |
| Castle Riada | 2024 |
| Castle Road | 2024 |
| Coldcut Road | 2025 |
| Elm estate street and mature trees | 2025 |
| Earlsfort | 2023 |
| Esker Road and Drive | 2024 |
| Esker Glebe and Esker Lane OS Mature trees | 2024 |
| Esker Glebe and Esker Lane OS street trees | 2024 |
| Esker Meadow | 2024 |
| Esker Woods | 2024 |
| Esker Lodge street and mature trees | 2024 |
| Fonthill Road and Coldcut Road cycle paths (Greenfort Boundary) | 2025 |
| Foxford and Ballyowen Lane | 2024 |
| Fforster estate | 2023 |
| Foxdene | 2023 |
| Glenmaroon Road and Park | 2025 |
| Greenfort estate | 2023 |
| Grifeen Road, Avenue & Way | 2024 |
| Harelawn | 2025 |
| Hermitage Way - rear of houses | 2024 |
| Hermitage Park - mature trees | 2024 |
| Lucan Road (Ballydowd to Woodies) | 2025 |
| Liffey estate | 2024 |
| Manor Road and Park | 2025 |
| Meile An Ri | 2025 |
| Newcastle Road/R120 and L1011 to Esker Cottages | 2024 |
| Neilstown estate | 2024 |
| Riversdale estate | 2024 |
| Riversdale Drive | 2024 |
| Rochfort | 2023 |
| Shancastle | 2023 |
| St Marks | 2025 |
| St Finians | 2024 |
| Sarsfield Park Mature Trees | 2025 |
| St Lomans Road (L1042) and Ballyowen Road | 2025 |
| Tor An Ri | 2025 |
| Turret Road | 2024 |
| Woodview Heights | 2024 |
| Willbrook estate and road | 2025 |
| Woodavens | 2023 |
| Woodfarm Drive and Avenue | 2024 |
| Westbury | 2025 |

**LPNC/469/Q11/0923 Item ID:80182 – Esker FC Electric Gates & Car Park Resurfacing**

Proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell

Can Esker FC be given an update re surfacing of the car park and assurances as per agreement that they will be included for electric gates.

**REPLY:**

Contact will be made Esker FC in relation to the car park.  While there is no current proposal to automate the gate at the entrance to the car park, this will be examined in the context of determining future improvement work programme projects.

**LPNC/470/H9/0923 Item ID:79992 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**LPNC/471/C6/0923 Item ID:80004 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

**LPNC/472/M2/23 Item ID:79601 – Chess/Checkers Tables For New Parks in Griffeen & Adamstown**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole Seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

That this committee requests that the CE introduces outdoor chess/checkers tables into either Griffeen or new parks in Adamstown or both. See sample photos attached. Chess pieces can be held in local coffee dock /shops and location should be considered as to whether in shaded area, sunshine area, or both.

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

The provision of a chess/checkers table is subject to the availability of a suitable coffee dock/shop to retain the playing pieces and loan them out normally for a small refundable deposit.  Currently there are no suitable facilities for this in either park.  When the coffee shop in Airlie Park opens this suggestion will be brought to the attention of the operator for their consideration to retain playing pieces on a voluntary basis.

[M2 Picture 1](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79184)  
[M2 Picture 2](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79182)  
[M2 Picture 3](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79181)  
[M2 Picture 4](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79183)

Following Contributions from Councillor L O’Toole, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

**LPNC/473/M3/0923 Item ID:79759- Castlegate Park Maintenance**

Proposed by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh Seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

That this Committee supports and calls on the Manager to agree to schedule playground resurfacing and upgrades to the existing playground in Castlegate Park in Adamstown.

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

The Public Realm Section previously ran a tender process for the resurfacing of the playground surface however it was unsuccessful.  A number of companies were subsequently approached directly regarding the project however they were not in a position at the time to carry out the works.

A new framework for playground works has recently been concluded and it is expected that upon appointment of the successful tenderer, an order will be issued for the resurfacing of the playground which will include the repair of any play equipment where required.

**This Motion was taken in Conjunction with Motion 4**

**LPNC/474/M4/0923 Item ID:80097 – Castlegate Park Playground Maintenance**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty Seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

That the Chief Executive urgently replaces the surface of the playground at Castlegate Park and allocates funding in the upcoming budget for a proper upgrade of this area given that it has been many years since previous improvement works were carried out.

**The Following Report from The Chief Executive Was Read:**

The Public Realm Section previously ran a tender process for the resurfacing of the playground surface however it was unsuccessful.  A number of companies were subsequently approached directly regarding the project however they were not in a position at the time to carry out the works.

A new framework for playground works has recently been concluded and it is expected that upon appointment of the successful tenderer, an order will be issued for the resurfacing of the playground which will include the repair of any play equipment where required.

[M4 Picture 1](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79577)  
[M4 Picture 2](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79575)  
[M4 Picture 3](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79576)

Following contributions from Councillors D Ó’Brádaigh, P Gogarty and V Casserly, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motions were **Agreed.**

**LPNC/475/M5/0923 Item ID:80162 – Griffeen Footpath Maintenance**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan Seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

That the Chief Executive would bring the footpath on the Moy Glas side of Griffeen Avenue (between Lucan East Educate Together and the bottle banks opposite Elm) back into public use by addressing the large amount of overgrowth on the footpath.

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

The encroaching vegetation at the location in question has been cut back.

This Motion was **Unanimously Agreed and Moved without Debate**

**LPNC/476/M6/0923 Item ID:80173 – Maintenance of Laneways in Palmerstown**

Proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell Seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

To ask the Manager responsible for a report on the maintenance of the laneways in Palmerstown and to include in the report what action has been taken in relation to Japanese Knotweed on some of these lanes (as previously reported by this Councillor) and to make a statement.

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

The Public Realm Section are maintaining the laneways in Palmerstown on a six-week cleansing cycle. The maintenance work carried out includes litter removal, removal of fly-tipped waste and the removal or spraying of weeds as required.  Dumping incidents that occur in the lanes do not follow any pattern and often necessitate the visiting of lanes on a more frequent basis.  Lanes that are more prone to dumping can therefore receive more visits than those where dumping is infrequent or is absent.

The Council's invasive species management programme includes surveying, mapping and treating locations of invasive species on Council owned land. This involves the identification of locations where invasive species are present and then putting in place the surveying, mapping and treatment at the location concerned on an annual basis until such time as treatment is no longer required and monitoring can take over.

A number of knotweed locations have been identified in Palmerstown Lanes and these have been mapped and are being treated.  Treatment first started in 2018 and will continue until all knotweed has been eliminated.

Following Contributions from Councillors G O’Connell, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

**LPNC/477/M7/0923 Item ID:80125 – Esker Cemetery**

Proposed by Councillor Joanna Tuffy

To ask the CEO to give an update on the funding ring fenced in the Budget for 2023 for the building of a columbarium in Esker Cemetery and when he expects works to take place

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

A provision of €150,000 has been made in the revenue budget for 2023 for the construction of a Columbarium Wall in Esker graveyard.  A design has been prepared for the layout of the Columbarium Wall and surrounding hard and soft landscaped areas.  Tender documents are being finalised and it is expected that the tender for construction will be advertised in the coming weeks.  It is expected that construction works will commence on site before the end of the year.

In the absence of Councillor J Tuffy, this motion **Falls**.

**LPNC/478/M8/0923 Item ID:79939 – Hedge Cutting**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole Seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

This Committee requests that the CE provides details on how both departments work to ensure that all pathways/cycle lanes are maintain and kept free of overgrown hedges as it's evident the upkeep of these areas are not sufficient to ensure proper use of our path/cycle lanes. Also, it is asked that a detailed maintenance programme is prepared for a yearly upkeep of the footpath/cycle lanes. To look at removing the wildlife act restrictions from the day-to-day maintenance of the hedges etc as this is often cited in members rep replies.  Please find attached one of number of members rep I've sent in. I am inundated with requests to cut back hedges/trees. We have one department promoting walking, cycling, public transport etc as part of the active travel policy and another department responsible for hedge trimming.

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

The pruning of hedges falls under the remit of the Public Realm Section and the Roads Maintenance Section.  In general, the Public Realm Section cut hedges that are growing from public parks and open spaces and the Roads Section cuts hedges that are growing on public roads.  Hedges that do not fall within these two categories are deemed to be growing on private property and are the responsibility of the property owner to maintain.

In relation to hedges growing on private property, Section 70(2) (a) of the Roads Act 1993 provides that *"The owner or occupier of land shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that a tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation on the land is not a hazard or potential hazard to persons using a public road and that it does not obstruct or interfere with the safe use of a public road or the maintenance of a public road"*

Where it is deemed that the owner or occupier is not meeting their obligations, the council will write to the owner asking them to take the necessary steps to ensure the hedge, tree, shrub is rendered safe within 28 days. If the work is not carried out, it may be necessary to initiate proceedings under Section 70 of the Roads Act 1993.

Section 40 of the Wildlife Act 1976 (as amended by Section 46 of the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000) restricts the cutting of vegetation or hedges between 1st March and 31st August each year to facilitate the protection of nesting birds. As a local authority South Dublin County Council has an obligation to ensure that our activities and the activities of contractors working on our behalf adhere to this legislation.  The period for hedge cutting is therefore between September and February.  The only situation where cutting occurs outside of the approved period is for reasons of public health or safety.

The Public Realm Section has commenced hedge cutting in the LAE and priority is being given to hedges that are causing an obstruction to pedestrians and cyclists.  Roads hedge cutting is also underway.

[M8 Document 1](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79418)

**This Motion was taken in Conjunction with Motion 10**

**LPNC/479/M9/0923 Item ID:79769 – All Weather Pitch Strategy for Palmerstown**

Proposed by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh Seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

To ask the manager to give an undertaking to explore the possibility of including Palmerstown as a part of the countywide All-Weather Pitch Strategy.

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

SDCC's Sports Pitch Strategy planned for SDCC's future need and made recommendations regarding pitch demand, capacity and future requirements up to 2035. The assessment focused on pitches used by the following sports: Soccer, GAA, Rugby Union, Hockey, Cricket, Athletics. The Strategy showed population growth predicted in all areas across the county, an increase in generation of teams and recommends that sports facility provision is required to grow and adapt to meet current and future demand, and that the management of facilities is required to adapt to meet demand. The Sports Pitch Strategy estimates the difference between pitch capacity and pitch demand for the county. Pitch demand was generated from surveys of the clubs, information from council, governing bodies and stakeholders and examination of the population projections up to 2035 and resulting team generation rates.

The Sports Pitch Strategy meets the demand for pitches by the following complementary actions:

* Review of allocation policy and maintenance of flexibility in pitch designation and allocation: (on-going during the lifetime of the strategy)
* Provision of new grass pitches: (on-going during the lifetime of the strategy)
* Improvements to the quality of existing pitches by enhancing the maintenance regime, and possible drainage, of the pitches so they can cater for more match equivalent sessions per week per (i.e., enhancing their capacity): (on-going during the lifetime of the strategy).
* Provision of 3-5 artificial grass pitches (10 match equivalents per week):

The strategy outlines the proposed location for the 3-5 artificial grass pitches and, within the north of the county, took into account the planned and funded 3g pitch currently under construction at Airlie Park in Adamstown and the planned (and funded) construction of several 3G pitches in the new parks planned for Clonburris. The strategy recommends dispersal of the pitches across the county to meet the need in each area. To that end SDCC is currently approaching the completion of a 3G pitch at Sean Walsh Park in Tallaght and a Part 8 is underway for a 3G pitch at Knocklyon Park. The 5th pitch is proposed for the west of the county. There are no proposals at present for a 6th all weather pitch in Palmerstown and the resources provided for the provision of All Weather Pitches are fully allocated.

Following Contributions from Councillors D Ó’Brádaigh, G O’Connell, A Hayes, S Moynihan and V Casserly, Suzanne Furlong Senior Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motions were **Agreed**.

**LPNC/480/M10/0923 Item ID:80119 – Clearing of Vegetation on Footpaths**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty Seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

That the Council clarifies its policy on the clearing of footpaths and cycleways blocked by vegetation and explains why it appears to have done nothing for months in areas such as Lucan with the public realm access routes being blocked off to walkers, cyclists, buggies and wheelchairs for weeks on end, forcing cyclists/pedestrians into each other’s paths or onto verges or roads, because, notwithstanding the moratorium on some clearances due to the nesting season, there are circumstances which allow action on public safety grounds and documented evidence shows that some areas reported in July had not been done by mid-September.

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

The pruning of hedges falls under the remit of the Public Realm Section and the Roads Maintenance Section.  In general, the Public Realm Section cut hedges that are growing from public parks and open spaces and the Roads Section cuts hedges that are growing on public roads.  Hedges that do not fall within these two categories are deemed to be growing on private property and are the responsibility of the property owner to maintain.

In relation to hedges growing on private property, Section 70(2) (a) of the Roads Act 1993 provides that *"The owner or occupier of land shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that a tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation on the land is not a hazard or potential hazard to persons using a public road and that it does not obstruct or interfere with the safe use of a public road or the maintenance of a public road"*

Where it is deemed that the owner or occupier is not meeting their obligations, the council will write to the owner asking them to take the necessary steps to ensure the hedge, tree, shrub is rendered safe within 28 days. If the work is not carried out, it may be necessary to initiate proceedings under Section 70 of the Roads Act 1993.

Section 40 of the Wildlife Act 1976 (as amended by Section 46 of the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000) restricts the cutting of vegetation or hedges between 1st March and 31st August each year to facilitate the protection of nesting birds. As a local authority South Dublin County Council has an obligation to ensure that our activities and the activities of contractors working on our behalf adhere to this legislation.  The period for hedge cutting is therefore between September and February.  The only situation where cutting occurs outside of the approved period is for reasons of public health or safety.

The Public Realm Section has commenced hedge cutting in the LAE and priority is being given to hedges that are causing an obstruction to pedestrians and cyclists.  Roads hedge cutting is also underway.

Following Contributions from Councillors L O’Toole, V Casserly, G O’Connell and P Gogarty, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

**Environment**

**LPNC/481/Q12/0923 Item ID:79770 – Clondalkin Equine Club**

Proposed by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh Seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

To ask the Manager to outline what supports South Dublin County Council have offered to date, to assist the staff and volunteers of the Clondalkin Equine Club, in helping to keep the facility in operation, since difficulties were first highlighted and that threatened to bring about the possible closure of the club?

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

The Ballyowen Equine Centre was developed by South Dublin County Council (SDCC) in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine (DAFM) and Clondalkin Equine Club in order to address the keeping of horses in an unregulated and uncontrolled manner resulting in serious animal welfare and public safety issues which were a cause of concern for both the Council, Gardaí, central government, and the communities of these areas. The facility, which opened in January 2017 gives young horse owners the opportunity to take responsibility and care for their animals in a safe environment. A licence agreement is in place since 2017 with SDCC and Clondalkin Equine Club and SDCC continues to manage the licence agreement and support the facility.

The support that has been provided by the Council to date includes the following:

* Secured capital funding from the Department for the construction of the premises
* Secured funding for the initial engagement of a part time manager
* Secured funding for the employment of a fulltime Development Manager
* Supported the club throughout the Covid pandemic
* Regular visits from the Council Veterinary Inspectors providing advice when required
* A senior staff member on the Board of the Clondalkin Equine Club since November 2022
* Senior staff member engaged with the Community Department on behalf of the club in relation to funding and successfully secured grant funding

At all times SDCC have endeavoured to support the club in every way possible and will continue to provide this support to the greatest extent possible.

**LPNC/482/Q13/0923 Item ID:80181 – Removal of Moy Glas Bottle Bank**

Proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell

This Committee requests the CE to make arrangements in removing the bottle bank from Moy Glas given the continued/constant illegal dumping at this location. See attached recent dumping.

**REPLY:**

The bottle banks are scheduled to be replaced with newly painted ones over the next week, to improve the appearance of the bring banks site. Removing the banks is not something that has been considered as it does not align with the objectives of SDCC’s community-based recycling strategy.

We have had a number of reports in relation to dumping at this location. Evidence was found on two occasions and fines were issued. One fine has been paid to date. There is an audio device installed at this location which is operational. The Litter Warden patrols this area regularly and this will continue.

**LPNC/483/Q14/0923 Item ID:79633 – Report of Community Cleanups to Date**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

This Committee asks the CE for a report of community cleanups to date in the Lucan area?

**REPLY:**

The South Dublin County Council Social Credits Scheme supports and rewards community groups and individuals who take ownership of their environment and improve their local area by carrying out **pro-environmental** actions.

Currently the Social Credits Scheme incorporates three elements:

-Clean up materials

-Minor Landscaping

-Paint Enhancement.

There were 801 clean-ups in the Lucan area from 2020 to 2023.

**2020      2021        2022        2023** (to date)

**Total Clean-ups:** 232         183          194         192

Groups looking to get involved in the Social Credits Scheme should visit [www.socialcredits.ie](http://www.socialcredits.ie) to find an application form. Alternatively, they can email [**envawareness@sdublincoco.ie**](mailto:envawareness@sdublincoco.ie)

**LPNC/484/Q15/0923 Item ID:80073 – Airlie Park & Pitches for Schools Update**

Proposed by Councillor Joanna Tuffy

To ask the CEO for an update regarding Airlie Park and the need for schools in Adamstown to gain access to pitches during school hours.

**REPLY:**

The Council, design team and contractor are meeting on a weekly basis to review issues relating to the establishment of soft landscaping and other hard infrastructure snagging items.

The new flood lit artificial grass pitch (full size 3G GAA pitch) which accommodates all 3 codes (GAA, Soccer and Rugby) will be available to book online for all clubs/schools etc through our website [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie) here: [Playing Pitches - SDCC](https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/sport-and-recreation/playing-pitches/) once it is opened.

Any new clubs and/or schools that would like further information on the use of this particular pitch or any of our playing pitches/sporting facilities are asked to email [**publicrealm@sdublincoco.ie**](mailto:publicrealm@sdublincoco.ie)

**LPNC/485/H10/0923 Item ID:79987 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**LPNC/486/C7/0923 Item ID:79995 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

**LPNC/487/M11/0923 Item ID:79670 – Moy Glas Bottle Bank**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole Seconded by Councillor G O’Connell

This Committee requests the CE to make arrangements in removing the bottle bank from Moy Glas given the continued/constant illegal dumping at this location. See attached recent dumping.

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

The bottle banks are scheduled to be replaced with newly painted ones over the next week, to improve the appearance of the bring banks site. Removing the banks is not something that has been considered as it does not align with the objectives of SDCC’s community-based recycling strategy.

We have had a number of reports in relation to dumping at this location. Evidence was found on two occasions and fines were issued. One fine has been paid to date. There is an audio device installed at this location which is operational. The Litter Warden patrols this area regularly and this will continue.

[M11 Picture](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79264)

Following Contributions from Councillors L O’Toole, P Gogarty, and V Casserly, Sharon Conroy Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised.

An Amendment was proposed by Councillor P Gogarty and Seconded by Councillor V Casserly which was unanimously **Agreed**.

Amended Motion:

This Committee requests the CE to make arrangements in removing the bottle bank from Moy Glas - when the pool car park is opened as already passed in 2021, and as supported by a huge majority of local residents - given the continued/constant illegal dumping at this location. See attached recent dumping.

Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer further to this advised members that she would confirm her understanding that in fact, Lucan Swimming Pool and Moy Glas are and have been two separate sites and that she would follow up and confirm this to Councillors after the meeting. The Motion was **Agreed**.

**LPNC/488/M12/0923 Item ID:80178 – Air Pollution in Lucan, Palmerstown & North Clondalkin**

Proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell Seconded by Councillor L O’Toole

This Committee requests the CE to carry out an air pollution study in the Lucan, Palmerstown North Clondalkin areas. To also ask if an air pollution study has ever been carried out and to make a statement on the matter?

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

There are a number of air quality monitoring stations around Dublin, including locally in Lucan area.  The stations record real time data for air quality indicators and all information can be viewed by any member of the public on airquality.ie website.  I have forwarded a document with additional information and explanation.  Present readings and measurements would not indicate a need for additional studies as levels are within action limits set in the legislation and Air Quality for Health Index is in the good range.  EPA Air Quality Bulletins for 2023 show good compliance across the Dublin area.

[M12 Air Quality Query](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79767)

Following Contributions from Councillors G O’Connell and L O’Toole, Patricia Doonan Principle Environmental Health Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

**Housing**

**LPNC/489/Q16/0923 Item ID:80170 – Vacant Homes Report Update**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive for a report from the Vacant Homes officers to the number of homes identified as vacant in Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin and the actions being taken to bring them back into use.

**REPLY:**

There are currently 9 properties identified as vacant in Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin.

Vacant Homes Officers have recently completed phase 1 of a county-wide survey of potential vacant properties in conjunction with the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage. Phase 2 of this survey will commence in Quarter 4, 2023 enabling the compilation of a more comprehensive list of vacant homes in the county. The Vacant Homes Officers investigate ownership of properties identified with a view to engaging with owners to bring the properties back into productive use including with the assistance of the Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Grant, SEAI energy efficiency grants or the repair and Leasing Scheme

**LPNC/490/Q17/0923 Item ID:79270 – Age Friendly Development Sarsfield Park Update**

Proposed by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh

To ask the Manager when can local councillors expect to see the final development design published in relation the proposed 6-unit age-friendly development in Sarsfield Park, Lucan?

**REPLY:**

It is proposed that the five age friendly units at Sarsfield Park, Lucan will be advertised by way of Part 8 derogation at the end of October/ early November. The Council is currently arranging required screening reports to be carried out on the site.

**LPNC/491/Q18/0923 Item ID:80177 – Update on Right Size Apartments in Palmerstown**

Proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the proposed right size apartments on the Old Lucan Road Palmerstown and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**REPLY:**

The Approved Housing Body that was progressing this development have advised the Council in the current economic climate based on tenders received the project is currently financially unviable.  The Council are currently assessing options for project delivery including acquiring an adjacent strip of land, which will not be completed in the short to medium term.

**LPNC/492/Q19/0923 Item ID:80186 – Adamstown Housing Types Stats**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

To ask CE for a breakdown of the housing types/residence such as private, renting, affordability schemes, AHB, council etc in the Adamstown Housing?

**REPLY:**

The table below provides information in relation to the category of units within Adamstown SDZ.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | AHB | HAP | LA | LEASED | MTR | PART V | RAS | TOTAL |
| Approved Housing Body | 91 |  |  | 37 | 2 | 141 | 31 | 302 |
| Private Landlord |  | 122 |  |  |  |  |  | 122 |
| Local Authority |  |  | 42 |  |  | 53 |  | 95 |
| Total | 91 | 122 | 42 | 37 | 2 | 194 | 31 | 519 |

**LPNC/493/H11/0923 Item ID:80191 - Quarterly Housing Report**

The following report was presented by Brenda Pierce Senior Executive Officer

**Quarterly Housing Report**

[H11 Housing Delivery Update Report - item 80191](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79765)

Following contributions from Councillors J Tuffy, S Moynihan, L O’Toole and V Casserly, Brenda Pierce Senior Executive Officer and Damien McNulty Senior Executive Engineer responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

**LPNC/494/H12/0923 Item ID:80195 - Quarterly Report on Anti-Social Behaviour**

The following report was presented by Niamh Carton A/Administrative Officer

**Quarterly Report on Anti-Social Behaviour**

**REPLY:**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORTING & STATISTICS FOR LUCAN, PALMERSTOWN, NORTH CLONDALKIN** | | | | | |  |
| **Incidents** | **2022 TOTAL** | **1st Qtr 2023** | **2nd Qtr 2023** | **3rd Qtr 2023** | **4th Qtr 2023** | **2023 TOTAL** |
| **CATEGORY A** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Drugs Activity reported to SDCC | 12 | 4 | 3 |  |  | **7** |
| Criminal Activity reported to SDCC | 3 | 1 | 0 |  |  | **1** |
| Joyriding reported to SDCC | 0 | 1 | 0 |  |  | **1** |
| Violence/intimidation/ harassment reported to SDCC | 23 | 4 | 3 |  |  | **7** |
| **CATEGORY B** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Squatters/illegal occupiers reported to SDCC | 8 | 0 | 0 |  |  | **0** |
| Vandalism reported to SDCC | 21 | 3 | 1 |  |  | **4** |
| Physical condition of property reported to SDCC | 10 | 11 | 6 |  |  | **17** |
| Physical condition of Garden reported to SDCC | 14 | 6 | 5 |  |  | **11** |
| Racism reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  | **0** |
| Vacant Houses reported to SDCC | 26 | 12 | 5 |  |  | **17** |
| Neighbour Dispute (including parking) reported to SDCC | 8 | 2 | 1 |  |  | **3** |
| **CATEGORY C** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Noise/disturbance reported to SDCC | 18 | 1 | 6 |  |  | **7** |
| Pets/animal nuisance reported to SDCC | 8 | 2 | 2 |  |  | **4** |
| Children Nuisance reported to SDCC | 3 | 0 | 1 |  |  | **1** |
| Selling alcohol | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  | **0** |
| **Total Incidents reported to SDCC** | 182 | 47 | 33 |  |  | 80 |
| **Total Complaints reported to SDCC** | 194 | 50 | 36 |  |  | **86** |
| **Total Actions taken by Allocations Support Unit Staff - Main actions listed below** | 1414 | 313 | 369 |  |  | **682** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Housecall / Inspection | 217 | 73 | 53 |  |  | **126** |
| Demand for Possession Section 15 & 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  | **0** |
| Abandonment notice served | 2 | 0 | 1 |  |  | **1** |
| Surrenders Obtained (including Termination of Tenancy under Section 15) | 27 | 7 | 5 |  |  | **12** |
| Warnings issued | 32 | 11 | 2 |  |  | **13** |
| Interviews held (formal office and by phone) | 229 | 20 | 36 |  |  | **56** |
| Pre-Tenancies (includes Group meetings for new developments &following up Tenancy Checks) | 131 | 24 | 121 |  |  | **145** |
| Complaints received by Whatsapp | 25 | 0 | 6 |  |  | **6** |

Following contributions from Councillors L O’Toole, S Moynihan, G O’Connell and J Tuffy, Niamh Carton Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

**LPNC/495/H13/0923 Item ID:79988 - Balgaddy Housing Quarterly Update**

The following report was presented by Niamh Carton A/Administrative Officer and Damien McNulty Senior Executive Engineer

**Balgaddy Housing Quarterly Update**

[H13 Balgaddy Q3 Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79831)

Following contributions from Councillors S Moynihan, J Tuffy, D Ó’Brádaigh and L O’Toole, Damien McNulty Senior Executive Engineer and Niamh Carton A/Administrative Officer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

**LPNC/496/C8/0923 Item ID:79999 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

**LPNC/497/M13/0923 Item ID:79256 – Eco Friendly Planter Boxes for Green Spaces in Balgaddy**

Proposed by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh Seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

That the Manager explore suitably safe, eco-friendly and durable planter boxes for the green space area in Balgaddy, to replace the unsustainable 'tin-like' material used in this regard as part of last year's 'Better Block' community initiative - furthermore this committee now agrees to upscale and broaden this as a project involving local residents of the community.

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

The Better Blocks event took place in Balgaddy in July 2022. This 2-day community led event supported residents to get creative and design a safe, welcoming neighbourhood space for all ages and backgrounds. As part of this initiative planters were provided on the open space beside the playground and Méile An Rí Green and have been maintained by the local community for the last year.

The planter boxes were recently removed as they were in poor condition and the Council is currently considering a proposal for a collaborative initiative with the community Gardaí and the local primary school to plant eco-friendly shrubs in new containers. The Council are in favour of upscaling and broadening this project with engagement from the Local Community. Local residents have advised they are willing to take part in initial planting, but the ongoing maintenance of the planters is a concern. The success of the project will depend on the active involvement of local residents and community groups. The Council's estate management team is seeking to identify community groups and representatives to take the lead on this project.

Following Contributions from Councillor D Ó’Brádaigh, Niamh Carton A/Administrative Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

**Community**

**LPNC/498/H14/0923 Item ID:79984 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**LPNC/499/H15/0923 Item ID:79982 – Deputations for Noting**

Deputations for Noting (No Business)

**LPNC/500/H16/0923 Item ID:80249 - Lucan Pool Hoist**

The following report was presented by Edel Clancy A/Senior Executive Officer

**Lucan Pool Hoist**

[H-I 16 Lucan Pool Hoist](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79842)

Following Contributions from Councillors V Casserly, L O’Toole, S Moynihan and P Gogarty, Edel Clancy A/Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

**LPNC/501/C9/0923 Item ID:79996 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

**LPNC/502/M14/0923 Item ID:79632 – Introduction of Community Gardens in Adamstown**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

Following previous agreed motions this committee seeks support to introduce community gardens into the Adamstown area. The current fire station site is up for amendment and locals have requested that if it's requested that this land be available to the community for garden projects.

**This Motion was Moved to Re-enter**

**Transportation**

**LPNC/503/Q20/0923 Item ID:79424 – Restoration of Road Line Markings at Foxborough Hall**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty Seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

To ask the Chief Executive if he will reinstate the earlier line marking at the entrance to Foxborough Hall that restricts one vehicle width parking either side of the junction as the measures put in place following my raising of this matter in 2021 have now been removed following the resurfacing and repainting of this area and residents now find it again dangerous to try and exit from this location as the view to the road is often completely blocked by parked cars and especially by vans (as per documents attached); and if a statement can be made on the matter.

**Reply:**

The Traffic section will have a look at the options to improve the sightlines exiting the junction at Foxborough Hall.

When we have finalised our decision on the best way to improve these sightlines, we will bring this plan to the TMM for discussion and agreement.

[Q20 Video 1](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=78967)  
[Q20 Video 2](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=78968)

**LPNC/504/Q21/0923 Item ID:80116 – “Ducks Crossing” Signage Request for Lucan**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

To ask the Chief Executive to install a number of "ducks crossing" at suitable locations in Lucan village, before the breeding season, including at new requested pedestrian crossing areas, given the large number of relatively tame ducks living in this area historically, and the safety issues facing ducks crossing with ducklings every year, especially in light of a number of reported incidences of ducks being killed by drivers locally, who then carelessly drove away, and also a recent incident abroad where a man lost his life helping ducks to cross the road. There is precedent in other Councils in Ireland and such signs are widespread in the UK?

**REPLY:**

There is no statutory Ducks Crossing sign within the Irish Traffic Signs manual. There are several other statutory warning signs for cattle, sheep and horses within the Traffic Signs manual.

The traffic section follows the policy of minimising warning signage to just the essential statutory signage to guard against driver overload and distraction, and a diminution of the effectiveness of the essential warning signage due to an over proliferation of signage.

**LPNC/505/Q22/0923 Item ID:79225 – Dished Footpath in Glenmaroon Update**

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes

To ask the Manager to explain why the kerbside at the junction of Glenmaroon Road and Glenmaroon Park has not yet been dished following a mistake which raised the kerbside in 2020. The following reps were made by Cllr Alan Hayes and can be viewed by the Manager as evidence that this work is long overdue and is preventing many from crossing at this point. 01/12/20: Rep 1597557 14/06/21: Rep 1649536 09/02/22: Rep 1707240.

**REPLY:**

 This issue has been forwarded to a contractor working in the area to rectify

**LPNC/506/Q23/0923 Item ID:80148 – Additional Public Lighting Request for Oakcourt Avenue**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on issues raised previously regarding anti-social behaviour and commitments around additional lighting at the lane beside the ESB substation on Oakcourt Avenue in Palmerstown?

**REPLY:**

 I have sent this query to our Public Lighting department to assess the lighting deficiency.  This SDCC department will assess the feasibility of improving the lighting at the location mentioned. I will inform all the members of the outcome of this assessment in due course.

**LPNC/507/Q24/0923 Item ID:80160 – 2023 Roads, Footpaths and Cycle Tracks Programme Update**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress update of the 2023 Roads, Footpaths and Cycle Tracks Programme for Lucan, Palmerstown & North Clondalkin (including areas where direct labour crews were committed (e.g., the 'ramp road' in Ronanstown) outlining where works have been completed, where works are underway and when works are due to be completed which have not been started yet.

**REPLY:**

 A list of the schemes and their status is attached for the Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin area and this covers all contracted work.

Our Direct Labour crews have about 120 one off locations repaired this year.

With regard specifically to the "ramp road" in Ronanstown I have been assured that the crew will be allocated to this stretch during October.

[Q24 Scheme Status](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79793)

**LPNC/508/Q25/0923 Item ID:80174 – Fines Issued for Breach of 7.5T restriction on Kennelsfort Rd.**

Proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell

To ask the Chief Executive how many fines have been issued for breach of the 7.5T restriction on Kennelsfort Road January to July this year.

**REPLY:**

While the imposition of Heavy Goods Vehicle weight restrictions is an executive function (in collaboration with AGS), enforcement of Heavy Goods Vehicle weight restrictions on roads within the county is a matter for An Garda Siochana.

A letter will issue to the Policing Unit in Dublin Castle requesting this information and a copy of the reply, when received, will be circulated to the Area Committee.

**LPNC/509/Q26/0923 Item ID:79728 – Footpath Inspections on St Finians Avenue**

Proposed by Councillor Joanna Tuffy

To ask the CEO to examine the paths and road from 38 to 78 St. Finian's Avenue where there are Council age friendly houses, and cul-de sacs, to see if it might be feasible to improve the surfaces of the road/footpath, to make them more age friendly and accessible for wheelchair users or those with rollators etc., for e.g. with shared surfaces or lowered kerbs, and to make a statement on the matter.

**REPLY:**

A scheme to narrow the mouth of the junction will be considered for the 2024 RWP

**LPNC/510/H17/0923 Item ID:80095 – Kishogue Station New Special Speed Limit**

The following report was presented by William Byrne Executive Planner and John Hegarty Senior Engineer

[H-I 17 Kishogue Station S 38 works at Kishogue Station and resulting proposed new Special Speed Limit on R136](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79865)

Following Contributions from Councillors L O’Toole, V Casserly, A Hayes, J Tuffy, P Gogarty, D Ó’Brádaigh and S Moynihan, John Hegarty Senior Engineer and William Byrne Executive Planner Responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted**.

**LPNC/511/H18/0923 Item ID:79993 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**LPNC/512/H19/0923 Item ID:80057 – Taking in Charge of Palmville Close**

The following report was presented by John Hegarty Senior Engineer.

Declaration of Public Roads, Taking In Charge of a Housing Estate Under Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000

**ADDRESS: Palmville Close, Lucan, Co. Dublin.**

**REPORT:**

The following advertisement was published in newspapers and on the Council Consultation Portal:

"In accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993, South Dublin County Council hereby gives notice of its intention to consider the making of a declaration that the road listed hereunder be a public road.

**Palmville Close, Lucan, Co. Dublin.**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended, the Council considers the Taking in Charge of the open spaces, sewers, watermains, storm drains and public lighting within the attendant ground of the development.

This matter will be considered by South Dublin County Council at its Council Meeting on **9th October 2023**.

Maps showing the roads and the areas to be taken in charge are available for viewing at the Council’s public consultation portal at [http://consult.sdublincoco.ie](http://consult.sdublincoco.ie/) from **8th July 2023** until **8th August 2023**.

Objections or representations regarding the above proposal may be made via the portal or in writing to the Senior Executive Officer, Land Use, Planning and Transportation, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24, D24 A3XC.

The latest date for receipt of postal objections or representations via the portal is **22nd August 2023.**

Objections or representations should be made in one Medium only and will only be accepted in either format outlined above.

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There were no submissions received in relation to the Taking in Charge of this development.

This Council is satisfied that this estate is constructed to a high standard of specification and quality and recommends that the Palmville Close estate be taken in charge by the Council.

The recommendation of the Area Committee is required as follows:

**That the proposal to declare the roads to be public roads, and to Take in Charge the open spaces, sewers, watermains, storm drains and public lighting within the attendant ground of the Palmville Close development shall be considered by the Full Council at the October 2023 meeting.**

[H19(ii) TIC Map](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79747)  
[H19(iii) TIC Schedule](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79746)

Following Contributions from Councillors P Gogarty, J Tuffy, V Casserly and L O’Toole, John Hegarty Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

**LPNC/513/H20/0923 Item ID:80228 - Dodsboro District Centre Enhancement Scheme**

The following report was presented by Liam McNeela Executive Planner

[Dodsboro District Centre Enhancement Scheme](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79779)

Following Contributions from Councillors J Tuffy, L O’Toole and V Casserly, Liam McNeela Executive Planner Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

**LPNC/514/C10/0923 Item ID:80005 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

**LPNC/515/M15/0923 Item ID:79627 – Overgrown Branches in Lucan Area**

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly Seconded by Councillor S. Moynihan

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

To call on the Manager to examine branches blocking traffic lights and road signage around the Lucan Area.

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

The existing traffic lights and road signs will be examined, and where appropriate, overhanging bushes and branches will be cut back.  This is to ensure the proper visibility sightlines are maintained to ensure driver and pedestrian safety along our county roads.

This Motion was **Unanimously Agreed and Moved without Debate**

**LPNC/516/M16/0923 Item ID:79490 – Wall Repair on Old Rectory Side of R109**

Proposed by Councillor Joanna Tuffy Seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

That the CEO provide an update on Council plans to repair the wall on the Old Rectory side of the R109 (see map and photo attached). This was damaged as a result of a road traffic collision in October 2022. What steps will the Council take to repair this wall, have investigations been carried out and an assessment of safety and the works needed in terms of the type of wall, and if he will give a statement on the matter.

[M16 Picture 1](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79121)  
[M16 Picture 2](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79119)

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

The repair to this wall was completed in early August

This Motion was **Unanimously Agreed and Moved without Debate**

**LPNC/517/M17/0923 Item ID:79731 – Extension of Yellow Box at Sarsfield Park**

Proposed by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh Seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

That the manager now extends the yellow junction box in line with the path on either side at the entrance to Sarsfield Park, Lucan (continuously highlighted by residents) and raised on 20/10/21 and subsequently agreed at Traffic Management meeting in Nov 2022 (Members Rep ID - 1679354).

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

There is a yellow box currently on Chapel Hill at the entrance to Sarsfield Park to enable the residents access and exit the estate.

Extending the yellow box to run in line with the road edge will not provide any further benefit to the current markings.

This Motion was **Unanimously Agreed and Moved without Debate**

**LPNC/518/M18/0923 Item ID:79896 – Lucan Christmas Lights**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole Seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

This Committee request the CE to support the Lucan Festival by way of switching on the Christmas tree lights in Lucan Village. It's appreciated that a recent discussion took place on this matter, however given new members have joined the Lucan Festival committee and some we're unaware of this situation they are looking to get help on this for the year 2023 until they have time to prepare a plan around the provision of Christmas lights.

**This Motion was Moved to Re-enter**

**LPNC/519/M19/0923 Item ID:80154 – Dished Kerbsides in Glenmaroon**

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes Seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

That SDCC urgently reinstate the dished kerbside at the western corner of the junction of Glenmaroon Road and Glenmaroon Park following works in the area in 2020 that removed the dished kerb and instead created a high step preventing many people from crossing at this location. The following reps were made by Cllr Alan Hayes and can be viewed by the Manager as evidence that this work is long overdue. 01/12/20: Rep 1597557 14/06/21: Rep 1649536 09/02/22: Rep 1707240.

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

 This issue has been forwarded to a contractor working in the area to rectify.

This Motion was **Unanimously Agreed and Moved without Debate**

**LPNC/520/M20/0923 Item ID:80172 – Restoration of Yellow Boxes**

Proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell Seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

Can the Yellow Boxes at a} junction of Whitethorn/Cloverhill Rd; b) Palmerstown Manor/Kennelsfort Road; c) Palmerstown Court/Kennelsfort Road and Oak Court/Kennelsfort Road be restored.

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

This has been added to the works list for our road marking contractor.

This Motion was **Unanimously Agreed and Moved without Debate**

**LPNC/521/M21/0923 Item ID:80159 – Lucan Village Scheme**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan Seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

That the Chief Executive, mindful of the sterling efforts of Lucan Tidy Towns and conscious of the focus of the Tidy Towns work on the Lucan village area, consults with Lucan Tidy Towns during the detailed design phase of the Lucan village works.

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

The Council has been making good progress with the detailed design of the scheme which is now being completed. We are due to commence the procurement of a contractor shortly and during that process we will look to provide an update to the local community and discuss how and when works will be undertaken. During that time, we would be happy to meet with the Lucan Tidy Towns to set out and explain the detailed plans.

This Motion was **Unanimously Agreed and Moved without Debate**

**LPNC/522/M22/0923 Item ID:79629 – Lucan Village Green Upgrade**

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly Seconded by Councillor S. Moynihan

To see an update from the Manager on the Lucan Village Green upgrade.

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

The design team encountered significant delays in procuring a contractor to carry out site investigations (SI) works. The SI contractor completed the investigation works in late June and subsequently provided a report which enabled the design team to make final adjustments to the detailed design. The tender documentation is now being finalised by the design team. This will enable us to commence the tender process for the appointment of a contractor in the coming weeks.

I anticipate that this will allow a contractor to commence in November and for the works to be completed before the end of 2024.

It is proposed to incorporate the construction of the new Public Realm Car Park, opposite the Lucan Demesne, into the construction contract as it will be necessary to complete this new park in advance of works commencing at the Lucan Demesne, to create the new plaza.

This Motion was **Unanimously Agreed and Moved without Debate**

**LPNC/523/M23/0923 Item ID:79732 – Public Lighting on Greenfort Avenue**

Proposed by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh Seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

Council policy in placing ramps states that they have to be placed kerb to kerb under public lighting, therefore this committee agrees to cut back the tree outside 7 Greenfort Avenue, that is blocking the public lighting (see photo attached) and further agrees to place a ramp at this location as requested by residents.

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

The Council’s Tree Management Policy – ‘Living with Trees’ states that tree pruning will be undertaken where reasonably feasible to address obstruction of a streetlight.  In circumstances were the long-term viability of the tree, if retained in its location, would be compromised by a requirement for ongoing maintenance in order to maintain the effectiveness of the adjoining streetlight, the tree may be removed.

The Public Realm Section will arrange to have the tree inspected and any works required to improve the lighting situation will be scheduled as soon as possible.

There is a roundabout 33m away from this location.  The Roundabout has a traffic calming island to narrow the road and to control speeds.  A ramp has been installed 70m further west of this location.  This is strategically located at the point that is most beneficial to controlling speeds.  There is a total of 5no. ramps on Greenfort Avenue.  These ramps are evenly distributed along the road to ensure speed limit compliance. It is common practice the have drainage channels at the side of speed ramps to ensure that stormwater does not lodge at the bottom of ramps.  This practice does not significantly affect the ramps effectiveness, unless both tires can pass the ramp without a rise in surface level.  This does not apply to the ramps in this estate. At least two tires will run over the ramp with any driver line taken.

The traffic section does not believe a further ramp is required.  We are conducting speed surveys throughout the county, and we will measure the speeds at this location to demonstrate that vehicle speeds are at safe levels.

[M23 Greenfort Avenue 1](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79396)  
[M23 Greenfort Avenue 2](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79397)

This Motion was **Unanimously Agreed and Moved without Debate**

**Planning**

**LPNC/524/H21/0923 Item ID:79991 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**LPNC/525/C11/0923 Item ID:80003 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

**Meeting Concluded at 18:16**

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