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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Clondalkin, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart and Brittas Area Committee Meeting dealing with Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management, Environment, Water & Drainage, Public Realm, Housing, Community, Transportation, Planning, Economic Development and Libraries & Arts held on Wednesday 20th December 2023.

### **COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

Councillor William Joseph Carey

Councillor Kenneth Egan

Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

Councillor Shirley O’Hara

Councillor Francis Timmons

**Apologies:** Councillor Laura Donaghy

Councillor Trevor Gilligan

Cathaoirleach, Councillor Francis Timmons presided.

### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Senior Executive Officer Ms. Sharon Conroy

A/Senior Executive Officer Ms. Mary Connell, Ms. Vivienne Harnett

Senior Engineer Mr. John Hegarty, Mr. Leo Magee, Mr. Gary Walsh

A/Senior Engineer Mr. Michael McAdam

Senior Planner Mr. Eoin Burke

Senior Community Officer Mr. Paul McAlerney

Senior Executive Librarian Ms. Liz Corry

Administrative Officer Ms. Adrienne Moloney

A/Administrative Officer Ms. Laura Abbey

Executive Librarian (Senior Librarian) Ms. Aoife Horan

Senior Staff Officer Mr. John Savage

Assistant Staff Officer Ms. Roisin Ralph

Clerical Officer Ms. Jennifer Murphy

### **C/523/23 – HI 1 Item ID:81184 – Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting Held on 15th November 2023**

The minutes of the November meeting of the Clondalkin, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart and Brittas Area Committee meeting dealing with Libraries, Economic Development, Performance & Change Management, Corporate Support, Public Realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Planning and Transportation held on 15th November 2023 which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

[Hi 1 Minutes of 15th November, 2023](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=81184&itemTxt=H-I1)

It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons, seconded by Councillor W. Carey, and **RESOLVED:**

“That the recommendations contained in the minutes of 15th November be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**C/524/23 – QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor T. Gilligan:

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

## **Community**

### **C/525/23 – H2 Item ID:81158 – Deputations for Noting**

(No Business)

### **C/526/23 – H3 Item ID:81173 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/527/23 - C1 Item ID:81163 – Correspondence**

### [Response to M80429 October 23 ACM](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=81163&itemTxt=Cor1)

### **C/528/23 - M1 Item ID:81085 – Progress Report – Old Swimming Pool Beside Clondalkin Leisure Centre**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor W. Carey.

That this Area Committee requests that South Dublin County Council give a progress report on the old swimming pool beside Clondalkin Leisure centre and bring it to area meeting for discussion.

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

There are no immediate plans to upgrade the old swimming pool building beside the Clondalkin Leisure Centre. This will be a long-term project and no budget provision has yet been made for this project in the 3 year Capital Programme. The Capital Project pipeline has a large number of other capital project commitments, with a range of both community facility new builds to be delivered and community facility upgrades/extension and these all need to be progressed first before additional proposals are considered.

As a provisional step to progressing the proposal for future consideration, preliminary discussions will be arranged with the SDCLS and Senior Community staff in 2024 to discuss a consultation approach for community involvement and community consultation before any detailed assessment of proposed works can commence.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, W. Carey, and S. O’Hara.

Mr. P. McAlerney, Senior Community Officer responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED**.

## **Housing**

### **C/529/23 – H4 Item ID:81177 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/530/23 – H5 Item ID:81193 – Housing Delivery Report**

### In accordance with Standing Order No. 13, it was **AGREED** by the Cathaoirleach in consultation with the Members to vary the sequence of business and consider Motion 2 in tandem with this item as they were of a similar subject matter.

### The following report was presented by Ms. V. Hartnett, Acting Senior Executive Officer:

### [Housing Delivery Report](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=81193&itemTxt=H-I5)

### **C/533/23 – M2 Item ID:81463 – Road Cleaning**

### Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor W. Carey.

### That this Area Committee Requests SDCC to work and liaise with contractors on Council housing sites to ensure regular road cleaning and removal of dangerous stones/nails from the roads around the site and also to provide contact details for each site and contact for Council Liaison person.

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

### Our Architects department engage with our house building contractors on an ongoing basis to address concerns raised locally regarding the management of building sites.

### Where necessary additional road sweeping and cleansing regimes are put in place by contractors to limit the impact of construction works for local residents.

### The Housing Department will continue to monitor this going forward and will liaise with contractors on construction sites with regard to their site management responsibilities.

### To manage concerns that residents have, all issues should be brought to the attention of the Housing Department for attention and action.

### A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, W. Carey, and E. Ó Broin.

### Ms. V. Harnett, Acting Senior Executive Officer responded to members queries and Headed Item 5 was **NOTED and** Motion 2 was **AGREED.**

### **C/531/23 – H6 Item ID:81486 – Quarterly Report on Anti-Social Behaviour**

### The following report was presented by Ms. M. Connell, Acting Senior Executive Officer:

### [Quarterly Report on Anti-Social Behaviour](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=81486&itemTxt=H-I6)

### A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors E0 Ó Broin, W. Carey and F. Timmons.

### Ms. M. Connell, Acting Senior Executive Officer responded to members queries and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/532/23 – C2 Item ID:81166 – Correspondence**

### (No Business)

### **C/534/23 – M3 Item ID:81465 – Homeless Hostel-Service Clondalkin Area**

### Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor W. Carey.

### That this Area Committee requests an update report for discussion on progress made in the provision of a Homeless Hostel-service in the Clondalkin area for discussion by this area committee.

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

### South Dublin County Council is aware of the need for the provision of appropriate housing and related services to meet the needs of housing applicants and homeless persons in the County.

### Within South Dublin County, the following emergency accommodation is currently provided:

### Family Hubs:

### Cappaghmore Family Hub: Recently opened facility managed by Peter McVerry Trust, comprising 8 rooms for smaller families.

### High Street Family Hub (Abberley): a privately managed facility with 58 rooms (including 9 large family rooms) which is currently fully occupied with 54 households, some of whom require more than one room due to family size.

### Firhouse Family Hub: managed by Respond Housing with 20 rooms and currently fully occupied by 20 households.

### Springfield Family Hub: also managed by Respond Housing and fully occupied accommodating 12 households in 12 family rooms.

### Accommodation for Singles:

### Finnstown: privately managed facility comprising 45 rooms (with capacity for sharing) for single females.

### Killininey: managed by Peter McVerry Trust with capacity for 21 for single males.

### Kiltipper: managed by Peter McVerry Trust with capacity for 15 single males.

### Riversdale House, managed by Dublin Simon, with 25 rooms for single, older persons.

### The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) is provided by Dublin City council as the lead statutory authority on the response to homelessness in Dublin and adopts a shared service approach across the Dublin region on behalf of South Dublin County Council, Fingal County Council and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

### The DRHE manages the tendering process for the provision of properties for the use of Emergency accommodation for both Private Emergency Accommodation (under lease or contract) and Emergency Accommodation managed by NGO’s.

### The Council, in conjunction with the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE), will continue to actively explore and identify a suitable location within the Clondalkin Local Electoral Area for the provision of Homeless accommodation.

### If Councillors are aware of any premises in their area, which they feel could be adapted for use as homeless accommodation, they should contact management with the Housing Department who can assess its suitability.

### A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, W. Carey and E. Ó Broin.

### Ms. A. Moloney, Administrative Officer responded to members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

### **C/535/23 – M4 Item ID:81471 – Water Pooling at Corkagh Grange**

### Proposed by Councillor W. Carey and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

### This committee agrees that SDCC should examine the extent and cause of water pooling in gardens of tenants of Corkagh Grange and offer a solution to the problem that exists here.

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

### Further to reports from a small number of tenants at Corkagh Grange, the Council met with the Facilities Management Company who are charged with the maintenance of this estate in September 2023.

### It was discussed about the number of possible influences which could impact the gardens and that the causes can vary in each individual case including blocked drains, inclement weather, and garden usage and keeping of pets.

### To ensure the matter can be addressed a letter was sent to all tenants at Corkagh Grange in October advising that maintenance issues can be reported directly to the Facilities Management Company for assessment.

### The Council will work with the Facilities Management company to continue to investigate the matter and is committed to working with the residents to provide support.

### A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors W. Carey, E. Ó Broin and F. Timmons.

### Ms. M. Connell, Acting Senior Executive Officer responded to members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

## **Planning**

### **C/536/23 – H7 Item ID:81180 – New Business**

### (No Business)

### **C/537/23 – C3 Item ID:81169 – Correspondence**

### (No Business)

## **Transportation**

### **C/538/23 – H8 Item ID:81487 – Section 38 Report on Traffic Calming for R136 Grange Castle Road at Kishoge**

### The following report was presented by Mr. E. Burke, Senior Planner and Mr. J. Hegarty, Senior Engineer:

### [Section 38 Report on Traffic Calming for R136 Grange Castle Road at Kishoge](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=81487&itemTxt=H-I8)

### A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors W. Carey and E. Ó Broin.

### Mr. E. Burke, Senior Planner and Mr. J. Hegarty, Senior Engineer responded to members queries and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/539/23 – H9 Item ID:81159 – Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

### (No Business)

### **C/540/23 – H10 Item ID:81182 – New Works**

### (No Business)

### **C/541/23 – C4 Item ID:81171 – Correspondence**

### (No Business)

### **C/542/23 – M5 Item ID:81435 – Car Parking at Forest Hills Rathcoole**

### Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan.

### That the manager tackles the issue of cars parking in Forest Hills, Rathcoole. It is impeding the need for potential ambulances to get in and out of the estate at the turn in, just opposite Rathcoole Boys FC.

### In the absence of Councillor T. Gilligan, the motion **FELL.**

### **C/543/23 – M6 Item ID:81474 – Replace Traffic Calming Ramps at Willow Avenue**

### Proposed by Councillor W. Carey and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons and unanimously **AGREED** without debate to accept the Chief Executive’s report.

### That this committee agrees that SDCC should immediately replace traffic calming ramps on Willow Ave as repairs carried out here have failed to address the dangerous nature of the existing damaged ramps. (we ask if there is a design or material failure occurring here).

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

### The ramps on Willow Ave were done a number of years ago with an old material that is no longer in use due to its inclination to break up.

### We will arrange to have this ramp repaired in the near future.

### **C/544/23 – M7 Item ID:81475 – Repair of Road Directional Sign at Lauran Park**

### Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

### That this committee agrees that the road directional sign which has been lying on the ground in Laurel Park, Clondalkin for months, will be repaired post haste.

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

### Road Maintenance will arrange for the repair of this signage.

### A discussion followed with a contribution from Councillor E. Ó Broin.

### Mr. G. Walsh, Senior Engineer responded to members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

### **C/545/23 – M8 Item ID:81476 – Installation of Sheffield Stand Bicylcle & Scooter Racks Along Comac River & Mill Pond in Clondalkin Park**

### Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

### This committee agrees that a number of Sheffield Stand bicycle and scooter racks will be installed beside the pathways along the Camac River and Mill Pond in Clondalkin Park to allow those playing and watching Gaelic Games and soccer there to park.

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

### The Active Travel team anticipate that the 2024 NTA annual budget allocation will provide for funding for further bicycle parking which will enable the continued roll out across the county.

### The Active Travel team has raised the issue of bicycle parking within Clondalkin Park with the Public Realm section, who are in favour of the provision of some bicycle parking within the park on the areas suggested, subject to agreement on the specific locations on the ground. The locations for this bicycle parking will be agreed in Q1 2024 and the installation will be arranged a soon as possible thereafter once the budget is confirmed and the procurement processes complete.

### A discussion followed with a contribution from Councillor E. Ó Broin.

### Mr. M. McAdam, Acting Senior Engineer responded to members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

## **Libraries & Arts**

## **C/546/23 – H11 Item ID:81160 – Application of Arts Grants**

## (No Business)

## **C/547/23 – H12 Item ID:81161 – Library News & Events**

## The following report was presented by Ms. Aoife Horan, Executive Librarian (Senior Librarian):

## [Library News & Events](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=81161&itemTxt=H-I12)

## A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons and W. Carey.

## Ms. A. Horan, Executive Librarian (Senior Librarian) responded to members queries and the report was **NOTED.**

## **C/548/23 – H13 Item ID:81162 – New Works**

## **(**No Business)

## **C/549/23 – C5 Item ID:81167 – Correspondence**

## (No Business)

### **C/550/23 – M9 Item ID:81070 – Small Civic Theatre in Clondalkin/Civil Offices**

### In accordance with Standing Order No. 13, it was **AGREED** by the Cathaoirleach in consultation with the Members to vary the sequence of business and consider Motion 9in tandem with this item as they were of a similar subject matter.

## Proposed by Councillor S. O’Hara and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

## That this Area Committee agree to investigate the possibility of establishing a small Civic Theatre in Clondalkin in or around the Civic offices

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

## Through South Dublin County Council's Arts Development Strategy 2022-2026, the Council has committed to exploring new spaces and places where people can make, participate in, and experience the Arts. This is currently being advanced through the provision of creative studios and engagement space under the 12th Lock Master Plan.

## The Arts Office, as part of its programme of work in 2024, will go to tender for a County Arts Infrastructure Development Strategy, to examine the demand for future arts services. The process will include local area consultation and consultation with the creative sector to inform recommendations and actions. Ideally, this will pave the way towards a network of cultural facilities across the county, which are complimentary to each other, and which meet the needs of the county.

## County Arts infrastructure Strategy development will also involve interaction with Local Area Plans, including the Clondalkin Area Plan.

## A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors S. O’Hara and W. Carey.

### **C/557/23 – M10 Item ID:81086 – Usage of Civic Office in Clondakin as a Performance/Art Display**

## Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor E. Ó Broin.

## That this Area Committee requests that South Dublin County Council investigate the usage of the Civic Office in Clondalkin as a performance / Art display venue for the Clondalkin area as the customer service desks are now closed. We ask the report to include what services are now based in the main area of the Civic Office in Clondalkin.

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

## The Council makes extensive use of our public spaces, libraries and Council Chamber by organising performance / art displays such as photographic exhibitions, events, launches, activities, openings, readings and performances.

## It is intended to carry out a strategic review of both the Civic Offices, Clondalkin and County Hall, Tallaght, in relation to workspace use.

## County Council functions based in the concourse area of the Civic Office include Customer Service and Cash office.

## A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons and W. Carey.

## Ms. S. Conroy, Senior Executive Officer and Ms. L. Corry, Senior Executive Librarian responded to members queries and the motions were **AGREED.**

## **Economic Development**

## **C/551/23 – H14 Item ID:81175 – New Works**

## (No Business)

## **C/552/23 – C6 Item ID:81165 – Correspondence**

## (No Business)

## **Performance & Change Management**

## **C/553/23 – H15 Item ID:81179 – New Works**

## (No Business)

## **C/554/23 – C7 Item ID:81168 – Correspondence**

## (No Business)

## **Corporate Support**

### **C/555/23 – H16 Item ID:81174 – New Works**

### (No Business)

### **C/556/23 – C8 Item ID:81164 – Correspondence**

### (No Business)

### **C/558/23 – M11 Item ID:81217 – A Letter to Minister of Justice & The Repatriation Division of Irish Naturalisation & Immigration Services**

## Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor W. Carey.

## That this Area Committee calls on the Minister for Justice and the Repatriation Division of the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service to review the latest Deportation order on Kenneth Mtetwa and Simangele Sibindi as a matter of urgency. They play an active part in the Clondalkin Community, their involvement includes Clondalkin Tidy Towns where besides regular clean ups, Mr Mtetwa is also on the Clondalkin Tidy Towns Committee and he is also the Chairperson of the Clondalkin Global Garden, they both would be a loss to our Community. We commit to writing to the Minister of Justice and the Repatriation Division of the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service.

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

## If the motion is agreed, a letter will issue to the Minister for Justice and the Repatriation Division of the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service as outlined in the motion above.

## A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, E. Ó Broin, W. Carey and S. O’Hara.

## Ms. S. Conroy, Senior Executive Officer responded to members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

### **C/559/23 – M12 Item ID:81219 – Congratulate Mary Dardis on Becoming President of the Clondalkin Round Tower GAA**

## Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor S. O’Hara.

## That this Area Committee congratulates Mary Dardis on becoming President of the Clondalkin Round Tower GAA - we acknowledge this Huge achievement also as the first ever Female President.

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

## If the motion is agreed, a letter will issue to the new President of the Clondalkin Round Tower GAA as outlined in the motion above.

## A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, W. Carey and E. Ó Broin.

## Ms. S. Conroy, Senior Executive Officer responded to members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

### **C/560/23 – M13 Item ID:81481 – Letter to the Minister of Children, Equality, Disability & Youth in Relation to Shortage of Services in South West Clondalkin**

## Proposed by Councillor W. Carey and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

## This committee agrees to write to the minister for the Department of Children, Equality, Disability and Youth to outline the shortage of youth and community services on the ground in the south west Clondalkin area and calls for a substantial investment programme be introduced to fill the gap in services here.

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

## If the motion is agreed, a letter will issue to the Minister for the Department of Children, Equality, Disability and Youth as outlined in the motion above.

## A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors W. Carey, F. Timmons, E. Ó Broin and S. O’Hara.

## Ms. S. Conroy, Senior Executive Officer responded to members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

## **Water & Drainage**

## **C/561/23 – H17 Item ID:81183 – New Works**

## (No Business)

## **C/562/23 – C9 Item ID:81172 – Correspondence**

## **(**No Business)

## **Public Realm**

## **C/563/23 – H18 Item ID:81181 – New Works**

## (No Business)

## **C/564/23 – C10 Item ID:81170 – Correspondence**

## **(**No Business)

### **C/565/23 – M14 Item ID:81204 – Footpath Repair to Clonburris National School**

## Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor W. Carey and unanimously **AGREED** without debate to accept the Chief Executive’s report.

## That this committee requests the footpath leading from Michael Collins to Clonburris National School are prioritised for repair.

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

## The footpath in question across the open space from Michael Collins Park to Clonburris National School will be examined to determine the extent of overlay that is required. This work will be included in the draft improvement works programme for 2024 which will be presented to the area committee meeting in January.

### **C/566/23 – M15 Item ID:81223 – Cleanup of Water at St Brigid’s Well**

### Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor W. Carey.

### To ask the Chief Executive Could the CEO of SDCC arrange for the cleanup of the stagnant and dirty water at St Brigid's Well, Boot Road, Clondalkin, as a matter of urgency and to ensure that the work would be completed before 1st February 2024, the feast day of St Brigid.

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

### Arrangements have been put in place to have the rill at St Brigids Well cleaned and leaf litter and debris removed which is likely giving rise to the dirty water. A further cleanup will be carried out prior to St Brigids Day on February 1st in accordance with routine maintenance carried out each year around this time.

## A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, W. Carey, E. Ó Broin and S. O’Hara.

## Mr. L. Magee, Senior Engineer responded to members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

### **C/567/23 – M16 Item ID:81472 – Improve the Aesthetics of the Park Area at Castle Park**

## Proposed by Councillor W. Carey and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons and unanimously **AGREED** without debate to accept the Chief Executive’s report.

## This committee agrees that SDCC should bring forward plans to improve the aesthetics of the park area at Castle Park (Watery Lane/Woodford Walk) and to create a more accessible and inviting amenity for the area.

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

### The open space at Castle Park has been listed for consideration in the Public Realm Improvement Works Programme 2024 for a boundary upgrade and tree planting. The proposed boundary upgrade includes rendering the existing blockwork to enhance the aesthetics of the wall. The area at the northwest section of the open space has been identified for tree planting.

## **Environment**

### **C/568/23 – H19 Item ID:81176 – New Works**

### (No Business)

## **C/569/23 – C11 Item ID:81162 – Correspondence**

### [Response to M80743 November 23 ACM](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=81162&itemTxt=Cor11)

### **C/570/23 – M17 Item ID:81484 – Flower Beds at Knockmitten**

### Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

### This committee agrees that the Allium flower beds installed over recent years in parks e.g. in Knockmitten look fantastic when in bloom and request the manager report on if there are plans to create more?

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

### The planting of additional pollinator friendly flower beds will be considered for inclusion in the draft public realm improvement works programme which will be presented to the area committee in January.

## A discussion followed with contribution a from Councillor E. Ó Broin.

### Mr. L. Magee, Senior Engineer responded to members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

### The meeting concluded at 5:10 P.M.

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**Cathaoirleach**