## **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 17th January 2024.

### **COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

Councillor William Joseph Carey

Councillor Kenneth Egan

Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

Councillor Shirley O’Hara

Councillor Francis Timmons

Councillor Trevor Gilligan

**Apologies:** Councillor Laura Donaghy

Cathaoirleach, Councillor Francis Timmons presided.

### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Senior Executive Officer Ms. Sharon Conroy

A/Senior Executive Officer Ms. Fiona Hendley, Ms. Vivienne Harnett

Senior Engineer Mr. John Hegarty, Mr. Gary Walsh

Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Mr. David Fennell

Administrative Officer Mr. Joe Lumumba

Administrative Officer Mr. Ralph McGarry

A/Administrative Officer Ms. Laura Abbey

Executive Librarian (Senior Librarian) Ms. Aoife Horan

Senior Staff Officer Mr. John Savage

A/Staff Officer Mr. Aaron Hartin

Assistant Staff Officer Ms. Roisin Ralph

### **C/1/24 – HI 1 Item ID:81593– Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting Held on 20th December 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 20th December 2023 which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

[HI- 1 Minutes of 20th December 2023](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=81593&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 20th December 2023 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**C/2/24 – QUESTIONS**

Questions 1-8 were proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor O’ Hara:

“That pursuant to Standing Order 13, Questions 1 to 8 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

## **Transportation**

### **C/3/24 – Q1 Item ID:81648 – Traffic Calming and Safety Works 2023**

Proposed by Councillor S. O’Hara.

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on road safety works and traffic calming measures completed in 2023 for the LEA

**REPLY:**I have attached a Table showing a list of Traffic Calming and Safety Works carried out in Clondalkin LEA in 2023.

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### **C/4/24 – Q2 Item ID:81668 – Upgrade of Public Lighting**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive would he look at the entrance to Monastery Gate, and the stretch of road from the Woodford Hill Roundabout to the Ibis Roundabout that is very dark and consider if there are any plans by the Council or anything the Council could do to improve this?

**REPLY:**The lighting along this location falls under the terms of our Supplemental Agreement with ESBN for the upgrade to LED of our older lighting stock in the county.

We will try and prioritise it for upgrade later on this year.

### **C/5/26 – Q3 Item ID:81737– Safety Barriers Ninth Lock Road**

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey.

To ask the Chief Executive for an explanation and reason why temporary safety barriers and guard rails have been left on site in a discarded manner outside commercial premises on Ninth Lock Rd for the past 6 weeks and throughout the Christmas and holiday period despite representations being made to have them removed.

**REPLY:**The contractor was contacted in advance of the Christmas period and instructed to remove any unnecessary TM equipment from site for the holiday period. We will engage again with the contractor to find out what the circumstances were over the holiday season and why events, from observations, significant unused capacity within the attenuation system remained. South Dublin County Council will continue to look at opportunities to provide additional flood prevention measures throughout the county.

### **C/6/24– H2 Item ID:81595 – Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

### (No Business)

### **C/7/24 – H3 Item ID:81618 – New Works**

### (No Business)

### **C/8/24 – H4 Item ID:81826 – 2024 Roads Works Programme**

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

[HI-4 2024 RWP](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=81826&itemTxt=H-I4)

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

### **C/9/24 – H5 Item ID:81832 – Bawnogue District Centre Enhancement – Part VIII Report**

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

[HI-5 Bawnogue District Centre Enhancement - Part VIII Report](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=81832&itemTxt=H-I5)

### A discussion followed with contribution from Councillors F. Timmons, W. Carey, E. Ó Broin and S. O’Hara. Mr. G. Walsh, Senior Engineer responded to the members queries and the report was **NOTED**.

### **C/10/24 - M1 Item ID:81490 – Road Repair at Entrance of Kilcronan Estate**

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan.

That this Area Committee repair any dips in the road at entrance of Kilcronan estate.

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

### **C/11/24 – M2 Item ID:81506 – Footpath Repair Outside Scoil Íde**

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan.

That this Area Committee repair the section of the footpath outside Scoil Íde, people are tripping. It is just outside the pedestrian entrance on the right as you go into the school.

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

### **C/12/24 – M3 Item ID:81540 – 3 Tonne Weight Limit Aylmer Road**

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

That this Area Committee requests the implementation of a 3-tonne limit on Aylmer Road, Newcastle.

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

SDCC have begun a county wide weight limit review. The Traffic section can include the Aylmer road in this review. At this stage, it is too early to comment on the whether a 3 tonne limit is appropriate at this location. There will be councillor workshops during the decision making process for any new weight limit proposals.

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

Mr. J. Hegarty, Senior Engineer responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED**.

### **C/13/24 – M4 Item ID:81660 – Flooding Issues at R136 Kilcarberry, New Nangor Road Onto The Ninth Lock Road, Old Nangor Road**

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

That this Area Committee calls on the Chief Executive to address the flooding at the following locations and to outline a plan to address the issues

1) The turn to R136 at Kilcarberry,

2) The turn at side of Michael collins turning from New Nangor road onto the Ninth Lough Road,

3) The top of the Old Nangor road opposite Irish School and beside back of Cherrywood Villas.

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

Road Maintenance are doing investigations into the locations shown below to determine the root cause of the drainage issues. Once the cause is known a repair plan will be prepared.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, W. Carey and T. Gilligan.

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

## **Planning**

### **C/14/24 – H6 Item ID:81616 – New Business**

### (No Business)

### **C/15/24 – C2 Item ID:81605 – Correspondence**

### (No Business)

## **Economic Development**

## **C/16/24 – H7 Item ID:81611 – New Works**

## (No Business)

## **C/17/24 – C3 Item ID:81601 – Correspondence**

## (No Business)

### **C/18/24 – M5 Item ID:81661 –Illuminating Fair Trade Logo on Round Tower for St Brigids Festival**

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

That this Area Committee asks that SDCC assist the Brigid's Festival Committee in lighting up the Round Tower with an image for the festival (to be supplied by the committee) and to outline what's involved and to work with the committee in looking at getting other local buildings lit up next year.

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

The Round Tower at Clondalkin is under the auspices of the Office Of Public Work. The Tower forms part of the Round Tower Visitor Centre – Brú Chrónáin.

As part of the drive to animate the heritage and culture of the locality, and to enhance the tourism potential of the site, the Round Tower has been lit up usually with tinted or coloured light to mark St Patrick’s Day, Christmas, World Tourism Day, the Chinese New Year and the success of the men’s and women’s gaelic football teams. These have been agreed with the OPW.

The Office of Public Works frequently receives requests from a great number of committees and organisations who wish to light up various national monuments in State care for various charities, etc. The OPW has stated that it is difficult to choose one very deserving cause over another and so, in the interest of fairness and for operational reasons, regrettably, the Office of Public Works has to refuse requests.

Any request to illuminate the Round Tower monument with a coloured light or coloured tint, which is consistent with enhancing the tourism potential of the area, or is consistent with a council related function, will be considered by the County Promotion Unit and a final decision determined by the OPW.

As per the policy on illuminating the Round Tower with tinted or coloured light as agreed by SPC in 2021, requests, containing details, dates and preferred colour should be sent to the Administrative Officer, County Promotion Unit, Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development Directorate via e-mail econdev@sdublincoco.ie at least six weeks in advance of the proposed first day of illumination.

If the Motion is passed, the Council will consider a request containing details as set out above to econdev@sdublincoco.ie, with a final decision determined by the OPW.

Limiting the number of times the Tower is illuminated increases its impact and represents a statement of identity. It is neither proposed nor would it be appropriate to commit to further annual lightings of the Tower beyond those agreed as they arise with the OPW.

A discussion followed with a contribution from Councillor F. Timmons.

Mr. R. McGarry, Administrative Officer responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED**.

## **Libraries & Arts**

## **C/19/24 – H8 Item ID:81596 – Application of Arts Grants**

## (No Business)

## **C/20/24 – H9 Item ID:81597– Library News & Events**

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

## [Library News & Events](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=81597&itemTxt=H-I9)

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

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

## **C/21/24 – H10 Item ID:81614 – New Works**

## **(**No Business)

## **C/22/24 – C4 Item ID:81603 – Correspondence**

## (No Business)

### **C/23/24 – M6 Item ID:81662 – Clondalkin St Brigids Festival – Clondalkin Library Celebrating Well Know Local Women**

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

That this Area Committee asks Clondalkin Library to do a display that is a celebration of well known local women (display could include Katharine Tynan, Mary Kennedy, Hannah Tyrrell, Anne Frances Caldbeck) for this years Clondalkin Brigid's Festival.

While acknowledging St Brigid as the fierce yet protective and creative goddess Brigit and the Gaelic festival of Imbolc, we celebrate all woman and we also request that there is also a talk on Women around the festival.

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

Clondalkin Library celebrating well-known local women from the Clondalkin council area.

Local Legacies Remembered: A Decade of Centenaries Exhibition

Local Legacies Remembered is a commissioned project to commemorate the Decade of Centenaries in South Dublin County. It is a collaboration between the Decade of Centenaries Artist in Residence, Eva Kelly, and Historian in Residence Liz Gillis.

The idea of illustration as a visual essay is the focus of Eva’s work and through this residency, she looked at documenting aspects of South Dublin life and culture, offering a new perspective in a visual form. She focused on the experiences of women from South Dublin County during the revolutionary period, and inspired by their stories, this exhibition highlights the changing role of women in society at the time.

These women all played a vital role in shaping the history and culture of South Dublin County, and indeed of Ireland, during this period. From Mrs. Pearse and Margaret Mary Pearse who sought to maintain the legacy of their sons and brothers and entered politics, as well as fundraising for the upkeep of St. Enda’s. Following the wishes of her mother, Margaret Mary Pearse bequeathed St. Enda’s to the people of Ireland, something from which we all continue to benefit. Ita O’Gorman and Josie Stallard, who were active members of Cumann na mBan during the War of Independence. Katharine Tynan and her sister Nora Tynan O’Mahony, May Guinness and Mary Brigid Pearse who were hugely influential in the world of the arts.

The library service is currently sourcing a speaker to compliment the exhibition.

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

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

## **Corporate Support**

### **C/24/24 – H11 Item ID:81610– New Works**

### (No Business)

### **C/25/24 – C5 Item ID:81600 – Correspondence**

### [M80751 - Response from Monica Gill](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=81600&itemTxt=Cor5)

### [M81219 - Response from Mary Dardis](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=81600&itemTxt=Cor5)

### **C/26/24 – M7 Item ID:81658 – A Letter to Minister of Justice to Request Legisation That Makes it an Office to Protest Oustide Someones Place of Residents**

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

That this Area Committee calls on the Minister for Justice and the Government to introduce legislation that makes it an offence to protest outside someone’s home or place of residence within a minimum of 100ft and also an offence to obstruct a person from entering there home or place of residence.

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 Government as outlined in the motion above.

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

The motion was **AGREED**.

### **C/27/24 – M8 Item ID:81658 – Congratulate Clondalkin Helping Homeless and Those In Need Volunteers on Ten Years**

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

That this Area Committee acknowledges Clondalkin Helping Homeless and Those in Need volunteers efforts as the group enters its tenth year.

All the Volunteers over the last ten years have given there time and commitment to helping those less fortunate.

Clondalkin Helping Homeless and those in Need has evolved over time and currently provides the following services:

1) Weekly FoodBank for local families / People in need in Dublin Mid-West - People call 11-1 for food, deliveries done by volunteers as needed or outside foodbank times.

2) FoodCloud - Tesco's give us food at sell by date food for immediate distribution and damaged goods for foodbank as they have available a few nights a week.

3) Emergency service - Sleeping bags / Tents and supplies given as needed, we encourage them to access outreach person and services.

4) Start Up Packs - start up basics like kettle, cups , bowls etc to people just moving to a new home awaiting a grant and anything they need.

5) CHH endeavours to provide Toys at Christmas, Easter eggs at Easter and Fruit and goodies at Halloween etc

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

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

The motion was **AGREED**.

**Performance & Change Management**

## **C/28/24 – H12 Item ID:81615– New Works**

## (No Business)

## **C/29/24 – C5 Item ID:81604– Correspondence**

## (No Business)

## **Water & Drainage**

## **C/30/24 – H13 Item ID:81619 – New Works**

## (No Business)

## **C/31/24 – C7 Item ID:81608 – Correspondence**

## **(**No Business)

## **Public Realm**

### **C/32/24 – Q4 Item ID:81657 – Mt. St. Joseph Cemetery**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on Mount St Joseph graveyard and the securing of the Crypts there (one is completely open) and an update on the agreed repairs to headstones and new signage?

**REPLY:**Both crypts have been secured and new locks were fitted on 11th December 2023, where required. An order has been issued for the supply and fitting of the replacement Carmelite sign and it is expected that this will be installed in February. While it has not been possible to progress the headstone repairs in 2023, this will be actively pursued in Q1.

### **C/33/24 – Q5 Item ID:81738 – Gulley Cleaning**

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey

To ask the Chief Executive if SDCC can put in place a winter programme for the clearing of storm drains to avoid the constant flooding of streets and footpaths across our villages and housing estates.

**REPLY:**The road gullies in the county are cleaned on a scheduled basis by the contractor who provides the road sweeping service across the county, Oxigen Environmental Ltd. The service is provided on a yearly basis to the majority of the 45,000 road gullies in the county, with a percentage of these serviced twice or four times yearly as required. The service provided includes the cleaning and testing of all gullies, where a gulley is cleaned but found not to be functioning the pipe connecting the gulley to the main drain is cleaned by the contractor and the gulley is then re-tested. If it is still not functioning the matter is referred back to the Council for an examination of the condition of the main drain.

As well as cleaning of gulley chambers it should be noted that the street cleaning and road sweeping which is carried out by both Public Realm staff and the road sweeping contractor should ensure that there is no build up of debris on the surface of the gulley which would interfere with it's proper functioning. The leaf sweeping and removal service which is also provided by the road sweeping contractor and which operates during the period September 1st to January 31st also includes the removal of leaves from gullies wherever this is required.

Any location where there is a recurring drainage or water ponding issue can be examined to determine if there is an issue with the functioning of the gulley and drainage systems. Where necessary areas that are affected in this way can be added to the twice or four times yearly schedule for gulley cleaning as provided under the contract with Oxigen.

### **C/34/24 – Q6 Item ID:81667 – Monastery Gate Trees**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive when tree pruning for Monastery Gate is scheduled?

**REPLY:**Tree pruning for Monastery Gate is scheduled for Q4 in 2024. Prior to any works taking place the existing tree survey will be updated to ensure that all work which is required is included.

## **C/35/24 – H14 Item ID:81617 – New Works**

## (No Business)

## **C/36/24 – H15 Item ID:81825 – Draft Improvement Works Programme 2024**

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

## [Draft Public Realm Improvement Works Programme 2024](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=81825&itemTxt=H-I15)

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

## Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, responded to members queries and the report was **NOTED.**

## **C/37/24 – H16 Item ID:81854 – Provision of Reflection/Mobility Benches in Clondalkin**

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

## [Provision of Reflection/Mobility Benches in Clondalkin](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=81854&itemTxt=H-I16)

## A discussion followed with contributions by Councillors F. Timmons, E. Ó Broin, W. Carey, T. Gilligan and S. O’Hara

## Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, responded to members queries and the report was **NOTED.**

## **C/38/24 – C8 Item ID:81606 – Correspondence**

## **(**No Business)

## **Environment**

### **C/39/24 – Q7 Item ID:81740 – Dog Litter Bins**

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey

To ask the Chief Executive if the Council will consider designing and introducing a Dog Litter specific bin for installation and introduction throughout the County. (please see the attached photo of an example).

**REPLY:**SDCC do not provide separate bins for disposal of dog waste, dog litter can be disposed of in a standard litter bin once it is properly bagged.

The Council continues to expand the bin service and number of litter bins both on street and in parks, with over 800 bins currently available in the county.

### **C/40/24 – H17 Item ID:81612 – New Works**

### (No Business)

## **C/41/24 – C9 Item ID:81598 – Correspondence**

### (No Business)

### **Housing**

### **C/42/24 – Q8 Item ID:81739 – Place Finder**

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey

To ask the Chief Executive what progress has been made if any in providing for staffing of an "Place Finder Service" to assist people in securing homes in the private market (as was indicated by management during discussions at the recent budget meetings).

**REPLY:**The Council are currently finalising the details for this recruitment competition and the position will be scheduled for advertising shortly.

### **C/43/24 – H18 Item ID:81613 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/44/24 – H19 Item ID:81830 – Allocations quarterly report (For noting)**

## The following report was presented by Ms. F. Hendley, A/Senior Executive Officer.

## [Allocations quarterly report (For noting)](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=81830&itemTxt=H-I19)

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

## Ms. F. Hendley, A/Senior Executive Officer, responded to members queries and the report was **NOTED.**

### **C/45/24 – C10 Item ID:81602 – Correspondence**

### (No Business)

### **C/46/24 – M9 Item ID:81491 – Site Management**

### Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan.

### That this Area Committee agrees to assess the state and mess of the roads outside Cherrywood, Old Nangor Road Unit Development and also Kilcronin. Residents are not happy with the state that the builders are leaving the site in

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

## **Community**

### **C/47/27 – H20 Item ID:81594– Deputations for Noting**

(No Business)

### **C/48/24 – H21 Item ID:81609 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/49/24 – C11 Item ID:81599 - Correspondence**

## (No Correspondence)

### **C/50/24 – M10 Item ID:81653 – Community Space for Clondalkin Drama Group, Clondalkin Youth Band and Clondalkin Pipe Band**

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

That this Area Committee requests that SDCC take this motion as an expression of interest in the Community space needs for a base and storage for Clondalkin Drama Group, Clondalkin Youth Band and Clondalkin Pipe Band and ask SDCC Community section to meet each to look at there needs.

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

The Community Development team will engage with all the entities mentioned in the motion individually and ascertain how we can best assist them with their endeavours.

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

Mr. J. Lumumba, Administrative Officer responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED**.

### The meeting concluded at 5:15 P.M.

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