# **COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS**

# **SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

Minutes of South Dublin County Council February 2024 Lucan / Palmerstown / North Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 27th February 2024 through Microsoft 365 Teams and in Person in the Council Chambers. Today’s Area Committee Meeting was webcast as the Council has extended webcasting to all Area Committee meetings from January 2023. The extension of webcasting Area Committee meetings demonstrates our commitment to promoting transparency and supporting understanding and participation in local democracy.

## **Councillors Present**

### Vicky Casserly

### Paul Gogarty

### Alan Hayes

### Madeleine Johansson

### Shane Moynihan

### Derren Ó ‘Brádaigh

### Ed O’Brien

### Guss O’Connell

### Liona O’Toole

### Joanna Tuffy

## **Officials Present**

Senior Executive Officers Laura Leonard, Mary Maguire

A/Senior Executive Officers Edel Clancy, Vivienne Hartnett

Senior Planner Eoin Burke, Hazel Craigie

Senior Engineers Gary Walsh, John Hegarty

A/Senior Engineer Michael McAdam

Senior Parks Superintendent Suzanne Furlong

Head of Local Enterprise Thomas Rooney

Senior Executive Parks Superintendents David Fennell, Laurence Colleran,

Senior Executive Planner Anne Hyland

Senior Executive Engineer Michael Heffernan

Senior Executive Librarian Rosena Hand

Administrative Officer Joe Lumumba

A/Administrative Officer Laura Abbey, Barbara Reilly

Senior Staff Officer Adrienne McGee

Staff Officer Eimear O’Sullivan

Assistant Staff Officer Eduardo de Oliveira

Clerical Officer Sharayu Mishra

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Vicky Casserly, presided.

### **LPNC /73/H1/0224 Item ID:81986 - Minutes**

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of January 2024 Lucan Palmerstown North Clondalkin ACM dealing with business relating to Libraries, Economic Development, Performance & Change Management, Corporate, Environment, Water & Drainage, Pb. Realm, Community, Housing, Planning, Transportation.

It was proposed by Councillor V Casserly and seconded by Councillor S Moynihan and RESOLVED: “That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the 23rd of January 2024 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

[H1 Minutes of January 2024 LPNC ACM](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81760)

**LPNC/73A/1223 – Questions**

It was proposed by Councillor V Casserly and seconded by Councillor S Moynihan and RESOLVED “That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 that Questions 1 – 22 be ADOPTED and APPROVED

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **LPNC/74/H2/0224 Item ID:82318 – New Works**

New works (No Business)

### **LPNC/75/H3/0224 Item ID:82354 - Library News & Events**

The following report was presented by Rosena Hand Senior Executive Librarian

[H3 Libraries Events Stats(i)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81705)  
[H3 Libraries Report(ii)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81704)

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

### **LPNC/76/H4/0224 Item ID:82458 - Application for Arts Grants**

The following report was presented by Rosena Hand Senior Executive Librarian

**Report:**

Clondalkin Drug and Alcohol Task Force Recovery Choir

Clondalkin Drug and Alcohol Task Force Recovery Choir are seeking support towards uniforms for the choir.

The Choir is made up of people in recovery, the choir’s mission is to create a supportive healing environment through the power of music. They believe that singing plays a therapeutic role, which can inspire and uplift people who are in recovery. They feel that uniforms would create a sense of unity amongst choir members fostering a feeling of belonging and identity within the group, and a well-designed uniform can contribute to a positive self-image. A professional appearance can enhance the choir’s credibility, potentially leading to more opportunities for performances and collaborations. Which may lead to increased support.

The Arts Office recommends that a contribution of €650 be allocated to Clondalkin Drug and Alcohol Task Force Recovery Choir towards the purchase of uniforms for the choir.

Bawnogue Youth and Community Centre

Bawnogue Youth and Community Centre are seeking support for a facilitator, materials and musicians to host a community event on International Women’s Day.

The Centre is proposing to host a flower crown making workshop, the idea is so that families of all types come together to work together and communicate to complete their crowns. It would be open to all but especially aimed at hard to reach families, to encourage women who might have difficult relations families or children so they can sit, side by side in a relaxed atmosphere, all while encouraging creativity and teamwork in a neutral environment.

The Arts Office recommends that a contribution of €650 be allocated to Bawnogue Youth and Community Centre for a facilitator, materials and musicians to host a community event on International Women’s Day

The report was **Noted**.

### **LPNC/77/C1/0224 Item ID:81992 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/78/M1/0224 Item ID:82217 - 3D Printers in Libraries**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

This committee seeks from the CE confirmation on the return of the 3D printer to Lucan Library. I have received numerous positive reports about the printer, and there is a growing interest from the community, with enquiries about its return from those who missed the opportunity during its previous visit. In light of the positive feedback and the evident interest from the community, the committee is keen to explore the possibility of making the 3D printer a more permanent fixture in our libraries. We understand that such a decision involves careful consideration, and we would appreciate your insights on what steps would be necessary to establish a more permanent presence for the 3D printer in our library facilities.

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

3D printers have been in South Dublin Public Libraries since 2020 - with each branch having at least one printer. They are an integral part of services offered since then and are unlikely to be phased out. They are particularly popular with our younger patrons who love to create their own designs. All 3D printer were updated in 2023 and the filament used is biodegradable. They are one of the many ways that South Dublin Public Libraries promotes and encourages engagement with STEAM events and activities.

Following Contributions from Councillor L O’Toole, Rosena Hand Senior Executive Librarian Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

## **Economic Development**

### **LPNC/79/Q1/0224 Item ID:82200 - Greenway Extension**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the commence of works and completion of the canal route from the 12th Lock to Hazelhatch; and if a statement can be made on the matter?

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council is in ongoing discussions with the relevant landowner, Waterways Ireland, to obtain a Licence, to allow access on to their lands to construct the 4.6km greenway from 12th Lock to Hazelhatch.

This extension to the greenway has Part 8 Planning approval, but cannot proceed without this landowner agreement.

### **LPNC/80/H5/0224 Item ID:82025 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/81/C2/0224 Item ID:81990 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/82/M2/0224 Item ID:82203 – Request for Provision of Business Park/Centre**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

To call on the Chief Executive to make provision for a business park/centre to support SMEs that are not start-ups in the LEA.

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

The Masterplan for the Grange Castle West lands sets out our Design Approach as follows:- *The park will target high employment generating uses and provide opportunities for links between foreign direct investment and small and medium sized enterprises. This strategy is based on the ‘anchor plus’ model where development is stimulated by large ‘anchor’ tenants who offer long term stability for the park. They will act as catalysts for the creation of a business community within the park. SME’s and start-ups will also be catered for and this combination will create a diverse business ecosystem that encourages innovation and growth.*

Furthermore, it is intended to develop a County Economic Strategy this year and to inform the strategy, all sectors of business and their future needs will be assessed. The Council will set out strategies to best support and develop all sectors of business in the County for the next 5 years.

Following Contributions from Councillors S Moynihan and V Casserly, Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer and Thomas Rooney Head of Local Enterprise Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **LPNC/83/H6/0224 Item ID:82322- New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/84/C3/0224 Item ID:81993 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Corporate Support**

### **LPNC/85/H7/0224 Item ID:82024 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/86/C4/0224 Item ID:81989 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/87/0224 - Emergency Motion Letter to Dep. of Education re Lucan Community College**

Proposed by Councillors V. Casserly, P. Gogarty, S. Moynihan, L. O’Toole and D. O ‘Brádaigh, seconded by Councillor M. Johansson

This area committee in support of Lucan Community College Students, writes to the Minister for Education to update on further approvals that are required at various stages of the school building project to be progressed as a matter of urgency and ensures transparent and regular reporting on the project status from the Department of Education

In accordance with Standing Order 96 this Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/88/M3/0224 Item ID:82189 - Letter to Minister of DCEDIY**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

That this Committee writes to the Minister and officials at the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth seeking an urgent meeting with the elected members of the Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin Area Committee to discuss its plans in relation to units 64 & 65 Cherry Orchard Industrial Estate, Palmerstown and arrangements to be made for a wider engagement with the local community.

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

If this motion is passed, a letter in this regard will be issued to the Minister at the Department Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth on behalf of the local area committee. The response, when received, will be circulated to the Members.

Following Contributions from Councillors P Gogarty, M Johansson, G O’Connell, J Tuffy, S Moynihan, E O’Brien, L O’Toole, D O ‘Brádaigh and V Casserly Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

## **Environment**

### **LPNC/89/H8/0224 Item ID:82326 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/90/C5/0224 Item ID:81987 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/91/M4/0224 Item ID:82183 - Derelict Sites Register**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

That the Chief Executive compulsory purchase the two sites on the Derelict Sites Register in this Area Committee Area, the sites being those at (Addresses Provided).

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

The Register of Derelict Sites is maintained by the Council pursuant to Section 8 (1) of the Derelict Sites Act 1990. Sites/properties that constitute derelict sites within the definition contained in Section 3 of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 are entered on the Register of Derelict Sites. Sites that are under investigation are not routinely entered on the register until such time as investigations are completed and a determination made that the site is derelict.  
In accordance with Section 3 of the Derelict Sites Act, l990 a derelict site is defined as:  
Any land which detracts, or is likely to detract, to a material degree from the amenity, character or appearance of land in the neighbourhood of the land in question because of –  
(a) the existence on the land in question of structures which are in a ruinous, derelict or dangerous condition, or  
(b) the neglected, unsightly or objectionable condition of the land or any structures on the land in question or,  
(c) the presence, deposit or collection on the land in question of any litter, rubbish, debris or waste, except where the presence, deposit or collection of such litter, rubbish, debris or waste results from the exercise of a right conferred by statute or by common law.

The Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) process has already started for the first property in question. The second property was recently inspected and the CPO process will start for this property shortly also.

Following Contributions from Councillors M Johansson, A Hayes and S Moynihan, Michael Heffernan Senior Executive Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/92/M5/0224 Item ID:82195 - Illegal Dumping**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty, seconded by Councillor S. Moynihan

That the Chief Executive provides a formal apology to the students, parents and staff of Kishogue Community College and Griffeen Community College, the residents of Lynch's Park who complained about this before, the residents of Hayden's Lane, The Old Forge, Grange Manor and users of Griffeen Valley Park extension for its inability to clear dumped material at Lynch's Lane and Griffeen Valley Park off Hayden's lane for months on end, let alone catch the culprits, despite this being raised multiple times by residents/elected reps; and commits to providing better levels of customer care in the future.

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

The Council appreciates and shares the concern expressed by the elected members and members of the public in relation to the illegal dumping and fly tipping throughout the county. All reports of illegal dumping and littering are investigated by the Council's Litter Warden Service and all dumped material is searched for evidence. Where evidence is found, the appropriate enforcement action is taken under the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended. Increasingly, it is found that no personal information relating to polluters is contained within the dumped material, with personal information having been removed or shredded.

The Litter Warden has inspected the dumped material at this location 6 times in the last 12 months and was unable to identify personal information relating to those responsible. Each time the dumped material has been cleared away by South Dublin County Council.

The land in question is owned by South Dublin County Council as part of the Clonburris SDZ. Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development department are currently arranging for the dumped material to be cleared. As always, the public is encouraged to work with the Council in helping to identify culprits who engage in illegal dumping and to report any incidents observed.

Following Contributions from Councillor P Gogarty, J Tuffy, L O’Toole, D Ó ‘Brádaigh, E O’Brien and S Moynihan, Michael Heffernan Senior Executive Engineer Responded to queries raised.

An Amendment was proposed by Councillor L O’Toole and seconded by Councillor G O’Connell which was unanimously **Agreed**.

**Amended Motion**:

That the Chief Executive provides a formal apology to the students, parents and staff of Kishogue Community College and Griffeen Community College, the residents of Lynch's Park who complained about this before, the residents of Hayden's Lane, The Old Forge, Grange Manor and users of Griffeen Valley Park extension for its inability to clear dumped material at Lynch's Lane and Griffeen Valley Park off Hayden's lane for months on end, let alone catch the culprits, despite this being raised multiple times by residents/elected reps; and commits to providing better levels of customer care in the future. A commitment that management carries out the cleansing of the affected areas within an adequate and reasonable time frame.

Following Contributions from Councillor P Gogarty, J Tuffy, L O’Toole, D Ó ‘Brádaigh, E O’Brien and S Moynihan, Michael Heffernan Senior Executive Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

### **LPNC/93/M6/0224 Item ID:82214 – Allotments Update**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

This committee seeks a comprehensive report from the Chief Executive regarding allotments within the ELA. Specifically, we request a list of existing allotments and identification of areas currently without allotments. In tandem with this request, we also seek insight into any strategic plans that management may have for implementing new allotments within the identified areas lacking such facilities. We recognise that some areas may face constraints related to the availability of open space. Therefore, we would appreciate confirmation as to whether alternative options, such as utilising rooftops in high-density areas, are being considered as part of the overall strategy.

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

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| **Site** | **Location** | **Number of Allotment Plots** |
| Corkagh Park | Clondalkin | 39 |
| Friarstown | Bohernabreena, Tallaght | 317 |
| Mill Lane | Palmerstown | 76 |
| Tymon Park | Tallaght | 14 |
|  |  | Total = 446 |

The current locations and number of allotment plots are outlined above. There is also a new allotment site currently being developed in Graydon's Lane, Newcastle with approx. 30 plots. The taking in charge process is well advanced in Graydon and these allotments will be available once taken in charge.

Identification and delivery of future sites has been added to the list of items for consideration under the Parks and Open Space Strategy and will be examined under the development of that strategy.

In relation to the use of rooftops, if correctly designed by developers these would be a valuable resource for residence for community garden provision. While they may be used in private developments, they are not a suitable option for SDCC – Public Realm, as we require publicly accessible open space for the development and use of allotments.

Applicants who wish to register for an allotment must complete and application form available from South Dublin Council. Forms can be requested calling  
01-4149000 or the form can be downloaded from the Council’s website at <https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/sport-and-recreation/allotments>

Applicants must reside within the administrative area of South Dublin County Council, applications from outside the area will not be accepted.

Once a person has applied for an allotment, they will be placed on the waiting list or provided with an allotment if one is available immediately. All new plots shall be allocated in accordance with our waiting lists.

Following Contributions from Councillor L O’Toole, Laura Abbey A/Administrative Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/94/M7/0224 Item ID:82301 - Ardeen Cleanup**

Proposed by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

To ask the Manager to commit to carrying out a comprehensive 'deep clean' of the extensive litter build up in the treeline and hedgerow area between the R835 Leixlip Road and Ardeen in Lucan (map illustration attached).

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

The treeline and hedgerow area between the R835 Leixlip Road and Ardeen in Lucan as identified in the attached map has been listed for a clean up to remove all items of litter. Works will be scheduled for Q2.

[M7 Ardeen - Treeline Cleansing](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81600)

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

## **Water & Drainage**

### **LPNC/95/H9/0224 Item ID:82327 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/96/C6/0224 Item ID:81997 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Public Realm**

### **LPNC/97/Q2/0224 Item ID:82245 - Letts Field Goalposts**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive as to when the goalposts for the green area on Letts Field are to be installed (as per Question no.5, March Area Committee)

**REPLY:**

The goal posts for Letts Field have been purchased and are ready for installation. Installation is expected to take place in April when ground conditions are suitable for vehicles to travel across the area.

### **LPNC/98/Q3/0224 Item ID:82188 - Age Friendly Seating at Boules Court**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

This Committee seeks a status update on the agreed seating/benches for the boules court at Griffeen Valley Park, specifically in reference to item 77712 from January 2023? To ensure a well-informed decision, we request that the Council management engages with the club before finalising the decision regarding the location of the seating/benches.

**REPLY:**

We have very recently received delivery of the age friendly seating for the boules court in Griffeen Valley Park and it will be installed as soon as we have staff available, most likely within the next week. We have been in contact with the club regarding its precise location.

### **LPNC/99/Q4/0224 Item ID:82218 - Tree & Hedge Works**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

This Committee is formally requesting a detailed report on the planned works in the area, specifically focusing on the cutting of hedges and trees in anticipation of the Wildlife Act nearing. Our committee is particularly interested in obtaining comprehensive information regarding the schedule and nature of these planned works. Furthermore, we kindly request clarification on any areas that may be exempt from the provisions of the Wildlife Act. It is essential to highlight that many areas necessitate treatment for health and safety reasons, and understanding potential exemptions will assist us in ensuring the well-being of our community. The report should include: A comprehensive schedule of planned works related to the cutting of hedges and trees. Details on the specific areas earmarked for such works, along with the reasons behind the selection of these areas. A clear outline of any exemptions from the Wildlife Act and the rationale behind these exemptions, particularly in cases related to health and safety concerns.

**REPLY:**

The table below provides details of the locations where hedges are cut each year during the period September to February. All areas identified for hedge cutting are subject to the provision of the Wildlife Act. There are no exempt areas. The inclusion of a location for hedge cutting is determined by whether the area has been taken in charge by SDCC and under the maintenance of the Public Realm Section.

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| Adamstown Open space & link Road | Fforester Estate | R148/N4 |
| Abbeywood Estate | Finnstown Estate | Neilstown estate |
| Airlie Estate | Fonthill Road North | New Nangor Road |
| Ardeevin Estate | Foxborough Estate | Palmers Estate |
| Arthur Griffith Park Estate | Foxdene Estate | Palmerstown Park |
| Ashville Close | Glen Vale Estate | Palmerstown Woods |
| Ballydowd Grove | Glenaulin Park | Quarryvale Park |
| Ballyowen Park | Glenfield Estate | R136 Outer Ring Road |
| Ballyowen Road - Willsbrook Green | Grange Manor Estate | Rear of Rowlagh Avenue |
| Beech Park | Griffeen Road | Riversdale Estate Palmerstown |
| Castle Riada Estate | Griffeen Valley Park | Rochfort Estate |
| Cluain Rí Park | Haydens Lane | Saint Lomans Road |
| Colthurst Estate | Hermitage Park | St Finians Estate |
| Culmore estate | Liffey Estate | St Marks - Entrance |
| Dodsborough Green | Lucan Scouts Den | St Ronan's Avenue |
| Earlsfort Estate | Lucan Village Green | Waterstown Park |
| Elm Estate | Lucan/Celbridge Road | Weston Estate |
| Elmbrook Avenue | Mill Lane Allotments / Road | Whitethorn Estate |
| Esker Glebe | Moorfield Estate | Willsbrook Park |
| Esker Lane | Mount Andrew | Woodavens Estate |
| Esker Lodge | Mount Bellew Estate | Woodfarm Acers |
| Esker Woods | Moy Glas Estate | Woodview Heights |

The table below provides details of the locations where trees will be attended to across the 2024/2025 period. Street trees are considered to be cultivated and as such, this allows for tree maintenance works to be carried out throughout the year subject to compliance with best practice protocols in regard to pre-works assessment of trees for active nests or nesting birds. Where an active nest or nesting bird is observed, the tree in question is left until after August 31st and revisited. It is important to note however, this exemption does not apply to woodlands or open spaces which are addressed during the period September to February.

Works are scheduled on a 3-year cycle as approved by the Elected Members. Areas are listed in accordance with works required, however, this is subject to amendment as priorities can change.

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| **Area** | **Year** |
| Adamstown Road/Avenue | 2024 |
| Abbeywood | 2024 |
| Ashpark | 2024 |
| Bewley | 2024 |
| Brookvale | 2024 |
| Ballyowen Road - L1042 (Larkfield to Fonthill Road) | 2025 |
| Culmore Road and Park | 2024 |
| Castle Riada | 2024 |
| Castle Road | 2024 |
| Coldcut Road | 2025 |
| Elm estate street and mature trees | 2024 |
| 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) | 2024 |
| Foxford and Ballyowen Lane | 2025 |
| Foxdene | 2024 |
| Glenmaroon Road and Park | 2024 |
| Greenfort estate | 2024 |
| Griffeen Road, Avenue & Way | 2024 |
| Harelawn | 2024 |
| Hermitage Park - Mature Trees | 2025 |
| Lucan Road (Ballydowd to Woodies) | 2025 |
| Manor Road and Park | 2024 |
| Meile an Ri | 2025 |
| Newcastle Road/R120 and L1011 to Esker Cottages | 2025 |
| Neilstown Estate | 2024 |
| Riversdale Estate | 2025 |
| Riverside Drive | 2024 |
| Rochfort | 2024 |
| Shancastle | 2024 |
| Saint Marks | 2024 |
| Saint Finians | 2024 |
| Sarsfield Park Mature Trees | 2024 |
| St. Lomans Road (L1042) and Ballyowen Road | 2025 |
| Tor an Ri | 2025 |
| Turret Road | 2024 |
| Woodview Heights | 2024 |
| Willsbrook Estate and Road | 2025 |
| Woodavens | 2024 |
| Woodfarm Drive and Avenue | 2024 |
| Westbury | 2025 |

### **LPNC/100/Q5/0224 Item ID:82173 - Adamstown trees**

Proposed by Councillor Joanna Tuffy

To ask the CEO for an update on tree planting in Adamstown, Lucan. Adamstown is identified as an area of particular need of tree planting in its policy 'Living with Trees' (2021 to 2026). Are there plans for Council tree planting in Adamstown or is there any communication between the Council and the developers of Adamstown aimed at addressing the need for tree planting in Adamstown?

**REPLY:**

SDCC liaises with developers in Adamstown when it comes to tree planting. Tree planting is carried out in accordance with approved landscape plans which are specific to individual developments. This planting is generally undertaken by a landscape contractor working on behalf of the developer. The inclusion of trees in landscape plans is part of this process and trees are provided in locations which are considered suitable.

Two parks which have recently opened in Adamstown, (Tandy’s Lane Park and Airlie Park) included significant tree planting. These two parks together with planting in residential area is helping to address the need for trees in the area.

### **LPNC/101/H10/0224 Item ID:82328 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/102/C7/0224 Item ID:81995 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/103/M8/0224 Item ID:82133 - Duck Feeder Request**

Proposed by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

That this Committee supports an initiative to examine a suitable location in Lucan Village, such as the Weir Promenade, to locate a 'Duck Feeder'. Thus providing education and awareness toward the well-being of local wildlife, with consideration for any proceeds being donated to a local community voluntary group.

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

The Public Realm Section has no proposals to install a Duck Feeder in Lucan Village or at the Weir Promenade. The need to educate and provide awareness about what is suitable food for the wildfowl can be achieved by the provision of signage if considered necessary.

[M8 Duck Feeder Photo(i)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81801)

Following Contributions from Councillors D Ó ‘Brádaigh and E O’Brien, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and this Motion was **Noted.**

### **LPNC/104/M9/0224 Item ID:82168 - Forests on Public Lands**

Proposed by Councillor J. Tuffy, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

That the CEO investigate whether funds can be applied for under the Forests on Public Lands Scheme in respect of the open space between Tandy's Lane and Woodview Heights, including under the planting elements of the scheme, the 'Derelict Site' grant for clearing debris, and the forest playground elements and recreational facilities elements, and the time frame for making such an application and what will be involved, and that he make a statement on the matter.

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

The Forest on Public Lands scheme is an initiative by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine under the Forestry Programme 2023-2027. There are 12 types of grants available under this programme which are targeted to specific types of forests. The grant for Forests on Public Lands “is to encourage Public Bodies to establish new native forest on suitable land under their ownership and control”. The open space between Tandy's Lane and Woodview Heights would not be considered a suitable location to establish a forest. The area is currently managed as an open space. Provision has been made in the 2024 Public Realm Improvement Works Programme to plant trees and bulbs at this location.

Following Contributions from Councillor J Tuffy, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted.**

### **LPNC/105/M10/0224 Item ID:82204 - Tree Programme Update**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the Tree Maintenance Programme for Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin (in tabular form), 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, corresponding to the plan detailed in Question No. 10 at the September Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin ACM and to account for any discrepancies between the two(Item ID: 80161)

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

The table below provides an update on the 2023-2025 Tree Maintenance Programme that corresponds to the reply to Q10 at the September ACM in 2023.

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| **Location** | **Q 10 Sept. 2023 ACM -Year** | **Update -Year** | **Rationale for change (where applicable)** |
| Adamstown Road/Avenue | 2023 | 2024 | Pushed back due to work requirements |
| Abbeywood | 2024 | 2024 | As planned |
| Ashpark | 2024 | 2024 | As planned |
| Bewley | 2024 | 2024 | As planned |
| Brookvale | 2023 | 2024 | Was not tended to in 2023 so moved to 2024 |
| Ballyowen Road - L1042 (Larkfield to Fonthill Road) | 2025 | 2025 | As planned |
| Culmore Road and Park | 2025 | 2024 | Brought forward due to work requirements |
| Castle Riada | 2024 | 2024 | As planned |
| Castle Road | 2024 | 2024 | As planned |
| Coldcut Road | 2025 | 2025 | As planned |
| Elm estate street and mature trees | 2025 | 2024 | Brought forward due to work requirements |
| Earlsfort | 2023 | 2023 | Complete |
| Esker Road and Drive | 2024 | 2024 | As planned |
| Esker Glebe and Esker Lane OS Mature trees | 2024 | 2024 | As planned |
| Esker Glebe and Esker Lane OS street trees | 2024 | 2024 | As planned |
| Esker Meadow | 2024 | 2024 | As planned |
| Esker Woods | 2024 | 2024 | As planned |
| Esker Lodge street and mature trees | 2024 | 2024 | As planned |
| Fonthill Road and Coldcut Road cycle paths (Greenfort Boundary) | 2025 | 2024 | Brought forward due to work requirements |
| Foxford and Ballyowen Lane | 2024 | 2025 | Pushed back due to work requirements |
| Forester estate | 2023 | 2024 | Underway |
| Foxdene | 2023 | 2024 | Pushed back due to work requirements |
| Glenmaroon Road and Park | 2025 | 2024 | Brought forward due to work requirements |
| Greenfort estate | 2023 | 2024 | Pushed back due to work requirements |
| Griffeen Road, Avenue & Way | 2024 | 2024 | As planned |
| Harelawn | 2025 | 2024 | Brought forward due to work requirements |
| Hermitage Way - rear of houses | 2024 | 2025 | Pushed back due to work requirements |
| Hermitage Park - mature trees | 2024 | 2025 | Pushed back due to work requirements |
| Lucan Road (Ballydowd to Woodies) | 2025 | 2025 | As planned |
| Liffey estate | 2024 | 2024 | Complete |
| Manor Road and Park | 2025 | 2024 | Brought forward due to work requirements |
| Meile An Ri | 2025 | 2025 | As planned |
| Newcastle Road/R120 and L1011 to Esker Cottages | 2024 | 2025 | Pushed back due to work requirements |
| Neilstown estate | 2024 | 2024 | As planned |
| Riversdale estate | 2024 | 2025 | Pushed back due to work requirements |
| Riversdale Drive | 2024 | 2024 | As planned |
| Rochfort | 2023 | 2024 | Pushed back due to work requirements |
| Shancastle | 2023 | 2024 | Pushed back due to work requirements |
| St Marks | 2025 | 2024 | Brought forward due to work requirements |
| St Finians | 2024 | 2024 | As planned |
| Sarsfield Park Mature Trees | 2025 | 2024 | Brought forward due to work requirements |
| St Lomans Road (L1042) and Ballyowen Road | 2025 | 2025 | As planned |
| Tor An Ri | 2025 | 2025 | As planned |
| Turret Road | 2024 | 2024 | As planned |
| Woodview Heights | 2024 | 2024 | As planned |
| Willsbrook estate and road | 2025 | 2025 | As planned |
| Woodavens | 2023 | 2024 | Pushed back due to work requirements |
| Woodfarm Drive and Avenue | 2024 | 2024 | As planned |
| Westbury | 2025 | 2025 | As planned |

Following Contributions from Councillors S Moynihan, P Gogarty and V Casserly, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/106/M11/0224 Item ID:82212 - Public Access to Heritage Clinic to the River Liffey**

Proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

Can the Chief Executive give a time frame or schedule when the reserved right of way from the Heritage Clinic to the River Liffey will be available to the public and if there is any fear that failure to take it in charge to date may jeopardise its future availability.

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

The right of way is a fact granted by the grant of planning permission, which does not expire. The lands mentioned have already been ceded to South Dublin County Council; so their availability is secured. While the lands mentioned are ceded to South Dublin County Council; they are not developed sufficiently to enable public access. The gradient leading to the lands in question is significant and does not easily lend itself to public access. The lands require improvement to facilitate adequate access to the site; there is no programme or budget currently available for these works.

Following Contributions from Councillor G O’Connell, Laurence Colleran Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

## **Community**

### **LPNC/107/Q6/0224 Item ID:82199 - Lucan Pool Update**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

To ask the Chief Executive to report on progress at Lucan Pool site since the site meeting on 20th January last, including updates on the delivery and installation of the moveable floor, the main screeding of the pool, tiling packages, the Irish Water drainage connection and to outline whether any new certainty has been given on completion dates?

**REPLY:**

The movable floor has been delivered and installed. The screeding to the pool is complete.

The tiling to the multi-functional pool and the floor of the main pool is complete and grouted.

Tiling to the walls of the main pool is underway. Grouting to the floor tiles of the changing village is underway.

SDCC have requested that Irish Water review the foul connection issue and address. IW have suggested arranging another meeting with the designers to progress/resolve this issue. SDCC have instructed their design team to engage further.

Completion date remains under review and the progress on site is being assessed to inform same. SDCC will advise in the coming weeks of the expected completion date following completion of the project milestones outlined during the site visits carried out on 26th January & 2nd February.

### **LPNC/108/Q7/0224 Item ID:82201 - Esker Community Initiative**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

To ask the Chief Executive for a further update on how SDCC is planning to proactively assist the Esker Community Initiative; and if a statement can be made on the matter.

**REPLY:**

SDCC completed a land disposal to St Thomas National School as part of this initiative. The terms of the land disposal included a condition that any development would include access to the facility for community use. The community team will engage with the school when they are ready to progress to the next stage and ensure that the conditions are met.

### **LPNC/109/Q8/0224 Item ID:81858 - Community Recognition Fund**

Proposed by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh

To ask the manager the following; From the Community Recognition Fund, what planned / potential projects are being put in place, identified or explored for communities in Lucan and Clondalkin that have seen new International Protection Applicant arrivals into the community to address services and needs for all?

**REPLY:**

The Community Recognition Fund 2023 (‘the Fund’) aims to support the development of community infrastructure and facilities in recognition of the contribution being made by communities across the country in welcoming and hosting significant numbers of arrivals from Ukraine and other countries.

The funding is specifically targeted at projects that are located in communities, towns and villages that are hosting the Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection and/or International Protection Applicants (‘new arrivals’) including towns identified for the rapid build homes programme.

The Fund aims to support the development of facilities that will be used in the future by all members of the community. It is separate in its objectives and scope to any other public funding streams which aim to support the development of public service needs arising from the significant number of arrivals from Ukraine.

Areas identified in South Dublin who have welcomed a high number of new arrivals from the Ukraine and other countries were Tallaght, Clondalkin and Saggart. Below is a list of projects funded under the Community Recognition Fund in the Clondalkin Local Electoral Area.

Community Recognition Fund Update for the Clondalkin LEA

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Project | Completed | Estimated Completion Date | Comments |
| Provision of public WiFi access points throughout Clondalkin Village |  | Q3 2024 | Work has commenced on this project. Estimated completion Summer 2024 |
| Heritage Trail App Translation to support increased use by all of the free heritage trails and routes including Clondalkin | Q4 2023 |  | Completed and in use |
| Fit-out of new age friendly centre at Orchard Lodge, Clondalkin |  | Q1 2024 |  |
| Further development and upgrade of Clondalkin “Global Garden” to include polytunnels, working area, gardening equipment. Clondalkin Global Garden is a volunteer organisation established to assist with the integration of new arrivals to the area and requires upgrade due to increased numbers of new arrivals accessing the project |  | Q1 2024 |  |
| Provision of new all-weather sports pitch at Knockmitten Park, to be managed by Knockmitten United and to include community use, in proximity to Knockmitten Community Centre. The club have engaged with residents of local direct provision and Ukrainian BOTP accommodation centres as part of their outreach and integration. |  | Q4 2024 |  |
| Upgrade of existing play space & and provision of new half -court MUGA (Multi -Use Games Area) Upgrade of a well -utilised playspace, adjacent to Knockmitten Community Centre and the addition of a new half -court MUGA to enhance amenities for all local residents |  | Q2 2024 |  |
| Provision of Astro Pitch at Round Towers GAA Upgrade of the grass surface to astroturf to accommodate increasing numbers, including new arrivals, accessing this sporting facility |  | Q4 2024 |  |
| Provision of new half -court MUGA (Multi -Use Games Area) in Clondalkin Park. All members of the community can avail of this facility as part of park amenities | Q4 2023 |  | Open to the public |

### **LPNC/110/Q9/0224 Item ID:82174 - Sister's Shed in Lucan**

Proposed by Councillor Joanna Tuffy

That the CEO give an update on Motion 1 that was agreed by the Area Committee in December 2023 in respect of Council support for the establishment of a sister's shed in Lucan, including the steps taken to ensure that all members of the committee are kept informed contemporaneously of any developments and meetings that involve use of resources of the Council and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**REPLY:**

As was agreed at the ACM, the Community Officer assigned to the area engaged with the community with the existing women's group to determine their level of interest and how best to proceed with the establishment of a Sister Shed in the Lucan area.

The Community Officer contacted the existing Sister Shed organisation and discussed the need for a Sister Shed in the Lucan area. We were delighted to hear that some women were already meeting and on their own accord and our level of support to this point has been in an administrative capacity.

The Sister Shed is a standalone organisation, as such, South Dublin County Council cannot issue invitation to events which we have not been involved with.

We will however keep the ACM informed of future events, and we will invite all members to any events which we fund or ones which we organise.

### **LPNC/111/H11/0224 Item ID:82329 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/112/C8/0224 Item ID:81988 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/113/M12/0224 Item ID:82206 -** [**Community Centre**](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=81712)

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

To ask the Chief Executive to invite the Boards of Management of all community centres in the Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin areas to provide a briefing and overview of the activities available in their centres, particularly those focused on certain cohorts, include teenagers, older people and stay-at-home parents, the opening hours and the other services provided in order to celebrate the offerings they have, and for this to be presented as a briefing before the April meeting of the ACM.

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

The Community Development team will liaise with all respective Boards of Management of all the community centres in the Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin with a view to organising a presentation to the ACM which will play a particular focus on teenagers, older people and stay-at-home parents, the opening hours and the other services provided.

Following Contributions from Councillors S Moynihan, L O’Toole and V Casserly, Joe Lumumba Administrative Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/114/M13/0224 Item ID:82221 - Back Weston Development**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

This committee brings to your attention recent developments concerning the modular homes planned for Back Weston. It has come to our knowledge that there have been changes to the original plans that were initially made public. In light of this new information, the committee is formally requesting the arrangement of a meeting between representatives from the Department Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY), the Office of Public Works (OPW), local councillors, and our committee. We ask CE for assistance in coordinating this gathering, which aims to provide an update on the alterations made to the original plans and to gain insight into the department's intentions for future housing and planning in the Back Weston area. Considering that the last briefing held for councillors was back in June 2023, we believe a further brief is necessary to ensure all stakeholders are well-informed about the changes made and any possible future plans. Open communication and collaboration are essential for the success of any housing project. This meeting will provide a platform for comprehensive understanding and constructive discussion and an opportunity to address any concerns or queries from our committee and local councillors Additionally, we propose sending formal letters to all concerned parties to ensure their participation and to convey the importance of their input in this matter.

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

The Department of Children, Equality, Integration and Youth met with Elected Members on June 15th 2023 to give a briefing on the modular home development in Back Weston.

A public information evening took place in Adamstown Community Centre on October 10th 2023.

In January The Department of Children, Equality, Integration and Youth issued the attached letter informing us of a change to the original modular home development at the site.

As part of the programme and to further explore broader possibilities for these units the OPW are installing a small number of two storey houses on the site. The number of homes proposed for Backweston has been revised from 136 single storey, 2 bed homes to 120 single storey, 2 bed homes and 12 two storey 3 bed homes, giving a revised total of 132 homes.

A detailed description of the two story homes was also issued and is attached.

This information was circulated by email to all ACM members once received.

On Tuesday February 20th an email was circulated from DCEDIY inviting Councillors to visit the site prior to the arrival of families and offering to meet with councillors if they wished.

[M13 DCEDIY letter(i)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81786)  
[M13 Design details(ii)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81787)

Following Contributions from Councillors L O’Toole, V Casserly, P Gogarty, G O’Connell, J Tuffy, M Johansson, D Ó ‘Brádaigh and E O’Brien, Edel Clancy A/Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised.

An Amendment was proposed by Councillor P Gogarty and seconded by Councillor V Casserly.

**Amended Motion:**

This committee brings to your attention recent developments concerning the modular homes planned for Back Weston. It has come to our knowledge that there have been changes to the original plans that were initially made public. In light of this new information, the committee is formally requesting the arrangement of a meeting between representatives from the Department Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY), the Office of Public Works (OPW), **theDepartment of Health, the Department of Education**, local councillors, and our committee. We ask CE for assistance in coordinating this gathering, which aims to provide an update on the alterations made to the original plans and to gain insight into the department's intentions for future housing and planning in the Back Weston area. Considering that the last briefing held for councillors was back in June 2023, we believe a further brief is necessary to ensure all stakeholders are well-informed about the changes made and any possible future plans. Open communication and collaboration are essential for the success of any housing project. This meeting will provide a platform for comprehensive understanding and constructive discussion and an opportunity to address any concerns or queries from our committee and local councillors Additionally, we propose sending formal letters to all concerned parties to ensure their participation and to convey the importance of their input in this matter.

Councillor V Casserly requested that a vote be taken on the proposed amendment. The following was the result of the roll call vote:

FOR: 7 (Seven) Councillors V Casserly, P Gogarty, M Johansson, S Moynihan, D O ‘Brádaigh,

G O’Connell and L O’Toole

AGAINST: 2 (Two) Councillors E O’Brien and J Tuffy

ABSTAIN: 1 (One) Councillors A Hayes

The amendment was **Agreed**.

Following further Contributions from Councillors L O’Toole, V Casserly, P Gogarty, G O’Connell, J Tuffy, M Johansson, D Ó ‘Brádaigh and E O’Brien, Edel Clancy A/Senior Executive Officer Responded to the additional queries raised and it was agreed that letters would issue to the Departments referenced in the amended motion.

## **Housing**

### **LPNC/115/Q10/0224 Item ID:82177 – St. Marks / Rowlagh Housing Project**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

To ask the Chief Executive for a report outlining all the delays to the housing project at St Mark's/Rowlagh, the causes of those delays and any penalties for the construction company?

**REPLY:**

The handover of the scheme at St Marks/Rowlagh has been subject to delays with works relating to utilities which has in turn delayed completion of related external works including roads, footpaths, and landscaped areas. All utilities have now been connected and commissioning works are in progress.

Our project team are actively engaging with the contractor and other stakeholders to arrange handover of the scheme and to facilitate occupancy of the new homes as soon as possible.

### **LPNC/116/Q11/0224 Item ID:82178 - Transfer List and Waiting Time**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

To ask the Chief Executive how many tenants in Meile An Ri/Buirgh An Ri/Tor An Ri are on the transfer list and the average waiting time for a transfer?

**REPLY:**

There are currently 48 households approved for a transfer from the areas outlined above. Approval has been granted on various grounds such as medical, overcrowding and downsizing.

The average waiting time in 2023 was 6.6 years.

### **LPNC/117/Q12/0224 Item ID:82208 – Housing Utility Connections**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an overview of the number of houses in Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin that are ready to be occupied but have not been connected to utilities and to present these by development.

**REPLY:**

The handover of 38 units at the St Marks/Rowlagh scheme has been subject to delays with works relating to utilities which has in turn delayed completion of related external works including roads, footpaths, and landscaped areas. All utilities have now been connected and commissioning works are in progress.

Our project team are actively engaging with the contractor and other stakeholders to arrange handover of the scheme and to facilitate occupancy of the new homes as soon as possible.

The handover of 40 units at Cloverhill Road, Clondalkin have also been subject to delays in connection to the ESB network. Our AHB partners are working closely with the ESB to facilitate connection with a view to handover in the coming weeks.

### **LPNC/118/Q13/0224 Item ID:82290 – Choice Based Letting**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive for the average number of bids on each type of unit on CBL in Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin, whether it is a relet or new build and the average duration on the waiting list of each successful bid.

**REPLY:**

To date in 2024, 69 Properties have been advertised via Choice Based Letting. Of these, 55 properties were located North of the Naas Road. Of the 55 homes advertised North of the Naas Road 45 were new builds and the balance were relets.

There was an average of 346 Expression of Interest in each property and of those allocated the average waiting time was 12 years.

### **LPNC/119/Q14/0224 Item ID:81895 – Update on Balgaddy House Painting**

Proposed by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh

To ask the manager for an update on the progress to the exterior painting of council homes in Balgaddy and to outline the timeline for phase 2 of the works in providing a statement on the matter.

**REPLY:**

Three locations have been selected for exterior painting works. Prices are currently being sought for Méile An Ri Road and Foxdene Avenue with a view to commencement of the works in Q2-2024. Tor An Ri Walk has been selected and works will be priced upon completion of the Energy Retrofit Works scheduled to take place there.

### **LPNC/120/Q15/0224 Item ID:82308 - Vacant Homes**

Proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the progress to date in bringing unoccupied private housing into use and to include in the report what support, if any, the Council can prove to the private sector to rehabilitate such homes?

**REPLY:**

Under the Croí Cónaithe Towns Fund delivered by Local Authorities, the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant provides people with a grant to support the refurbishment of vacant properties.

Eligible properties include vacant and derelict properties built up to and including 2007. A grant of €50,000 is available for the refurbishment of a vacant property and a grant of €70,000 is available for the refurbishment of a derelict property. A maximum of two grants are available to an individual, one for the principal private residence of the owner and one grant for a property to be rented. Full information on the scheme including all eligibility criteria is available on the Council’s website Vacant Homes - SDCC.

62 Vacant Homes Croí Conáithe applications have been made to the Council to date. The status of these applications is set out below:

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| --- | --- |
| Approved | 36 |
| Approved in principle | 4 |
| Declined In Progress | 17 |
| Declined | 5 |

There are currently 59 homes included on the Vacant Homes Register. The ownership of the properties identified are investigated with a view to engaging with owners to bring the properties back into productive with the assistance of the supports available.

632 properties were surveyed as part of a county wide survey carried out by the Council in 2023. These properties were a mix of commercial and residential units. As a result, 258 properties were identified as possibly vacant and further investigation is necessary to determine whether these additional properties can be added to the Vacant Homes Register.

The Council has received an initial allocation of €1.2 million to fund acquisitions under the Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF) Round 3 funding to activate long term vacant and derelict buildings. A proposed list of seven properties have been identified to be targeted for acquisition/refurbishment under this funding stream and have been submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for approval. Ownership of these properties is to be established.

### **LPNC/121/H12/0224 Item ID:82330 – Deputations for Noting**

**Deputation Meeting Report**

**Date & Time:** 24th January 2024 @ 3p.m.via Microsoft Teams

**Deputation Group:** Clean Griffeen Network

**Deputation Attendees:** Elaine Hurley, Catherine McCabe

**Elected Members:** Cllr Vicki Casserly (Chair), Cllr Liona O’Toole, Cllr Shane Moynihan, Cllr Madeleine Johansson, Cllr Shirley O’Hara

**Council Officials:** Leo Magee (Senior Engineer), David Fennell (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Colum Fagan (Senior Executive Engineer), Lorcan Brennan (Senior Executive Engineer), Fionnuala Keane (Senior Staff Officer), Sean Barron (Staff Officer), Marian Travers (Assistant Staff Officer)

Cllr Vicki Casserly presided.

**Items discussed:**

1. **Litter along Griffeen Road, Avenue and Griffeen Valley Park –**

The group expressed that additional support from the Council in relation to litter picking around the area is necessary. The Lucan swimming pool and the new cycle initiatives will increase footfall and visitors to the area, and with an ageing population, they will need more support. They would like to see more enforcement in relation to littering, particularly to the rear of the shopping centre. They would also like clarity on what services are available from the Council. The group have suggested Big Belly bins and Pizza box bins near the shops. The group would like clarification on the best way to report dumping/litter and how long it will take to have the materials removed.

*David Fennell (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent) and Leo Magee (Senior Engineer) replied to the group's queries.*

**Commitment given:**

* Will talk to litter management unit to intervene with the owners/occupiers to make sure they are complying with their obligations. Will follow up with Dun Laoghaire to see if the Big Belly initiative was successful and see if it is something the Council could consider.
* Will forward to Litter warden the suggestion that food outlets could take a pro-active measure in purchasing together a Pizza box bin.
* Oxygen schedule for road sweeping to be sent to the group.
* Group to give Leo Magee the site of dumping that they said was reported 6 weeks ago, and he will investigate.
* Advised to use the Customer Care system via the website and the environment awareness section when contacting re-dumping. David Fennell will discuss with the group when he meets them in relation to the walls.

1. **Dumping at bottle banks near Moy Glas –**

The group expressed concern about the ongoing dumping around the bottle banks near Moy Glas. There is no CCTV at this site.

*Leo Magee (Senior Engineer) and Colum Fagan (Senior Executive Engineer) replied to the groups query.*

**Commitment given**

* There are ongoing issues with providing CCTV due to GDPR requirements. Currently, there is a process ongoing, which hopefully means in the near future, we can revert to using CCTV, and this location will be looked at.
* The Council will look at improving the site's aesthetic appearance, repositioning the banks to make it more difficult to dump behind them, increasing signage and having artwork done on the banks to highlight that they are recycling points. Colum Fagan will touch base with David Fennell in relation to measuring and quantifying the dumped materials at the banks.

1. **Estate external walls in need of maintenance and rejuvenation –**

The group expressed concern that Griffeen Estate/Elm Wood Estate has a lot of algae, embedded dirt and damage to the walls which need power washing and rejuvenating. The group would like to see something like the Council's work on the wall at Foxborough. They feel that funding should be given to improving the area's aesthetics, given the possible increased footfall due to the new swimming pool.

*David Fennell (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent) and Leo Magee (Senior Engineer) replied to the groups queries.*

**Commitment given:**

* David Fennell will link in with the group to meet them and assess the walls and see what work is involved as it may cross a number of sections within the Council.

1. **Dumping and litter within Griffeen Valley Park –**

The group expressed concern that the park is a known dumping spot, in particular the woodland areas.

*David Fennell (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent) replied to the groups query.*

**Comments given:**

* The entrance at Kings Johns Bridge is in the improvement works programme for this year to replace the bridge and provide a new entrance.
* There is a mini woodland planned at the entrance opposite Esker Riada School.
* The Council is aware of continuous dumping at the entrance from St Finian’s and proactively tries to address this area, especially in the winter when it is more obvious. Park rangers report litter and graffiti regularly.

1. **Safe use of, and finish of, new entrances/enhance cycleway at estates along Griffeen Road –**

The group expressed concern about the new cycle pathways, especially at the entrance to Elmwood. There are furrows ploughed by larger vehicles using the entrance. The upper end of Moy Glas does not appear to have this problem as the entrance is wider.

*Lorcan Brennan (Senior Executive Engineer),* *replied to the group's query*

**Commitment given**

* The contract is finished at this location, and the council is awaiting the road safety audit, which is due next week.
* The Council will decide what actions must be taken when the report is received. Lorcan Brennan will update the group when the report is received.

\*The meeting concluded as there was no other business\*

This Report was **Noted**.

### **LPNC/122/H13/0224 Item ID:82352 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/123/C9/0224 Item ID:81991 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/124/M14/0224 Item ID:82307 - Housing Acquisitions**

Proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

To ask for a report on the operation of Housing Acquisitions in the County and to include the number of such transactions in 2023 and to indicate the average time involved from offer to purchase and what are the typical causes of delay and that a discussion take place.

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

To date, 546 expressions of interest have been received from current landlords looking to sell their property to the Council with tenants in-situ where notice of termination of tenancy has issued. The current status of our responses to the expressions of interest received is as follows:

* 169 properties have been purchased or are sale agreed/at conveyancing.
* 125 properties have completed due diligence checks and are at valuation/negotiation stage with a view to purchasing.
* 93 properties at various stages of due diligence and pre-purchase checks.
* 159 properties are not proceeding to acquisition where offers of alternative accommodation have been made, properties not being suitable, tenants no being longer in-situ or miscellaneous other reasons.

Timeframes for purchase vary. Individual property purchases can be delayed for various reasons such as the owner not having full legal title, various planning issues, outstanding property taxes, general contractual conditions of sale not in place etc.

The Council is currently reviewing its processes and seeking to secure additional resources as a means of expediting acquisitions through to completion.

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

## **Planning**

### **LPNC/125/Q16/0224 Item ID:82198 - Ballyowen Castle Shopping Centre**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

To ask the Chief Executive to provide members with a full breakdown of the planning permission(s) granted for Ballyowen Castle Shopping Centre in relation to that section of Ballyowen Lane taken into the ownership/charge of the centre owner/manager, and to outline whether any conditions of permission granted explicitly require regular upkeep and maintenance of lighting, the roadway and footpaths along this stretch, or whether there is other legislation or by-laws that deal with this?

**REPLY:**

The subject site has a very long planning history, including

* S00A/0266
* S00A/0587
* S00A/0588
* S00A/0598
* S01A/0075
* S01A/0138
* S01A/0474
* S01A/0532
* S99A/0258
* S99A/0375
* S99A/0742
* SD03A/0305
* SD03A/0306
* SD03A/0532
* SD03A/0592
* SD03A/0935
* SD05A/0487
* SD05A/0672
* SD05A/1019
* SD06A/0156
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The most recent application I could find relating to roadways is SD07A/0655 for Construction of a new left turn only exit on the southern boundary of the site onto Castle Road, construction of a new pedestrian path on the eastern boundary and all associated site works within the curtilage of a protected structure at Ballyowen Castle Shopping Centre, and alterations to the local authority kerbs, soft margins and public paths outside the southern side boundary of the site on Castle Road. As planning enforcement generally has to be taken within 7 years, I do not believe there are any relevant planning conditions that will acted upon that would be relevant to maintenance or upkeep.

### **LPNC/126/Q17/0224 Item ID:82034 - Airlie House in Lucan**

Proposed by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh

To ask the manager if there had been an expression of interest by SDCC to acquire Airlie House in Lucan from the developer, and to provide a statement in this regards.

**REPLY:**

To date, there has been no expression of interest from SDCC to purchase Airlie House

### **LPNC/127/Q18/0224 Item ID:82312 - Extension of Adamstown Community Centre.**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

To ask CE for update and n agreed costing/plans for extension of Adamstown community centre.

**REPLY:**

The Adamstown Community & Youth Centre was opened in 2018 and consists of a shared school/sports hall, all-weather pitches, shared gym space and a number of multi-purpose community rooms. The building was constructed to allow for an option of a future first floor extension. The design of the building is available under planning reference SDZ16A/0001.

The Community Services Dept are working in partnership with the Council's Architectural Services to deliver a large number of capital projects, focused on both the construction of a significant number of new Community Centres and the extension and upgrade of a range of other community centres as per commitments in the 3 year Capital Budget Programme.  
The Planning Section have consulted with Community and there is no available time frame or costing for an extension to Adamstown Community Centre at this time but it will be looked at in the future when capacity becomes available in the Capital Project delivery pipeline.

### **LPNC/128/H14/0224 Item ID:82324 - Clondalkin Pre-Draft LAP**

The following report was presented by Hazel Craigie Senior Planner and Anne Hyland Senior Executive Planner.

[H14 Clondalkin Local Area Plan 2nd Consultation ACMs FEB2024](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81828)

Following Contributions from Councillors P Gogarty and L O’Toole, Hazel Craigie Senior Planner Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted.**

### **LPNC/129/H15/0224 Item ID:82350 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/130/C10/0224 Item ID:81994 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/131/M15/0224 Item ID:82193 - Airlie Park Car Park**

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly, seconded by S. Moynihan

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

To call on the manager to give an update of when there will be public access to Airlie Park Car Park.

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

The defect with the electronic gate at the Airlie Park car park has been rectified. The car park can now be accessed by the public.

Following Contributions from Councillor V Casserly, this Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/132/M16/0224 Item ID:81827 - Kishogue Train Station**

Proposed by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

That this Committee agrees that SDCC write to the National Transport Authority requesting a confirmation timeline, in offering commuters a degree of assurance, for bringing Kishogue Train Station into full operation - specifically seeking detail as to any further anticipated delays that may impact from the now planned road work upgrades on the R136, or any modification challenges since identified within the actual station.

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

The Delivery Team in SDCC Planning are working closely with the NTA and Irish Rail to facilitate the opening of the Kishogue Station as required by the Planning Scheme phasing. The work to upgrade the station to bring it to an opening standard is underway by NTA/IR at present. There is a requirement to provide road upgrade works to the R136 to facilitate the station opening. Following public consultation, briefing of Elected Members and a Section 38 decision to amend the R136, the process of appointing a contractor to carry out the required works is underway. It is anticipated that the R136 works is a c16 week programme from appointment. In addition, LUPT are progressing a necessary Bye Law change for the Speed Limit for this section of the street and a briefing on same is included under Headed item on this agenda and was brought to the Clondalkin ACM on February.

LUPT planning have no objection to the Area Committee writing to the NTA requesting confirmation on the completion of the station upgrade works.

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

### **LPNC/133/M17/0224 Item ID:82196 - Adamstown Library**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

That the Chief Executive considers incorporating a multi-use public space suitable for theatre and other performances into the design of Adamstown Library as part of any public consultation; and if a statement can be made on the matter.

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

The Adamstown Planning Scheme (as amended) requires a library with a minimum floor area of 1,000sqm. A location for the library has been identified next to the newly completed Adamstown Plaza. A successful Preliminary Business Case has ensured support funding from the Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF). It is envisaged that a design team will be appointed this year and consultation with the Economic Enterprise and Tourism Department and SDCC libraries will be undertaken as part of the design process, in addition to the statutory consultation processes required as part of the planning process. The aim of the project will be to deliver a modern building use for current and future residents of Adamstown.

Following Contributions from Councillors P Gogarty, S Moynihan, M Johansson and D Ó ‘Brádaigh, Eoin Burke Senior Planner Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/134/M18/0224 Item ID:82243 - Beckett's Hotel**

Proposed by Councillor Joanna Tuffy, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

That the Council intervene urgently in accordance with any of its powers and functions in relation to Beckett's Hotel, which is a protected structure that is vacant and becoming increasingly derelict, so that the building is protected and secured, and if appropriate the Council would consider playing a role in bringing the building back to use, as there is a need for hotel accommodation in the County.

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

To date the following action has been carried out by Derelict Sites and the Planning Enforcement and Architectural Conservation Sections.

* November 2023 - SSO, received a members rep in relation to this site, a new Derelict Site File was opened.
* January 2024 - Senior Clerk of Work visited the site and advised: “That the hotel is vacant, and the entrance is secure with a barrier”.
* The file was brought to the meeting of the Senior Architect who endorsed the file as follows: “There is no action available under the Derelict Site Act” and informed Derelict sites to close the file. The file was therefore closed.
* Prior to the above the Architectural Conservation Section and Planning Enforcement were also aware that this site is currently vacant after the closure of the hotel. During 2022 the Architectural Conservation Officer recommended that a Warning Letter be sent to the property owners as a way of making contact and reminding owners of their duty of care of the Protected Structure.
* Planning Enforcement issued a Warning Letter to the owner after carrying out a land search, but no reply was ever received. During March 2023 the Planning Inspectors and the Councils Architectural Conservation Officer carried out site inspections and reached the same conclusion as Derelict sites and the Senior Clerk.

It was considered that although the former hotel is vacant, the site is secure and there were no signs of any direct threats or any related Endangerment Issues, therefore the file was closed by Planning Enforcement and agreed with the Architectural Conservation Officer as there are no signs that the Protected Structure is under any threat or endangered.

The above outlines the action taken to date by SDCC in line with Derelict Sites and Planning Enforcement re Possible Endangerment of a Protected Structure under Part IV of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended). The site has not been found to warrant any further action under Derelict Sites. Although the site is currently vacant it is not considered to be Endangered and has been found to be secure.

A pre-planning meeting took place during November 2023 under PP106/23 which included for the continued hotel use on the site. As the site still remains in private ownership any future use of the site will have to be initiated by the owner/s.

Following Contributions from Councillor J Tuffy, Eoin Burke Senior Planner Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

## **Transportation**

### **LPNC/135/Q19/0224 Item ID:82170 - GoCar parking fines**

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes

To ask the Manager to provide details of the number of parking tickets issued to GoCar for vehicles parked on Old Lucan Road Palmerstown in the previous 12 months to-date, and have they been paid.

**REPLY:**

Records show that 115 fines were issued to Go Car at the Old Lucan Road, Palmerstown from June 2023 to date. All have been paid except the 17 current fines which are not yet due.

SDCC is liaising with this car sharing company in relation to the volume of tickets issued, given that the scheme operates on a permit basis.

### **LPNC/136/Q20/0224 Item ID:82207 – Footpath Maintenance**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive to make arrangements to investigate the widening of the path and/or reclaim of the path between the entrance to James Connolly Park and Palmerstown Way, and to the entrance at Whitethorn.

**REPLY:**

A recent site inspection was carried out and while vegetation overgrowth is not currently an issue it was noted that this stretch of road would benefit from clearing back verge creep at the back of the footpath.

With respect to Whitethorn, this area is looked after by our Public Realm section. We have informed them of the request and they have added this to their works list

### **LPNC/137/Q21/0224 Item ID:82155 - Stage 3 Road Safety Audit**

Proposed by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh

To ask the Manager for an update on the findings of the stage 3 Road Safety Audit in relation to the cycle track upgrades along Griffeen Road, and to list exactly what 'snags' have arisen, detailing the planned remedial works and timeline?

**REPLY:**

The findings of the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit were:

**Junction overruns**

Both sides of all junctions will be cleared and filled with reinforced concrete to prevent gouging of overrun areas.

**Line Marking**

* To extend all white centre lining to junctions.
* To install elephant feet markings across bottle bank junction.

**Bottle Bank Junction**

Sign to be installed to clarify drop off process.

**Cycle Crossing Points**

To remove lips on concrete at cycle crossing points at Moy Glas Drive and Elmwood.

**Verge Areas**

To be cleaned up and seeded accordingly.

A contractor is engaged and has applied for a road opening licence to carry out these works. It is hoped that works will commence in the first week of March

### **LPNC/138/Q22/0224 Item ID:82210 - 3.5 Tonne limit at the Oval**

Proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell

Can the Chief Executive explain why there is not a 3.5T restriction on the residential cell between Kennelsfort and the Oval/R148 and to please include in the answer when the promised review of the HGV Policy is scheduled to take place?

**REPLY:**

There is a 7.5 tonne limit on the section of road between the R148 and the Oval. The current weight limit of 7.5 tonne was deemed to be the correct limit for the location at the time of the last weight limit review.

This limit is based on the Gross Vehicle Weight, that is **the load plus the weight of the vehicle**. The class of vehicle that this weight limit applies to is a "no vehicles greater in size than a small pickup van capable of carrying 3.5 tonnes of material".

The new weight limit review has commenced. The traffic section has already commenced preliminary traffic class counts at several locations of interest. Once a draft list of locations has been complied workshops will be conducted at EA workshops. It is likely to be mid year before a draft list of proposals is ready.

### **LPNC/139/H16/0224 Item ID:82153 -** **Kishogue Special Speed Limit**

### The following report was presented by John Hegarty Senior Engineer

[H15 R138 Kishogue Train Station Special Speed Limit(ii)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81720)  
[H15 Kishogue Station map(i)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81725)

Following Contributions from Councillor L O’Toole, John Hegarty Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted.**

### **LPNC/140/H17/0224 Item ID:82219 - Proposed Declaration of Roads to be made Public Roads - Tullyhall Taking in Charge**

### The following report was presented by John Hegarty Senior Engineer

[H17 BC-1483 Tullyhall - TIC Schedule(i)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81620)  
[H17 BC-1483 Tullyhall TIC map(ii)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81619)  
[H17 Lucan ACM report - Tullyhall(iii)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81618)

Following Contributions from Councillor P Gogarty, John Hegarty Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted.**

### **LPNC/141/H18/0224 Item ID:82333 - Part VIII report for Brine Saturation Facility**

The following report was presented by Gary Walsh Senior Engineer

[H17 AA Screening Report(i)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81750)  
[H17 EIA Screening Report(ii)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81751)  
[H17 Part VIII Presentation(iii)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81752)  
[H17 Part VIII Report(iv)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81748)  
[H17 Site Drawing(v)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81749)

This Report was **Noted.**

### **LPNC/142/H19/0224 Item ID:82441 - Palmerstown Laneways**

The following report was presented by Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer and John Hegarty Senior Engineer

[H19 Updated Palmerstown Laneway Report February 2024](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81875)

Following Contributions from Councillors G O’Connell, P Gogarty, A Hayes and S Moynihan, Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer and John Hegarty Senior Engineer Responded to queries and the Report was **Noted.**

### **LPNC/143/H20/0224 Item ID:82332 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/144/C11/0224 Item ID:81996 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/145/M19/0224 Item ID:82191 –** [**Hedge**](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=81758) **Cutting**

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly, seconded by S. Moynihan

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

To call on the manager to flail the hedgerow obstruction road encroaching road linage on Esker Road on approach to the traffic lights from Haydens lane opposite to Esker Cottages before legislation preventing this maintenance by the end of February

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

Road Maintenance are engaging our hedge cutting contractor to ensure adequate visibility of the traffic signals is provided at this location.

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

### **LPNC/146/M20/0224 Item ID:81859 - Grand Canal to Lucan Urban Greenway**

Proposed by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

That this committee agrees that Road Traffic Department engineers conduct an inspection and feasibility study to explore the construction of a safe pedestrian pathway (approximately 50mtrs) between Esker House (Chinese Gospel Church) on Old Esker Lane and the bus stop on the same side, or determines an alternative safe crossing solution at this bridge.

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

The Grand Canal to Lucan Urban Greenway project includes the section of the roadway bridge on the old esker lane near the Chinese Gospel Church. As part of the development of the project, it was determined that the northern side of the bridge is too narrow for a footpath and it was not possible to widen the bridge as it is on the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH). The project does include improved crossing near the bridge and this phase of the project is expected to begin construction before the end of the year.

Following Contributions from Councillors D Ó ‘Brádaigh, P Gogarty and V Casserly, Michael McAdam A/Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/147/M21/0224 Item ID:82166 – Hedge Cutting on Station Road**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

That the Chief Executive arrange for the hedging on Station Road/Cloverhill Road to be significantly cut back rather than trimmed slightly, and that the footpath be cleared of dead leaves/debris to enlarge the path as much as possible.

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

A recent site inspection was carried out and while vegetation overgrowth is not currently an issue it was noted that this stretch of road would benefit from clearing back verge creep at the back of the footpath.

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

### **LPNC/148/M22/0224 Item ID:82181 - Parking in Palmerstown Report**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

That the Chief Executive reviews the parking system and availability in Palmerstown village in the light of massive new housing construction without sufficient parking spaces being provided, as well as two new cafés, in order to facilitate visitor parking but also to protect parking designated for residents in areas such as Woodfarm Cottages and Red Cow Cottages from being blocked by commercial vehicles and especially Go Cars being parked carelessly (despite evidence of multiple fines being issued); and if a statement can be made on the matter.

[M22 Palmerstown ByeLaw Map(i)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81708)  
[M22 Palmerstown ByeLaw Schedule(ii)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81707)

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

### **LPNC/149/M23/0224 Item ID:82211 - Request for Footpath Link**

Proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

Can the pedestrian entrance at the southern end of Palmerstown Manor be examined with a view to provision of e pedestrian footpath for people approaching from the Coldcut side. At present they have to cross the carriageway/junction to continue on into the Estate.

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

The lands on the southern side of the access road into Palmerstown Manor are in private ownership. See the Taking in Charge map attached to this Motion. Areas Taken in Charge are highlighted in yellow on the attached map.

Therefore, it is not in SDCC's power to deliver a footpath at this location.

There is a footpath on the northern side of the access road into Palmerstown Manor. Pedestrians do have to cross the road if approaching from the south. The traffic section are satisfied that sufficient pedestrian connections exist at this location.

[M23 Taken in Charge Map](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81822)

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

### **LPNC/150/M24/0224 Item ID:82205 – St. Loman’s Road Cycle track**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

To call on the Chief Executive to complete the cycle path from the entrance of St Kevin's Community College to the entrance of Larkfield estate, on both sides of the road to enable full connectivity.

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

Route 14 on the Cycle South Dublin Programme provides for the completion and upgrade (where necessary) of the cycle track along St Loman's Road.

SDCC was pleased to receive notification from the NTA that the Annual Allocation includes provision for funding for design and construction works on schemes including the Grand Canal to Lucan Urban Greenway and Canal Loop Phase 2 as well as a significant contribution towards the development of the Clonburris Southern Link Street. However, there was no allocation from the NTA in 2024 to initiate the scheme on St Loman's Road.

This route is listed as a "Soon" scheme, meaning that it is intended to initiate the scheme by 2026 providing that sufficient funding and staff resources are available.

Following Contributions from Councillor S Moynihan, Michael McAdam A/Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

**At this point in the meeting, the Chair agreed to suspend Standing Orders to conclude the agenda.**

### **LPNC/151/M25/0224 Item ID:82215 - Esker Permeability**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

This Committee seeks a comprehensive update on the embankment plans. The Committee requests the inclusion of specific details regarding the proposed public consultation and associated timelines. Furthermore, the motion seeks clarification on whether any aspect of these plans is currently incorporated into ongoing or future planning initiatives. Background: The embankment plans were re-initiated in 2018. The local Community has expressed a keen interest in the progress of these plans. As a local Councillor, enquiries regarding the status of the embankment plans are regularly brought to my attention. Motion Details: The Committee requests a detailed update on the current status of the embankment plans. The update should encompass information on the proposed public consultation process, including methodologies and timelines. The Committee seeks clarification on whether any elements of the embankment plans are currently integrated into existing or future planning endeavours. Rationale: To address the Community's curiosity and expectations regarding the progress of the embankment plans. To ensure transparency and open communication with locals. To provide the committee members with a comprehensive understanding of the current status and future trajectory of the embankment plans.

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

Since the last update to the ACM on the Esker Permeability scheme, the Project Manager for the Esker Permeability scheme has left SDCC. It is hoped that a replacement Active Travel Officer will be recruited in the coming months, who will take up the duties of the now departed Project Manager.

Funding for the project was sought from the NTA in 2024 and SDCC has been given a small allocation to allow consultation to commence later in the year, once the staffing resources are in place.

A scheme to provide an active travel route between Griffeen Road and the R136, the Esker Permeability Scheme, which will incorporate permeability links to the Castle Riada and Moy Glas estates was initiated and a presentation was made to the ACM in April 2023. At that time, Councillors were briefed on the proposed approach with regard to consultation and working with elected representatives, residents, and interested groups.

An in-house SDCC concept design was being finalised by the Project Manager before his departure, once complete this will be used as a starting point for discussions with local representatives to exchange views on the form of the proposed link and the degree of permeability to be included. A key element of this scheme will be incorporating the views received during the consultation process from local residents, potential users, and those who feel they will be affected by the scheme. Surveys undertaken by elected representatives with individual residents and residents’ groups will be a valuable addition to the wider consultation that will be carried out in order to find the best fit for a potential scheme.

After the public consultation has been completed, an assessment will be carried out on the cost vs. benefits for the scheme which will largely be linked to the ability of the scheme to allow local residents to incorporate sustainable travel choices into their daily lives and the anticipated degree to which active travel users will be attracted to the route i.e., the degree of permeability that will be provided and is acceptable to all parties.

Once a conceptual design is agreed, funding to proceed to the next phase will be sought from the NTA and a Part 8 process will be undertaken, with construction pending approval of same.

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

### **LPNC/152/M26/0224 Item ID:82192 - Signage to Airlie Park and Tandy's Park**

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly, seconded by S. Moynihan

To call on the Manager to install adequate road signage directing locals and visitors to the new Airlie Park and Tandy's Park Facilities from the various main thoroughfares.

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

SDCC will erect directional signage to both Parks when all areas are Taken in Charge by the Council. This signage will be erected under the County Wide Signage Strategy. Any wayfinding signage that is missing can be installed under this project.

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

### **LPNC/153/M27/0224 Item ID:82216 - Broken Bus Shelter Lights and Additional Bus Shelters**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

This committee wishes to bring to your attention the concerning lack of response to representations made directly to the NTA (National Transport Authority) concerning broken bus shelter lights. I, as a local councillor, have recently raised two instances of broken bus shelter lights and submitted the relevant details simultaneously. However, regrettably, only one of the reported issues has been addressed. This has raised concerns about the effectiveness of the current process for ensuring timely repairs. In light of this, we kindly request the CE intervention to highlight this matter with the NTA and explore opportunities for streamlining the process to ensure that broken lights are addressed promptly. We believe that a more efficient system could significantly enhance the maintenance and functionality of public amenities such as bus shelters. Additionally, we propose conducting an audit on new bus stop locations to assess the need for bus shelters in these areas. This proactive approach would help identify potential locations where the installation of bus shelters is warranted, ensuring the comfort and safety of commuters.

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

The manager will contact the NTA about the broken lights in the Bus shelters mentioned.

The NTA has provided funding in 2024 for the installation of additional Bus shelters in this Local Authority. As it is the first year for this new funding, SDCC are in the process of developing a fair and transparent method of deciding where this money should be spent.

This expenditure decision method will have to assess the required planning rules that apply, the available footpath space or public land at the proposed location, the safety of siting a Bus Shelter at the proposed location for example site lines at vehicle entrances, Public consultation and addressing any objections from residents, good geographical spread, the level of commuter use and the age profile of users of the proposed Bus Shelter locations. (not an exhaustive list of criteria)

When the traffic team have a method and process for prioritising the delivery of new Bus Shelters, we will invite county wide suggestions for new Bus shelter installations from the elected members and the community.

The traffic Team will also survey the County for the need for additional Bus Shelters in the County and asses their priority under the assessment criteria mentioned above. Then, subject to the available budget, additional bus shelters can be delivered.

[M27 Photo](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81876)

Following Contributions from Councillors L O’Toole and M Johansson, John Hegarty Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/154/M28/0224 Item ID:82194 - Westbury Estate**

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly, seconded by D O ‘Brádaigh

To call on the manager to urgently and permanently repair the footpath to the front of Westbury Estate adjacent to 7168 Bus stop. This area consistently becomes entirely submerged with rainfall, pushing pedestrians to the road margin. Images can be provided.

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

Road Maintenance will inspect this area during a period of wet weather to identify the cause of the matter. If images of the issues are available we would welcome them

Following Contributions from Councillors V Casserly, L O’Toole and D Ó ‘Brádaigh, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

## Meeting Concluded at 18:07

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