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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council March 2024 Rathfarnham / Templeogue / Firhouse / Bohernabreena Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 12 March 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**

### Lyn Hagin Meade

### Brian Lawlor

### Ronan McMahon

### David McManus

### Lilian Guéret

### Lynn McCrave

### Yvonne Collins

### Mark Lynch

### Emma Murphy

### Justin Sinnott

### Alan Edge

### Pamela Kearns

### **Officials Present**

### Senior Executive Officer Mary Maguire

### A/Senior Executive Officer Vivienne Hartnett

### Senior Engineer John Hegarty, Gary Walsh

### A/Senior Engineer Michael McAdam

### Senior Executive Parks

### Superintendent Laurence Colleran

### Senior Executive Parks &

### Landscape Officer Brendan Redmond

### Senior Executive Engineer Michael Heffernan, Farhan Nasiem

### Administrative Officer Ralph McGarry

### A/Administrative Officer Niamh Carton

### Executive Engineer Clodagh Butler

### Executive Librarian Siobhan Bermingham

### Senior Staff Officer Adrienne McGee

### Staff Officer Eimear O’Sullivan

### Clerical Officer Vikki Cryan, John Evoy

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Pamela Kearns, presided.

### **RTFB/107/H1/0324 Item ID:82396 - Minutes**

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Minutes of Rathfarnham / Templeogue / Firhouse / Bohernabreena Area Committee dealing with Housing, Community, Transportation, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries, Corporate, Performance & Change Management, Public Realm, Environment, Water & Drainage held on 13th February 2024 which have been circulated, were submitted, and **APPROVED** as true record and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor Y Collins , seconded by Councillor L Guéret, and **RESOLVED** “That the recommendations contained in the minutes of 13th February 2024 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

[H-I(1) Minutes of February RTFB ACM](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82012)

## **RTFB/108/0324 – Questions**

It was proposed by Councillor P Kearns, seconded by Councillor L McCrave and **RESOLVED** “That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 that Questions 1 - 14 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**

## **Corporate Support**

### **RTFB/109/Q1/0324 Item ID:82423 – 300K Have Your Say Initiative 2022**

Proposed by Councillor J. Sinnott

This Committee requests an update on the use of the €10,000 allocated for "New seating for the Crannagh Road area - Rathfarnham " under the 300k Have Your Say Initiative in 2022. What plans are currently in place to advance these works and what is the timeline for the competition of the project?

**REPLY:**

Upon investigation and discussion with the community group, the location identified in the images provided by the community group is not on public land and is in the ownership and care of the private estate behind it: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Ctod6DiDukc8ZGXt8> therefore the Council can’t place a bench in this specific location identified as it’s not on public land.

Other areas have been looked at in close proximity, however there is no suitable, safe location. The Public Realm team have made suggestions of other locations in the area which may be suitable and have contacted the submitter to suggest this.

The monies assigned to this project remain available to use should one of the locations suggested by the Public Realm team be agreed.

### **RTFB/110/H2/0324 Item ID:82412 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **C1/0324 Item ID:82399 – Correspondence**

Correspondence  - Reply from JC Decaux

[Cor (i) Response from JC Decaux](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81887)

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **RTFB/111/H3/0324 Item ID:82417 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/112/C2/0324 Item ID:82403 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Water & Drainage**

### **RTFB/113/H4/0324 Item ID:82421 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/114/C3/0324 Item ID:82408 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Public Realm**

### **RTFB/115/Q2/0324 Item ID:82284 – Request for Dog Run in Dodder Valley Park**

Proposed by Councillor M. Lynch

To ask the manager if there are any plans to install an enclosed dog run in Dodder Valley Park

**REPLY:**

An examination of Dodder Valley Park has taken place and there is no space suitable or large enough to accommodate a dog run. A large proportion of the lands within Dodder Valley Park is allocated to biodiversity and is a key green infrastructure link for the county. The nearest dog run to Dodder Valley Park is Tymon Park which can be accessed from Tymon Limekiln Car Park.

### **RTFB/116/Q3/0324 Item ID:82272 – Tree Planting in Hermitage Court**

Proposed by Councillor D. McManus

To ask the Chief Executive to consider Hermitage Court, Rathfarnham for new tree planting in 2024 as there's a number of grass verges with no trees planted, if this location is considered suitable and if a statement is available?

**REPLY:**

Hermitage Estate and Hermitage Court will be examined for tree planting opportunities as requested. Locations identified will be listed on the Councils tree planting programme (Nov 2024 to end of Feb 2025) for the Rathfarnham area.

### **RTFB/117/H5/0324 Item ID:82419 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/118/C4/0324 Item ID:82405 - Correspondence**

Correspondence(No Business)

### **RTFB/119/M1/0324 Item ID:82277 – Hedge Pruning for Longwood Park & Aranleigh Gardens**

Proposed by Councillor D. McManus, seconded by Councillor P. Kearns

That the Chief Executive arranges to have overhanging branches, brambles cleared back along the public walkway between Longwood Park and Aranleigh Gardens and to ensure the footpath is maintained to its full width?

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

Branches and brambles that are restricting free pedestrian movements along the public walkway between Longwood Park and Aranleigh Gardens will be pruned back in the coming weeks. Further pruning work will be conducted at the end of the bird nesting season which concludes on the 31st of August.

Following Contributions from Councillor D McManus this Motion was **Agreed**.

### **RTFB/120/M2/0324 Item ID:82437 – Request for Upgrades to Tymon Park Dog Run**

Proposed by Councillor J. Sinnott, seconded by Councillor P. Kearns

This Committee requests the Council to investigate improvements for users at the Tymon Park Dog Run including: 1) Changes to the entrance to the dog run: On a few occasions in the past few months users have slipped and fallen while trying to enter the area with their pets. Could a section of rubber grass protection matting which can be filled with gravel to provide a safe footing be considered? 2) Need for adequate lighting inward to the dog run. In winter at 4pm it is dark in the run and it is impossible to see any dogs without the use of a torch. Could a simple floodlight on a timer facing into the run by each entrance be considered?

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

The Councils Public Realm Section have plans to improve the existing entrance to the dog run surface in Tymon Park by installing a self-binding gravel entrance, this will allow water to percolate and create a more appealing entrance for dog run visitors. In addition to this the council have plans to conduct additional works on the dog run which will include aeration and topdressing. Aeration and topdressing enhance the dog runs durability, promoting better drainage and stronger grass growth to withstand the regular usage.

Public lighting in parks and open spaces is in general only provided where there are short pedestrian links between residential areas which are lit to facilitate permeability.  It may not be safe to attract members of the public into a park in darkness by providing lighting as this may also attract anti-social elements into the area.  Parks should therefore not be used during darkness when alternative lit routes are available along public roads which are passively supervised by passing traffic. The provision of lights in our parks would also increase the carbon footprint of the Council and it could be considered to be an unacceptable intrusion into the ecology of the area.

Following Contributions from Councillor J Sinnott this Motion was **Agreed**.

### **RTFB/121/M3/0324 Item ID:82510**

Proposed by Councillor B. Lawlor

That the Chief Executive agrees to have the two shrub areas on the green, opposite Killakee Green tidied up.

In the Absence of Councillor Lawlor, this Motion **falls**

### **RTFB/122/M4/0324 Item ID:82514 – Request for Teen Space in Greenhills Park**

Proposed by Councillor L. Guéret, seconded by Councillor R McMahon

That the manager gives consideration to the creation of a Teen Space, with Basketball facilities in Greenhills Park or some provision for youth activities in Greenhills Park.

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

South Dublin County Council reviewed the teenspace programme in 2022. As part of that process teenagers were asked to propose additional locations for teenpaces. Following the public consultation stage and review process; the council agreed and funded an expanded programme of teenspace locations across the county in accordance with the submitted views of teenagers. The original and expanded programme is set out as follows:

Teenspace 1st phase:

* Ballycragh (Rathfarnham / Templeogue / Firhouse / Bohernabreena): Complete
* Avonbeg (Tallaght Central) : Complete 2023
* Collinstown (was in Clondalkin LEA when first proposed, now Palmerstown/Fonthill): Complete
* Kingswood (Tallaght Central): Complete 2023.
* Esker (Lucan area): consultants appointed; draft designs done; operator advice being compiled.

Teenspace 2nd phase:

* St. Cuthberts Park: (Clondalkin area) construction to commence in coming weeks (March 2024)
* Esker Phase 2 (Lucan area): Complete 2023
* Bancroft (Tallaght Central): Complete 2023
* Templeogue area, Limekiln (Rathfarnham / Templeogue Area): Complete 2023

Teenspace 3rd Phase:

* Carrigmore Park ( Tallaght South Area ): Tender stage
* Rathcoole Park (Clondalkin Area): Tender stage
* Clondalkin (Clondalkin Area): Tender stage
* Griffeen Valley Park (Northern Section) (Lucan Area): not commenced as yet
* Sean Walsh Park ( Tallaght Central): Tender Stage
* Dodder Valley Park, Western Section (Tallaght Central Area ): not commenced as yet
* Dodder Valley Park, Eastern Section ( Firhouse Bohernabreena ): not commenced as yet
* Whitechurch Open Space (Rathfarnham / Templeogue Area): initial consultation completed.

These projects are at various stages of delivery as set out above, with a number successfully completed and well received by the local teenagers and their communities.

As part of the review process set out above, Public Realm examined Greenhills Park as a prospective site for a Teenspace, and did not consider that it would be an appropriate location for such a facility. In consultations to date teenagers have generally requested public spaces that are well overlooked, or places with a high level of activity or footfall. Teenagers like busier places as such spaces improve their safety and makes them more likely to use the facilities so Public Realm look for spaces where teenagers can see and be seen.

Greenhills Park is in the centre of a residential area and is intensively used by a number of existing sports clubs. It is difficult to find a suitable site that is not too close to existing houses, or does not already have an existing use by clubs, but yet remains within an active / well-overlooked location. Just to note the teenspace at Tymon Limekiln is also within a kilometre of Greenhills Park.

Public Realm have been requested by some members of the local community to consider a teenspace in Beechfield Park near the refurbished basketball court, which could be a more successful location.  The play area, exercise circuit and tennis courts have made the area a hub of activity and a teenspace may add to the amenity of that space. If councillors wished to consider / discuss same with Public Realm and there was a further expansion of the programme with additional locations / funding, we would welcome further input.

Following Contributions from Councillors L Guéret, Y Collins and P Kearns, Laurence Colleran Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **RTFB/123/M5/0324 Item ID:82585 – Request for Bin on Butterfield Avenue**

Proposed by Councillor Y. Collins, seconded by Councillor P. Kearns

That this Council provides a bin at or near the bushes at the bus stop at Butterfield Avenue near the PTSB.

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

 The Council will install a bin as requested here, at the bus stop at Butterfield Avenue and PTSB.

Following Contributions from Councillors Y Collins, L Guéret and J Sinnott this Motion was **Agreed**.

### **RTFB/124/M6/0324 Item ID:82587 – Metal / Iron Bridges**

Proposed by Councillor L. McCrave, seconded by Councillor Y. Collins

To ask the Chief Executive the number of small holed metal/iron bridges in SDCC Parks. In particular in Tymon Park, would you consider changing the surfaces of these bridges as injuries to animals are occurring.

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

Over the years the Councils Park bridges have been changed from wooden surface to metal as people were reporting they were slipping on them. The bridges described as small-holed metal/iron bridges is a perforated metal footbridge. The perforated metal footbridge surface was selected as it is slip resistant relatively light, alternatives like concrete or macadam are too heavy and would compromise the stability of the bridge. The perforations allow rainwater to drain through the bridge, reducing the risk of icy conditions during cold weather, thus enhancing pedestrian safety. The Council has no plans to change the bridge surfaces but will continue to explore alternative surface options. Within Tymon Park there is 7 bridges, 5 are macadam, 1 concrete and 1 is a perforated metal footbridge. The perforated metal footbridge bridge is due to be replaced as part of the Poddle Flood Alleviation Scheme.

Following Contributions from Councillors L McCrave, Y Collins and P Kearns, Brendan Redmond Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **RTFB/125/M7/0324 Item ID:82489 – Manortown United FC Storage Facilities**

Proposed by Councillor J. Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Y. Collins

This committee welcomes notice given to Manortown United FC of a the recent allocation of €20,000 from South Dublin County Council. This Committee understands that one of the conditions of funding is for the removal of one of the containers adjacent to the main pitch. In advance of the drawing down of the funding this Committee requests the following: 1) Support be provided by the Council for the removal of the disused container. 2) Consideration be given to providing a lock up area adjacent to the main pitch similar to the lock up area that was funded previously by the Council that is beside the junior pitch.

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

The Council's Public Realm Section intends providing a goal post storage facility in the '5 acres' section of Greenhills Park as referred to in this motion.  It should be noted that there is no allocation of funding to the club Manortown United, it is however expected that the storage facility will cost in the region of €20,000 to provide and the Council has committed to this expenditure.  The Public Realm Section will liaise with the Manortown Utd club regarding the removal of the container which is no longer in use.

[M7 (ii) Pitch Map](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81797)
[M7 (iii) Gear lock Up](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81799)
[M7 (iv) Existing Containers](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81798)

Following Contributions from Councillors J Sinnott, P Kearns and R McMahon this Motion was **Agreed**.

### **RTFB/126/M8/0324 Item ID:82509 – Hedge Pruning**

Proposed by Councillor B. Lawlor

That the council will maintain and cut back the bushes etc that are encroaching the footpath at the intersection of the Ballycullen Road & Killininny Road "The area as you would turn left from Ballycullen Road onto Killininny Road.

 In the absence of Councillor Lawlor, this Motion **falls.**

## **Environment**

### **RTFB/127/Q4/0324 Item ID:82430 – Dog Warden Information Sessions**

Proposed by Councillor M. Lynch

To ask the manager for an update on plans to hold static information / checkpoints by dog wardens / park rangers in Tymon Park, Dodder Park and other parks in the constituency as agreed at the February Local Area Meeting and as committed to by the manager.

**REPLY:** The manager has agreed to holding information sessions that will include dog wardens and park rangers as part of these sessions over the coming weeks. There is no date set for these sessions as yet. All Councillors will be informed of dates once they are set.

### **RTFB/128/H6/0324 Item ID:82414 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/129/C5/0324 Item ID:82397 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/130/M9/0324 Item ID:82455 – Graffiti Removal**

Proposed by Councillor D. McManus, seconded by Councillor R. McMahon

That the Chief Executive agrees to ensure that graffiti is removed between Templeroan Lawn and Sancta Maria College, and the significant amount on both sides of Ballyboden Way until Taylors Lane?

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

As always SDCC thank you and others for bringing these littered areas to our attention. Public Realm, on receipt of request to remove Graffiti from the locations mentioned above, have requested for this removal. There are a number of areas for removal ahead of these locations and it will be dealt with as soon as possible. I have requested an update from the staff involved and on receipt of same, I will update the Councillors.

The areas requested for graffiti removal were Ballyboden Way until Taylors Lane and between Templeroan Lawn and Sancta Maria College.

Following Contributions from Councillor D McManus this Motion was **Agreed**.

### **RTFB/131/M10/0324 Item ID:82515 – Cleaning Schedule for Greenhills & Perrystown**

Proposed by Councillor L. Guéret, seconded by Councillor Y. Collins

That the Manager agrees that the Laneways in Greenhills & Perrystown could be added to a regular cleaning rota, and if the Microsweeper could be used regularly on the lanes to keep them clean.

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

The Council's Road Sweeping Programme which is provided under contract by Oxigen Environmental Ltd focuses on the high priority areas of town and village centres, main roads and housing estates with sweeping provided at a frequency of monthly for urban centres and main roads and quarterly for housing estates.  In addition to this segregated cycle tracks are now being swept monthly using a 'microsweeper'.  It is not possible to add the Greenhills and Perrystown laneways to either the monthly or quarterly sweeping schedule.  The Council has committed to providing a laneway cleaning service in the Dublin 12 area and some of the laneways, approximately six locations, have already been swept and cleaned.  It is proposed to present a cleaning programme for these laneways to the April meeting of the area committee and this will give details of laneways, to be included and when they are scheduled to be cleaned.  This work will include removal of dumped items, sweeping where possible, removal of weeds and treatment for further weed growth.

Following Contributions from Councillors L Guéret, Y Collins and P Kearns this Motion was **Agreed.**

### **RTFB/132/M11/0324 Item ID:82517 – Litter Warden in Greenhills & Perrystown**

Proposed by Councillor L. Guéret, seconded by Councillor R. McMahon

That the Manager agrees to the Litter Warden making periodic inspections of the laneways in Greenhills & Perrystown and if some deterrent could be placed to try and prevent illegal dumping in these laneways.

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

The anti-litter warden for the area currently carries out regular inspections of the laneways in question. From a review of recent inspections there has been on average 3 inspections per week over the last 6-month period.  In that time the warden has issued notices to householders to remove items and these have been complied with.

The warden works closely with our waste enforcement section in relation to illegal dumping and all items found are thoroughly searched with a view to gathering evidence of offenders. The Council will review the laneways and determine what appropriate deterrents can be erected.

As always, The Council is very appreciative of information received from members of the public in relation to issues of littering and illegal dumping and would encourage anyone who has information in relation to same to contact The Council on 01-4149000 or info@sdublincoco.ie

Following Contributions from Councillors L Guéret, Y Collins and P Kearns this Motion was **Agreed**.

## **Housing**

### **RTFB/133/Q5/0324 Item ID:82285 – Illegal Dumping to The Rear of Cherryfield Way**

Proposed by Councillor M. Lynch

To ask the manager what plans are in place to combat the chronic littering and dumping in Dodder Valley Park to the rear of Cherryfield Way.

**REPLY:**

The Council’s Traveller Accommodation Unit provides a refuse collection service to the tenants of Cherryfield Way in conjunction with a contracted waste provider. A skip is provided for domestic waste and is collected weekly. This has reduced the incidents of littering and dumping at the rear of Cherryfield Way.

The Council conducted two cleansing operations at this location in January and May 2023. A procurement process is being prepared to engage additional contractors to conduct any required clean-ups. When complete, further cleansing operations will be conducted in and around this location, including the rear of Cherryfield Way.

The site and waste management sub-group of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC) meet regularly. The membership consists of Local Traveller Development Groups, Elected members, Council officials from the Traveller Accommodation Unit and the Waste Enforcement Unit. Measures to combat the illegal dumping and burning of waste are reviewed and put in place. A report is presented to the bi-monthly meetings of the LTACC.  Regular joint inspections are conducted by staff from the Council’s Waste Enforcement Unit and the Traveller Accommodation Unit in an effort to identify those responsible for illegal dumping and initiate legal proceedings where sufficient evidence is found.

In addition to the above, the Council's Public Realm Section regularly conducts litter picking in this area. During grass growing season, litter picking is conducted before the grass is cut on a two-week cycle.

### **RTFB/134/H7/0324 Item ID:82558 – Quarterly Housing Delivery Report**

The following report was presented by Vivienne Hartnett A/Senior Executive Officer

[H7 Housing Delivery Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82005)

Following Contributions from Councillors E Murphy, M Lynch, Y Collins, L McCrave and P Kearns, Vivienne Hartnett A/Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted.**

### **RTFB/135/H8/0324 Item ID:82560 – Quarterly Anti-Social Behaviour Report**

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

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| **Incidents** | **2022 TOTAL**  | **1st Qtr 2023** | **2nd Qtr 2023** | **3rd Qtr 2023** | **4th Qtr 2023** | **2023 TOTAL**  |
| **CATEGORY A** |  |   |   |   |   |  |
| Drugs Activity reported to SDCC | **3** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| Criminal Activity reported to SDCC | **1** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| Joyriding reported to SDCC | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| Violence/intimidation/ harassment reported to SDCC | **9** | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | **5** |
| **CATEGORY B** |  |   |   |   |   |  |
| Squatters/illegal occupiers reported to SDCC | **5** | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | **4** |
| Vandalism reported to SDCC | **4** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| Physical condition of property reported to SDCC | **7** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | **2** |
| Physical condition of Garden reported to SDCC | **2** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| Racism reported to SDCC | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| Vacant House reported to SDCC | **10** | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | **7** |
| Neighbour Dispute (including parking) reported to SDCC | **3** | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | **5** |
| **CATEGORY C** |  |   |   |   |   |  |
| Noise/disturbance reported to SDCC | **3** | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | **2** |
| Pets/animal nuisance reported to SDCC | **2** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| Children Nuisance reported to SDCC | **0** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **1** |
| Selling alcohol | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| **Total Incidents reported to SDCC** | 55 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 26 |
| **Total Complaints reported to SDCC** | **64** | 10 | 10 | 4 | 6 | **30** |
|   |  |   |   |   |   |  |
| **Total Actions taken by Allocations Support Unit Staff  -     Main actions listed below** | **296** | 57 | 53 | 19 | 68 | **197** |
|  |   |   |   |   |  |
| House call / Inspection | **58** | 8 | 11 | 2 | 0 | **21** |
| Demand for Possession Section 15 & 17 | **0** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **1** |
| Abandonment notice served | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| Surrenders Obtained (including Termination of Tenancy under Section 15) | **5** | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | **2** |
| Warnings issued | **6** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | **1** |
| Interviews held (formal office and by phone) | **39** | 6 | 7 | 4 | 5 | **22** |
| Pre-Tenancies (includes following up Tenancy Checks) | **26** | 10 | 5 | 0 | 22 | **37** |
| Complaints received by Whatsapp | **0** | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9 | **10** |

### Following Contributions from Councillor Y Collins, Niamh Carton A/Administrative Officer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

### **RTFB/136/H9/0324 Item ID:82415 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/137/C6/0324 Item ID:82401 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Community**

### **RTFB/138/H10/0324 Item ID:82411 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/139/H11/0324 Item ID:82409 – Deputations for Noting**

Deputations for Noting - No Business

### **RTFB/140/C7/0324 Item ID:82398 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Transportation**

### **RTFB/141/Q6/0324 Item ID:82511 – Update on Road Works at Old Court Road**

Proposed by Councillor B. Lawlor

To ask for an update on road works at Old Court Road which is causing disruption.

**REPLY:**

 The works in Old Court were Uisce Eireann upgrading the watermain.

The work on the mains was completed in the first week of March and final re-instatement is to be carried out in the coming weeks.

### **RTFB/142/Q7/0324 Item ID:82287 – Housing Estates in the Process of being Taken in Charge**

Proposed by Councillor L. Hagin Meade

To ask the manager, in tabular form, how many housing estates in this ACM area are in the process of being taken in charge, with any further details.

**REPLY:**

I have attached a table of the TIC progress status of several estates in the Rathfarnham, Templeogue, Firhouse and Bohernabreena Electoral Area.

[Q7 (ii) TIC Progress List](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82042)

### **RTFB/143/Q8/0324 Item ID:82457 – Public Lighting LED Upgrades**

Proposed by Councillor E. Murphy

To ask the Council to provide a report on LED upgrades in the Firhouse-Bohernabreena Local Electoral Area detailing upcoming plans for estates in the LEA?

**REPLY:**

 Please find attached a table indicating what upgrades have been completed to date and what upgrades are planned for 2023/2024. Note that ESBN have been requested to give us a proposal regarding how they can resource their required site liaison to enable these upgrades to be carried out.

[Q8 (ii) LED Upgrade Status Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81982)

### **RTFB/144/H12/0324 Item ID:82561 – Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Taken In Charge**

This report was presented by John Hegarty Senior Engineer

Proposed Declaration of Roads to be made Public - Dodderbrook

[H12 (i) TIC Dodderbrook Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81888)
[H12 (ii) TIC Dodderbrook Phase 1 Road Schedule](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81889)
[H12 (iii) TIC Dodderbrook Phase 1 AC Services Drawing](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81890)

Following Contributions from Councillors E Murphy and P Kearns, John Hegarty Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

### **RTFB/145/H13/0324 Item ID:82420 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/146/C8/0324 Item ID:82407 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/147/M12/0324 Item ID:82082 – Roadworks Programme 2024**

Proposed by Councillor Y. Collins, seconded by Councillor R. McMahon

That this Council includes Brookvale and Brookvale estate on the current RTFB Roadworks Programme 2024 as the roads and footpaths have disintegrated badly and are in urgent need of proper repair and maintenance works. Please see attached photos.

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

The draft 2024 RWP brought to ACMs in January provided the list of schemes and the allocation. As such we do have funding to add another location to the programme currently. We do have the programme contingency and we will hopefully be able to add additional schemes later on in the year once construction rates can be accurately estimated.

We will include this area on a list for consideration for future programmes.

[(i) Brookvale Brookvale Downs](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82452)
[(ii) Brookvale Brookvale Downs](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82453)
[(iii) Brookvale Brookvale Downs](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82454)
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[(v) Brookvale Brookvale Downs](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82456)
[(vi) Brookvale Brookvale Downs](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82457)

Following Contributions from Councillors Y Collins, L McCrave, R McMahon and P Kearns, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **RTFB/148/M13/0324 Item ID:82313 – Footpath Maintenance**

Proposed by Councillor M. Lynch, seconded by Councillor R. McMahon

That the manager conducts minor footpath works as outlined in the attached letter to improve accessibility for the numerous footpath users on this busy route used by elderly people, people with buggies and school children.

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

The observations are well outlined and this is an issue Roads Maintenance would be eager to progress later in the year if resources permit.

[M13 Letter to SDCC re Footpaths in Hermitage Estate Requiring Corner Ramps at Junctions](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81622)

Following Contributions from Councillors M Lynch and Y Collins, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **RTFB/149/M14/0324 Item ID:82424 – Road Safety Measures**

Proposed by Councillor J. Sinnott, seconded by Councillor P. Kearns

This Committee requests SDCC undertake additional road safety measures at Greenhills Educate Together School as a priority. The road outside the school is part of the Wellington Lane Scheme and the school are also part of Safe Routes to School initiative. This request is based upon the following: It is understood that the proposed date for the works as part of the Wellington Lane Scheme is not until 2025. There are no effective traffic calming measures on the road at the school bar ineffective bus cushions. There is no indication that this is a school zone and no measures in place to slow traffic. It is a long, straight stretch of road. As the permanent works are not going to be completed for a significant amount of time, it is essential that some sort of safety works are completed in the meantime.

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

The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Programme was developed in partnership by the National Transport Authority (NTA) and Green-Schools, as a response to the need to support schools to increase walking and cycling to school. Details of the SRTS Programme can be found online at this website; [Safe Routes to School - Green-Schools (greenschoolsireland.org)](https://greenschoolsireland.org/saferoutestoschool/)

The current SRTS Programme was launched in March 2021 and was open to all schools in Ireland to apply for active travel funding and delivery. Funding is provided annually by the NTA as part of the overall annual allocation to SDCC. Nationally, the programme received expressions of interest from 932 schools, almost one in four schools in the state.

In order to accelerate delivery of the SRTS works for Riverview Educate Together National School on Limekiln Road, the school was incorporated into the Wellington Lane Cycle scheme. This enabled the schools team from An Taisce to liaise with the school to develop and agree a draft delivery plan. The recommendations from the plan were incorporated into the Wellington Lane scheme (Limekiln Road element).

The Wellington Lane scheme received Part 8 Approval at the December 2022 Full Council Meeting. As part of that approval, amendments to the Part 8 were approved by Councillors, requiring that amended trial designs be put in place initially on Rossmore and Whitehall Road. The Rossmore trial element is substantially complete and we anticipate that the Whitehall Road trial will commence construction in Q3 2024. Progress on the detailed design of the rest of the Wellington Lane scheme has been progressing and it is planned that the scheme will be delivered on a phased basis from 2025, the delivery of the works will be aligned with the available resources and funding.

Additionally, through liaison with the school and other stakeholders, SDCC identified a key route to Riverview Educate Together (and other schools) known as the "Bike Bus" route. SDCC accelerated the delivery of a route to provide a safer route for school children and others along a route from Whitehall Road West, Limekiln Lane, Fernhill Road, Mountdown Park to Limekiln Road. Details of the scheme are available online; [Limekiln and Whitehall Road West Cycle Scheme | South Dublin County Council's Online Consultation Portal (sdublincoco.ie)](https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/limekiln-and-whitehall-road-west-cycle-scheme) That scheme is under construction at present and it is anticipated that it will be completed this summer.

The Limekiln Road is an existing Bus Route. Therefore the bus cushions are in place to calm traffic speeds.  This method of traffic calming is in line with accepted traffic calming policy and best practice guidance. It is not proposed to undertake additional traffic calming at this location at this time.

Following Contributions from Councillors J Sinnott, P Kearns, L Guéret, Y Collins, R McMahon and M Lynch, Michael McAdam A/Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **RTFB/150/M15/0324 Item ID:82508 – Footpath Maintenance**

Proposed by Councillor B. Lawlor

That the Chief Executive agrees to repair the corner grass area and kerb of the intersection of Killakee Ave & Ballycullen Ave Firhouse.

In absence of Councillor B Lawlor, this Motion **falls**.

### **RTFB/151/M16/0324 Item ID:82527 – Public Lighting Repair**

Proposed by Councillor D. McManus

That the Chief Executive agrees to ensure the public lighting pole no. 2 on Eden Avenue Rathfarnham is repaired?

In absence of Councillor D McManus, this Motion **falls**.

### **RTFB/152/M17/0324 Item ID:82490 – Road Drainage Maintenance at The Yellow House**

Proposed by Councillor J. Sinnott, seconded by Councillor P. Kearns

This Committee notes with concern the level of overflow and flooding at the drains opposite the Yellow House pub in Rathfarnham. This Committee notes that even moderate rainfall leads to the road being flooded and is a hazard for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. This Committee requests the Council to carry out an investigation and arrange for works to address the issue.

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

The main line drain was cleared manually last week. Location will be jetted when resources are available.

Following Contributions from Councillor J Sinnott this Motion was **Agreed**.

### **RTFB/153/M18/0324 Item ID:82564 – School Warden Crossing on Knocklyon Road**

Proposed by Councillor M. Lynch seconded by Councillor Y. Collins

Can the location of the lollipop person station on Knocklyon Road (beside Coolamber Park) currently beside the Applegreen petrol station be reviewed as reports from some parents state that the location means that children are left to cross a second busy junction after the initial crossing.

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

The Council has recently assessed this location which is within a housing estate and it has been determined that it lacks controlled crossing and tactile indicators.

While it is not advised to move the location of the School Warden Crossing on Knocklyon Road, the possibility of installing a raised uncontrolled pedestrian crossing across from the small path to enhance clarity and safety for pedestrian is being examined.

Following Contributions from Councillors M Lynch this Motion was **Agreed**.

### **RTFB/154/M19/0324 Item ID:82586 – Road Maintenance Rathfarnham Village**

Proposed by Councillor Y. Collins, seconded by Councillor R. McMahon

That much needed resurfacing and repairs on the Main Street in Rathfarnham Village be carried out as soon as possible, particularly at the end of the Village where the surfaces have deteriorated badly. I note that €30K had been allocated for these works but that as the area was being dug up by Irish Water, that the €30K was allocated to Butterfield Avenue instead. I would be obliged if you could please confirm that these monies may now be reallocated and expended for the benefit of the Main Street in the Village as this is now urgent and long overdue.

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

Road Maintenance are fully aware of the need to carry out some works on Rathfarnham Main Street but we are not willing to invest significant money when there is potential for an Uisce Eireann scheme to come through and dig it up. We are still requesting an update from Uisce Eireann regarding the status of this scheme.

If we can confirm that Uisce Eireann are not proceeding with their scheme then we will try to carry out a scheme in Q3 or Q4 of this year if funding is available and if not we will include it in the 2025 RWP.

Following Contributions from Councillors Y Collins, L Guéret, R McMahon, J Sinnott, L McCrave, M Lynch and P Kearns, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

On a point of Order Councillor E Murphy drew attention to the emergence of items traditionally managed via the Traffic Management Meeting.

In response Mary Maguire Senior Executive Officer advised that while the Traffic Management Meetings are the most suitable forum for managing traffic related issues, it is not possible to rule against Members submitting items to ACMs under Transport business.

It was agreed that Traffic Management Meetings should be reenforced as the best use of resources for such items.

## **Planning**

### **RTFB/155/Q9/0324 Item ID:82578 – Planning Application SD21B/0188**

Proposed by Councillor M. Lynch

To ask the manager to advise what the ongoing issue is in reference to planning application SD21B/0188 whereby the incorrect fees were invoiced for over a year and a half and, according to the resident's solicitor and architect, the revised fees are still incorrect.

**REPLY:**

Planning fees are payable at the time of lodging a planning application.

Development Contributions are payable on a sq. meter of development basis, at either commercial or residential rate, depending on the nature of the development.

SD21B/0188 refers to a planning application to SDCC for an extension to a residential property.

SDCC refused permission for the development and that decision was appealed to An Bord Pleanala  (ABP).  ABP granted permission for the proposed development as amended by additional information submitted to ABP, thereby reducing the sq. meterage of the proposed development.

The grant of permission by ABP included a condition to pay development contributions to SDCC, and at the time of invoicing, SDCC was not in receipt of a schedule detailing changes to the floor area, resulting in an invoice being issued for a higher sqm of development.

A revised floor area assessment has since been concluded and a financial adjustment has been made to the account to reflect the permitted floor area (less residential extension exemption as per the Development Contribution Scheme).

### **RTFB/156/H14/0324 Item ID:82418 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/157/C9/0324 Item ID:82404 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Economic Development**

### **RTFB/158/H15/0324 Item ID:82413 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/159/C10/0324 Item ID:82400 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/160/M20/0324 Item ID:82584 – Rathfarnham Castle Stables & Courtyards**

Proposed by Councillor Y. Collins seconded by Councillor P. Kearns

That more than 2 workshops are held in relation to the proposed redevelopment of Rathfarnham Castle Stables and Courtyards given the importance of this development for the area and the level of interest in same.

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

Following a very positive discussion at the February RTFB Area Committee Meeting elected members made it clear of their preference for more than two non-statutory public consultation meetings with regard the master planning element of the Castle Stables and Courtyard at Rathfarnham project. This valuable feedback was taken into account and has informed a briefing document to secure the services of an appropriately skilled facilitator to facilitate the non-statutory consultation programme.

It should be noted that, notwithstanding the non-statutory public consultation process with regard the master planning aspect of this project as set out above, any proposed development of the above location will be subject of a Part 8 planning process including public consultation.

Following Contributions from Councillors Y Collins, J Sinnott, M Lynch, R McMahon, L Guéret and P Kearns, Ralph McGarry Administrative Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **RTFB/161/H16/0324 Item ID:82410 – Library News & Events**

The following report was presented by Siobhan Bermingham Executive Librarian

Library News & Events

[H16 (i) Libraries Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81998)
[H16 (ii) Libraries February/March Event Stats](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81958)

Following Contributions from Councillors R McMahon, L Guéret, M Lynch and P Kearns, Siobhan Bermingham Executive Librarian Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

### **RTFB/162/H17/0324 Item ID:82395 - Application for Arts Grants**

Application for Arts Grants (No Business)

### **RTFB/163/H18/0324 Item ID:82416 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/164/C11/0324 Item ID:82402 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

The meeting concluded at 16:33

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