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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council March 2024 Lucan / Palmerstown / North Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 26th 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**

### Vicky Casserly

### Paul Gogarty

### Alan Hayes

### Madeleine Johansson

### Shane Moynihan

### Derren Ó ‘Brádaigh

### Guss O’Connell

### Liona O’Toole

### Joanna Tuffy

### Apologies

### Ed O’Brien

### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Senior Executive Officer Laura Leonard, Mary Maguire

A/Senior Executive Officer Mary Connell, Fiona Hendley, Edel Clancy

Senior Parks Superintendent Suzanne Furlong

Senior Engineers John Joe Hegarty, Gary Walsh

A/Senior Engineer Michael McAdam

Senior Executive Parks Superintendent David Fennell

Senior Executive Engineer Michael Heffernan

Senior Executive Librarian Rosena Hand

A/Administrative Officer Laura Abbey

Senior Staff Officer Adrienne McGee

Assistant Arts Officer Meabh Butler

Staff Officer Eimear O’Sullivan

Assistant Staff Officer Eduardo De Oliveira

Clerical Officer Sharayu Mishra

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Vicky Casserly, presided.

### **LPNC/155/H1/0324 Item ID:82634 – Minutes**

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of February 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 D Ó ‘Brádaigh and RESOLVED: “That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the 27th February 2024 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

[H1 Minutes of February 2024 LPNC ACM](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82238)

**LPNC/156/0324 – 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

## **Corporate Support**

### **LPNC/157/Q1/0324 Item ID:82696 – Register of Electors**

Proposed by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh

To ask the manager to provide an up to date report detailing the number of registered voters in Dublin Mid-West, broken down by LEA - report to further include breakdown by electoral division and provide an illustration of % changes in the past 12 months.

**REPLY:**

Please see report below in relation to registered voters in Dublin Mid-West by LEA as requested.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Local Electoral Area** | **Registered Voters Feb 2023** | **Registered Voters Feb 2024** | **% Change** |
| Clondalkin | 25,592 | 30,526 | 3% |
| Lucan | 22,101 | 23,384 | 5% |
| Palmerstown Fonthill | 24,929 | 25,485 | 2% |

### **LPNC/158/H2/0324 Item ID:82380 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/159/C1/0324 Item ID:82368 – Correspondence for Noting**

Correspondence for Noting - Replies from

(i) DCEDIY - Response Re Item 82189 February LPNC ACM

(ii) Ballyowen Castle Shopping Centre - Response Re Item 80617 from October 2023 LPNC ACM

(iii) Department of Education - Acknowledgement letter from Minister of Education Re Emergency Motion - February LPNC ACM

[(i) DCEDIY - Response RE Item 82189 from February LPNC ACM](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82075)
[(ii) Ballyowen Shopping Centre - Response RE Item 80617 from October 2023 LPNC ACM](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81971)
[(iii) Minister of Education - Acknowledgement letter from Minister of Education re Lucan Community College - Emergency Motion - February LPNC ACM](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82188)

### **LPNC/160/M1/0324 Item ID:82732 – Letter to ESB Networks**

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

That the Chief Executive writes to ESB Networks Ireland requesting that it prioritises connections to community facilities in strategic areas with growing populations such as Adamstown SDZ and also reviews its resourcing needs for new public lighting installations and lighting repairs in general given the essential requirement to roll out lower energy lighting to reduce our energy bills and carbon emissions.

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

 If this motion is passed, a letter in this regard will be issued to ESB Networks Ireland on behalf of the local area committee. The response, when received, will be circulated to the Members.

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

### **LPNC/166/M2/0324 Item ID:82764 – Letter to Fingal County Council**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to write to the Chief Executive of Fingal County Council to request an update on when the Silver Bridge will be brought back into use for pedestrians and cyclists.

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

 If this motion is passed, a letter in this regard will be issued to the Chief Executive of Fingal County Council on behalf of the local area committee. The response, when received, will be circulated to the Members.

Following contributions from Councillors S Moynihan, A Hayes and G O’Connell, Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/167/M3/0324 Item ID:82779 – Letter to the HSE**

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

This committee is increasingly concerned about the ongoing reports of insufficient health services in our area, including the lack of a public health nurse, delays in vital school children vaccines, and shortages of GPs, among other issues.

Despite numerous requests, the Health Service Executive (HSE) has not accepted our invitations to attend an Area Committee Meeting (ACM). In light of the pressing need for information and collaboration, we kindly request that you relay our frustration to the HSE regarding their non-response to our invitations. The community is eager to address these health service issues, and the presence of HSE representatives at an ACM would greatly contribute to this effort.

We ask that you initiate another round of invitations, emphasising the importance of their attendance and requesting a comprehensive report or presentation on the current state of health services in our area, which is long overdue.

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

If this motion is passed, a letter in this regard will be issued to the Health Service Executive (HSE) on behalf of the local area committee. The response, when received, will be circulated to the Members.

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

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **LPNC/168/H3/0324 Item ID:82385 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/169/C2/0324 Item ID:82372 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Water & Drainage**

### **LPNC/170/H4/0324 Item ID:82389 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/171/C3/0324 Item ID:82376 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Public Realm**

### **LPNC/172/Q2/0324 Item ID:82724 – Waterstown House**

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes

That the Manager provides a comprehensive update with associated timeline showing all efforts made by SDCC in 2023 and 2024 to design, tender and install a temporary roof structure on Waterstown House, Palmerstown, as budgeted for in November 2022.

**REPLY:**

A sum of €30,000 was provided for in the 2023 budget to provide a roof on Waterstown House.  The roof will not make the building useable or habitable, it is solely for the purpose of protecting the structure.

While it was not possible to progress this project in 2023 it is proposed to prepare a design for the roof and necessary supporting structure in the current year which can be costed and will then lead on to a tender process for the construction of the roof.

### **LPNC/173/Q3/0324 Item ID:82755 – Astro Pitch Proposal for Palmerstown – Fonthill LEA**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive if the Council would seek to acquire the former playing pitch adjacent to Larkfield House and the Coldcut Club, beside Harelawn estate, for provision of an astro pitch, for the Palmerstown-Fonthill LEA.

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council commissioned a Sport Pitch Strategy (SPS) in 2020 to provide the Council with a clear evidence base and set of recommendations for future outdoor sports facility development across the district. A SPS is a strategic assessment that provides an up-to-date analysis of supply and demand for playing pitches (grass and artificial) in the local authority. The strategy and the evidence upon which it is based is delivered using insight from specific Governing Bodies of Sport, national guidance and local stakeholder input.  The strategy focused on the following sports: Soccer, GAA, Rugby Union, Hockey, Cricket and Athletics. The SPS is an important document in the future locations of additional floodlit artificial grass pitches as it provides evidence based upon local team usage and future team generation rates that would be the predominant users of the facility. The SPS demonstrates that there is a need to provide AGP’s as a vital asset to the local community in terms of a training and match-play facility for clubs, teams and others. The delivery of the SPS is reviewed on a regular basis and implementation is reported and discussed at the relevant SPC.

Artificial grass pitches can support far more matches and training sessions compared to regular grass pitches and the sports pitch strategy recommends the provision of at least 5 No. pitches across the county to allow for an even distribution and facilitate use county-wide.

At present; there is a council approved and funded Astro Pitch Programme agreed and underway. 2 No. artificial grass pitches have been delivered (at Airlie Park and Sean Walsh Park) as part of this programme of delivery, the other 3 no. required locations are in the west and east of the county and the new Strategic Development Zone area at Clonburris. Within the Lucan Area, the areas proposed for Artificial Grass Pitch provision include Airlie Park (construction completed) and there are other new pitches currently at the planning stage in the Clonburris Area (1 No. GAA sized / multi-sport Artificial Grass Pitch and 1 No. soccer sized / multi-sport Artificial Grass Pitch) within the SDZ area. The Clonburris SDZ plans were agreed with the council and approved by An Bord Pleanála. Other Artificial Grass pitches have been proposed elsewhere across the county to allow for a distribution of facilities across the county. There are no plans or budget allocated for an additional Artificial Grass Pitch at the location proposed.

### **LPNC/174/Q4/0324 Item ID:82629 – Collinstown Cresent/Palmerstown Woods Kissing Gate**

Proposed by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh

To ask the manager to investigate the kissing gate between Collinstown Crescent and Palmerstown Woods, with a view to making this fully accessible for a wheelchair mobility scooter in order to accommodate local requirements.

**REPLY:**

The kissing gate between Collinstown Crescent and Palmerstown Woods has been examined for options to make it accessible for a wheelchair mobility scooter.  To facilitate access, it is necessary to increase the width of the entry and exit points and enlarge the turning area within the kissing gate frame.  The extent of the changes will reduce the effectiveness of the gate to restrict motorbike/scrambler access.  This is the reason that the gate was provided for in the first place.  Prior to proceeding with these works it would be beneficial to have a site meeting with the elected members to review the proposed changes and implications of same.  A meeting will be organised for April to this effect.

### **LPNC/175/Q5/0324 Item ID:82774 – Finnstown Abbey Bus Shelter**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

This question pertains to the plans regarding filling in the gaps behind the bus shelter at Finnstown Abbey, as previously discussed and approved through a motion (77710).

As the gaps behind the bus shelter were identified as an issue impacting the functionality and aesthetics of the area, we seek an update on the measures or plans in place to address this concern.

The community is eager to know the timeline and approach for filling in these gaps, as outlined in the motion that was passed.

**REPLY:**

The works identified to fill the gaps behind the bus shelter as reported under Motion 4 at the ACM in February 2023, was to reinstate the natural soil bank which existed before the openings were created.  This work was carried out at the time.  It was also noted in the report that “securing informal gap where a desire line has been created, is often difficult to achieve.  Therefore, the boundary may require a number of return visits and these will be arranged as necessary.”

A return visit to fill the gaps again will be arranged as soon as it can be included in the works programme for the area.

### **LPNC/176/H5/0324 Item ID:82387 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/177/C4/0324 Item ID:82374 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/178/M4/0324 Item ID:82741 – Pitch Availability in Lucan**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

To call on the manager to give an update on availability for pitch usage in the Lucan Area for Na Gaeil Oga. Currently they are travelling outside of the county due to no home grounds. For a minority group, and having a pitch strategy, this should not be an ongoing challenge to secure space within our county, more particularly Lucan.

Could the manager detail issues surrounding supporting the club to achieve this and what measures are being put in place to support them?

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

South Dublin County Council currently have 175 playing pitches for various sporting clubs such as Gaelic football, Camogie, Hurling, Soccer, Rugby, Cricket, Rounders, Softball and Athletics etc. serving over 1000 teams. Some 19,000 people use these pitches on a weekly basis.

The allocation of playing pitches/sporting facilities is granted on a year-to-year basis subject to clubs undertaking to abide by the various Acts, Bye-Laws, terms and conditions etc. governing the use of County Council Parks and Open Spaces.

The South Dublin County Council’s Allocation of Pitches/Sporting Facilities – Policy and Conditions can be found here:[allocation-of-pitch-sporting-facilities-policy-and-conditions.pdf (sdcc.ie)](https://sdcc.ie/en/services/sport-and-recreation/playing-pitches-and-facilities/allocation-of-pitch-sporting-facilities-policy-and-conditions.pdf)

SDCC continue to use the online Pitch Allocation and Booking system which all clubs are required to register on the system and submit their annual application form and application fee, for their allocation application to be considered.

Clubs are then notified of their proposed allocation and fee for same. On receipt of the appropriate fee an official allocation is made.

Any new clubs that wish to apply for the use of playing pitches/sporting facilities are asked to email publicrealm@sdublincoco.ie and an invitation to register on the system will be issued, once registered an application can be made.

Na Gael Óga have been allocated one SDCC grass pitch in Corkagh Park. SDCC do not currently have any other available GAA grass pitches in the area.

Na Gael Óga have 2 allocated time slots on SDCC’s Artificial Grass Pitch in Airlie Park which they have availed of each week since January 2024. From our records they have also availed of other time slots on a first come first served basis midweek and weekends since January 2024. Na Gael Óga have cancelled all spots in Airlie Park after 27th of March 2024 despite them being available to them until 24/04/2024.

As with all clubs in the county, Na Gael Óga will be contacted in the coming weeks with regard to a summer allocation (May 1-Sept 30) for the Artificial grass pitch and again in June/July for the winter allocation (Oct 1-Apr 30).

Grass Pitch allocations for the year are done in July and Na Gael Óga will be contacted in the same way as all clubs in the county for the allocation for 2024/2025 grass pitch allocations.

Following Contributions from Councillors V Casserly, L O’Toole, P Gogarty, S Moynihan, D O ‘Brádaigh and G O’Connell, Laura Abbey A/Administrative Officer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

### **LPNC/179/M5/0324 Item ID:82529 – Wheelchair Accessibility for Collinstown Kissing Gate**

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

That the Chief Executive arrange the removal or replacement of the kissing gate at the play space entrance to Collinstown to ensure access to the park for wheelchair users.

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

The access into Collinstown Park nearest the playground has been fitted with a vehicle control gate designed to provide universal access for pedestrians, wheelchairs and prams.  The opening of the gate takes cognisance of wheelchair access requirements and is constructed in a manner that facilitates it while restricting access for unauthorised vehicles. The gate has been recently assessed for suitability for access by wheelchair users and was found to be compliant.

Following Contributions from Councillors M Johansson, D O ‘Brádaigh and V Casserly, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/180/M6/0324 Item ID:82628 – Collinstown FC Storage Facilities**

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

This area committee agrees that Collinstown Football Club be given permission to install cages, to store mobile goal posts similar to that in Mount Andrew Park, and for the manager to please outline the process that Collinstown Football Club must undertake to acquire permission to have these or something similar installed in Collinstown Park, while outlining what funding options are available to the club?

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

The provision of storage compounds is subject to the proximity of existing storage facilities in the area and a source of funding to install one if considered appropriate.  The council does not provide permission to clubs to install compounds.  The storage facilities which have been provided at other locations in recent years have been generally funded by sports capital grant allocations with the Council providing the necessary 30% match funding for each project.  Compounds have also been provided by SDCC where an alternative source of funding has been identified.

Collinstown FC will be included for consideration for the provision of a goal post storage compound subject to the identification of a source of funding.

Following Contributions from Councillors D Ó ‘Brádaigh, S Moynihan, J Tuffy, L O’Toole, and V Casserly, an Amendment was proposed by Councillor S Moynihan and seconded by Councillor V Casserly which was unanimously **Agreed**.

**Amended Motion:**

This area committee agrees that Collinstown Football Club **be supported by the Council** with the installation of cages, to store mobile goal posts similar to that in Mount Andrew Park, and for the manager to please outline the process that Collinstown Football Club must undertake to acquire permission to have these or something similar installed in Collinstown Park, while outlining what funding options are available to the club?

Following Contributions from Councillors D Ó ‘Brádaigh, S Moynihan, J Tuffy, L O’Toole, and V Casserly, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/181/M7/0324 Item ID:82718 – Griffeen & Collinstown Park Pavillions Programme**

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes & Councillor S. Moynihan, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the pavilion strategy, specifically with respect to the planned pavilions for Griffeen and Collinstown Parks, the parameters that are being revised, consultation that has taken place with regard to same, and implications that this has for the programme and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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

The Sports Pavillions programme provides for changing rooms within parks to serve a number of sports pitches; the following list of pavillions county-wide was agreed by the Council:

* Dodder Valley Old Bawn
* Griffeen Valley Park
* Corkagh Park ORR
* Tymon Park South
* Dodder Valley Mt Carmel
* Griffeen Valley – Arthur Griffith Park
* Collinstown Park

The pavilions have been funded via SDCC's capital budget with additional required funding via the sports capital grant application process. To date, SDCC have been successful with applications for Sports Capital Grants for five of the above pavilions and SDCC will continue to seek funding for such projects going forward.

In relation to the programme progress in general: Old Bawn Pavilion has finished on site and is open and operational. Griffeen Park Pavilion Corkagh Park and Dodder Valley Mt. Carmel have all achieved Part 8 Planning permission. However, several recent tender processes to progress the construction of the programme have been unsuccessful and SDCC are now reviewing the pavillion build proposals to achieve better value for money and ensure progression of pavilion delivery. During the review, additional locations are being considered, as it is several years since the programme was developed. The review is considering a modular build system and a procurement strategy that will best fit delivery. The existing pavillion programme locations are not proposed to be changed. SDCC are currently meeting with clubs with allocated pitches at the proposed locations to gather their feedback. The review is currently underway and will be presented to the council once complete, expected date for completion of the review/presentation to council being April 2024.

Following Contributions from Councillors S Moynihan, A Hayes and M Johansson, Suzanne Furlong Senior Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/182/M8/0324 Item ID:82730 – Commemorative Oak Tree Grove Proposal**

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

That the Chief Executive agrees to plant a commemorative Oak Tree Grove at a suitable location in Palmerstown, similar to that which was introduced in Malahide by Fingal County Council recently.

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

Fifty commemorative oak trees have been planted in Malahide Demesne by Fingal County Council.  The project started 5 years ago when applications for planting a commemorative Oak Tree were first accepted in 2019.  The oaks are a way to celebrate a life, a birth or a special occasion.  The commemorative oak tree grove in Malahide Demesne is a peaceful space where families and individuals can take time out to reflect and to celebrate the life of a relative or friend.

Memorial trees can only be considered for inclusion in parks where there is active supervision.  Waterstown Park is the only park in the Palmerstown area where there is a staff presence.  However, the shallow depth of topsoil,  the sloped topography of the park and the wet areas near the River Liffey make significant sections of the park unsuitable for oak trees  Nevertheless, a review of the park will be carried out to see if a suitable site can be identified for an oak grove.

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

### **LPNC/183/M9/0324 Item ID:82740 – Accessible Play Equipment for Waterstown Park**

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

To call on the manager to update this area committee on suggested spends for accessible play equipment for Waterstown Park.

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

An order has been issued for the installation of an accessible trampoline in Waterstown Park to be located in the vicinity of the spinning disc.  The trampoline is currently with the supplier and will be installed in Q2.

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

### **LPNC/184/M10/0324 Item ID:82760 – Manor Road Planters Maintenance**

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

With the approach of the planting season can the flower boxes on Manor Road be painted, planted and maintained.

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

There are a number of different types and shapes of flower boxes on Manor Road which are made of wood, plastic, fiberglass and metal.  Some of the wooden flower boxes are in a state of disrepair and are not salvageable.  There is a wooden flower box which has been constructed around that base of an ESB pole which is not a suitable location and needs to be removed without delay.

To progress the matter agreement needs to be reached on what boxes are suitable and what boxes need to be removed.  In order to do this a site meeting is required.  The Public Realm Section will make a representative available to meet on site upon receipt of appropriate contact details.

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

### **LPNC/185/M11/0324 Item ID:82742 – Update on Tandy’s Park Being Taken In Charge**

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

This area committee asks the manager to present and update on when Tandy's Park Pitch will be taken in charge.

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

Tandy’s Park pitch is public open space and is in the charge of SDCC.  The cutting of grass on the pitch is the responsibility of the appointed landscape contractor as part of the maintenance contract.  This contract will finish at the end of June 2024 after which the maintenance will pass over to SDCC.

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

## **Environment**

### **LPNC/186/Q6/0324 Item ID:82735 – Litter Warden Fines & Warning Letters**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on warning letters and fines issued by litter wardens to commercial premises in this Area Committee since the start of the year - listing the premises/management companies involved - and if a statement can be made on the matter

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council issued a total of 3No. fines in 2024 for littering and dumping offences under Sections 3, 4 and 6 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, to commercial entities and 1No. warning letter.

Fines issued under the Act are issued to alleged offenders and payment of same is an alternative to engaging in legal action.

It is our opinion, that any further circulation of this information or any records provided should clearly indicate that fines are issued to and paid by alleged offenders.

These files are currently under review to ensure any release of data is in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2014.

In accordance with Section 30 and Section 32 of the  Freedom of Information Act,  information relating to ongoing processes shall not be provided as it may prejudice ongoing investigations and or prejudice or impair the prevention, detection or investigation of offences, the apprehension or prosecution of offenders or the effectiveness of lawful methods, systems, plans or procedures employed for the purposes of the matters aforesaid, and/or the enforcement of, compliance with or administration of any law.

### **LPNC/187/Q7/0324 Item ID:82771 – Dog Warden Fines**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive as to the number of fines issued for issues relating to dangerous dogs and dog excrement over the past 12 months.

**REPLY:**

In 2023 there were 9 fines issued in respect of matters relating to dogs broken down as follows:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Act/Regulations** | **Section/Article** | **Description** | **no. Fines** |
| Control of Dogs Acts 1986 and 1992 | Section 2 | keeping a dog without a licence | 4 |
|   | Section 9 | not keeping a dog under effectual control | 5 |

South Dublin County Council currently employs two full time Dog Wardens within the administrative area.

The Dog Warden Service encourages responsible dog ownership and continually promotes the benefits of microchipping dogs and how this will assist in reuniting dog owners with their dogs if lost or worse stolen. Last year 528 stray and surrendered dogs were dealt with by the wardens, happily 127 dogs were reunited with their owners and a further 362 had been rehomed by the end of the year.

As part of their enforcement role under the Control of Dogs Act, the Dog Wardens will:

* Respond to complaints relating to dogs not under effectual control and/or dangerous dogs, including incidents of sheep worrying.
* Carry out licence checks and initiate enforcement proceedings if necessary
* Collect unwanted and stray dogs

Under [**Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997,**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1997/act/12/section/22/enacted/en/html)where faeces has been deposited by a dog in any place to which the section applies, the person in charge of the dog shall immediately remove the faeces and shall ensure that it is properly disposed of in a suitable sanitary manner.

The difficulty with enforcement of Section 22 is the requirement for witness testimony, to report that the offence happened and that an identified person is the person in charge of the dog. In the absence of such testimony, fines cannot be issued. The Council continues to encourage residence groups and/or individuals to assist the Litter Warden Service in this regard.

### **LPNC/188/Q8/0324 Item ID:82766 – Provision of Bottle Banks in North Clondalkin**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive for a progress update on the provision of bottle banks for residents in the North Clondalkin Area.

**REPLY:**

As part of the Council's commitment to improving recycling infrastructure across South Dublin we have been continuously exploring new sites for the establishment of bring centres, including bottle banks and textile banks and we are now able to provide a positive development with respect to the area of North Clondalkin.  Following constructive consultations with the management of B&Q at their Liffey Valley Store, we have successfully installed bottle banks on this site. These banks have been operational since the March 20th. This has been publicised over the past weekend via SDCC’s social media platforms.

We will be monitoring the usage of this and other surrounding sites to ensure their effectiveness in serving the community's recycling needs. Furthermore, we remain dedicated to exploring additional sites across the county for the further expansion of the bring bank network.

The exact locations of our bring bank sites can be found via our interactive Bring Bank Map located at [https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/environment/recycling-and-waste/bring-banks/](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.sdcc.ie%2Fen%2Fservices%2Fenvironment%2Frecycling-and-waste%2Fbring-banks%2F&amp;data=05%7C02%7Clmagee%40SDUBLINCOCO.ie%7C3f452994b78240709ee508dc4cbb737a%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C638469615178441301%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&amp;sdata=jAeoNkkn66385PYVGYTPAEsZo8YIbYELeviwOWLvzSg%3D&amp;reserved=0)

### **LPNC/189/Q9/0324 Item ID:82691 – Cost of Graffiti Removal**

Proposed by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh

To ask the manager to detail the cost to this Council for the removal of graffiti in 2023 and anticipated cost in 2024.

**REPLY:**

It is estimated that approx. €71,000 was spent on graffiti removal in 2023 by South Dublin County Council. A provision of €131,500 was made for the removal of graffiti in Budget 2024.

The Public Realm Section of Environment, Water and Climate Change directorate, has for some years, been working in partnership with the Probation Services to enhance the response to graffiti.  The engagement with the Probation Services stems from a Community Service Graffiti Removal Project which was an initiative of the Probation Services and forms part of community service for offenders.  This partnership involves the identification of specific public areas by the public, their elected representatives or Council staff of areas where graffiti has defaced property throughout the County.  These areas are then inspected by local Anti-Litter Wardens and subsequently referred to either the Council's Graffiti Removal Crew or the Probation Services depending on the specific location or type of graffiti/surface involved.

### **LPNC/190/Q10/0324 Item ID:82776 – Update on Double Litter Bins**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

This committee is seeking a detailed report regarding the installation of double litter bins in several locations.

We would appreciate information on the usage identified for these bins, including any data or observations on the volume of waste collected.

The purpose of this request is to gain insights into the effectiveness of the double litter bins in the specified locations and to assess their contribution to maintaining cleanliness in the community.

Understanding the usage patterns will help us make informed decisions regarding future installations or adjustments.

**REPLY:**

The provision of a second bin beside an existing bin has been used in two locations in the LPNC area where litter problems existed due to high volumes of litter being disposed of.  The locations are one in Lucan Village and one in Griffeen Valley Park

Installing a second bin beside an existing bin is not normal practice and is not the first option when considering litter management solutions for problem areas.  Quite often altering the frequency of bin emptying can resolve this issue.  Alternatively, installing an additional litter bin near high litter areas can have a similar effect.

The system used to empty bins results in litter being collected in one vehicle.  Segregation of litter does not occur and therefore records of volumes of waste collected for individual bins is not available.  Nevertheless, the issues of overflowing litter bins and litter on the ground has abated at the two locations in question.

### **LPNC/191/H6/0324 Item ID:82382 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/192/C5/0324 Item ID:82366 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/193/M12/0324 Item ID:82577 – Illegal Dumping**

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

"To call on the manager and this committee to explore a more efficient, cost effective and proactive strategy, in tackling ongoing dumping at a number of known illegal dumping black spots, within the same general location at Griffeen Valley Park closest to Haydens Lane and the footbridge over the Link Road."

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

The Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022 (the Circular Economy Act) which was signed into law on the 21st of July 2022 provided amendments to:

* The Waste Management Act 1996 (the Act of 1996) [Part 3 of the Act] and
* The Litter Pollution Act 1997 (the Act of 1997) [Part 4 of the Act]

The proposed amendments to the Act of 1996 and the Act of 1997 include provisions for the approval of CCTV schemes by local authorities, subject to conditions, for the purposes of deterring environmental pollution and facilitating the deterrence, prevention, detection, and prosecution of offences under the Act of 1996 or the Act of 1997.

The Act includes a requirement that The Local Government Management Agency shall prepare and submit to the Minister for approval draft codes of practice for the purposes of setting standards for the operation of CCTV schemes by Local Authorities.

These codes of practice were approved by the Minister on the 15th February last.

South Dublin is committed to availing of CCTV and Mobile Recording Devices (MRD) in its efforts to deter, detect and prosecute litter and illegal dumping offences and are currently reviewing the mechanisms outlined in the codes of practice and have  identified this location as a potential area where deployment of CCTV will meet the Codes of Practice criteria.

Following Contributions from Councillors D Ó ‘Brádaigh, P Gogarty and V Casserly, Michael Heffernan Responded to Queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/194/M13/0324 Item ID:82747 – Road Sweeping Request for Palmerstown Laneways**

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

That the laneways in Palmerstown be included in the road sweeping schedule undertaken by Oxigen in behalf of SDCC.

**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 Palmerstown laneways to either the monthly or quarterly sweeping schedule, the Council has however committed to providing a laneway cleaning service in the Palmerstown area and in this regard a cleaning programme is currently being drawn up and will be notified to the local elected members in the near future.  The laneway cleaning programme will give details of laneways to be included on the programme as well as when they are scheduled to be cleaned.  The cleaning work will include removal of dumped items, sweeping of the laneway where possible, removal of weeds and treatment for further weed growth.

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

### **LPNC/195/M14/0324 Item ID:82765 – Council Depots**

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

This committee calls on the CE to report on the number of depots in the county and their respective locations.

As the Lucan area extends further into Adamstown and Clonburris, we urge the implementation of at least one depot to serve the growing needs of this expanding community.

The increasing population and development in the wider Lucan area necessitate strategic infrastructure planning, including the establishment of a depot. This will not only ensure efficient services but also contribute to the overall development of the community.

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

The five public realm operational depots currently in use are at Tymon Park, Rathcoole Park, Corkagh Park, Waterstown Park and Grange Nurseries.  The Grange Nurseries site is located within the Clonburris SDZ lands and is due to close as an operations depot with staff due to relocate from there to Deansrath depot.  Following an extensive depot review process conducted on behalf of the Council by a specialist consultant the depots at Rathfarnham Castle Park and Sean Walsh Park were closed with the lands made available for social housing in the case of Sean Walsh depot, and for tourism development in the case of Rathfarnham depot.  The depot at Deansrath is ideally located to service the areas of Adamstown and Clonburris which are mentioned here and which lie within a 5 km radius of the Deansrath depot.

Following Contributions from Councillors L O’Toole and V Casserly, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted**.

## **Housing**

### **LPNC/196/Q11/0324 Item ID:82706 – St Marks/Rowlagh Housing Development Completion**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

To ask the Chief Executive when the housing development at St Mark's/Rowlagh will be finished and how the units will be allocated?

**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 the final stages, in tandem with completion of external works. We anticipate handover of the entire scheme in the coming weeks.

Following notification of the completion of these works, they will be assigned to the relevant sections in Housing Allocations to commence tenanting.

### **LPNC/197/Q12/0324 Item ID:82769 – Update on Age Friendly Housing in Palmerstown**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the planned age-friendly housing on the Old Lucan Road in Palmerstown.

**REPLY:**

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

### **LPNC/198/Q13/0324 Item ID:82770 – Update on Right-Sizing Strategy**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the implementation of the Council's right-sizing strategy in Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin.

**REPLY:**

There are currently 102 age friendly rightsizing transfer applications approved for the county.  44 of these applications are from North of the Naas Road.

93 expressions of interest (EOI's) have been received for the Private Financial Contribution scheme to date. 2 applications are currently with our Law Department for completion with a further 12 applicants referred to our Housing Procurement Section for valuation and property inspections. The remaining EOI's have remained on the list however, no further documentation to progress the applications have been received from the applicants to date.

The Council have recently launched a new dedicated webpage [Age Friendly Housing and Rightsizing - SDCC](https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/housing/age-friendly-housing-and-rightsizing/) providing information on Right Sizing options for tenants and private homeowners in the County with details of how to apply, images and locations of upcoming age friendly housing opportunities in the County.

### **LPNC/199/H7/0324 Item ID:82504 – Quarterly Report on Anti-Social Behaviour**

The following report was presented by Mary Connell A/Senior Executive Officer

**Quarterly Report on Anti-Social Behaviour**

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| **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORTING & STATISTICS FOR LUCAN, PALMERSTOWN, NORTH CLONDALKIN**  |
| **Incidents** | **2022 TOTAL**  | **1st Qtr 2023** | **2nd Qtr 2023** | **3rd Qtr 2023** | **4th Qtr 2023** | **2023 TOTAL**  |
| **CATEGORY A** |  |   |   |   |   |  |
| Drugs Activity reported to SDCC | 12 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 2 | **9** |
| Criminal Activity reported to SDCC | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | **4** |
| Joyriding reported to SDCC | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **1** |
| Violence/intimidation/ harassment reported to SDCC | 23 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | **14** |
| **CATEGORY B** |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Squatters/illegal occupiers reported to SDCC | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | **3** |
| Vandalism reported to SDCC | 21 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | **6** |
| Physical condition of property reported to SDCC | 10 | 11 | 6 | 1 | 2 | **20** |
| Physical condition of Garden reported to SDCC | 14 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 2 | **15** |
| Racism reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| Vacant House reported to SDCC | 26 | 12 | 5 | 7 | 8 | **32** |
| Neighbour Dispute (including parking) reported to SDCC | 8 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | **5** |
| **CATEGORY C** |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Noise/disturbance reported to SDCC | 18 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 0 | **9** |
| Pets/animal nuisance reported to SDCC | 8 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | **6** |
| Children Nuisance reported to SDCC | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | **1** |
| Selling alcohol | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| **Total Incidents reported to SDCC** | 182 | 47 | 33 | 19 | 25 | 124 |
| **Total Complaints reported to SDCC** | 194 | 50 | 36 | 21 | 28 | **135** |
| **Total Actions taken by Allocations Support Unit Staff -     Main actions listed below** | 1414 | 313 | 369 | 198 | 228 | **1108** |
|   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Housecall / Inspection | 217 | 73 | 53 | 21 | 21 | **168** |
| Demand for Possession Section 15 & 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| Abandonment notice served | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | **2** |
| Surrenders Obtained (including Termination of Tenancy under Section 15) | 27 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 3 | **21** |
| Warnings issued | 32 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 1 | **16** |
| Interviews held (formal office and by phone) | 229 | 20 | 36 | 24 | 18 | **98** |
| Pre-Tenancies (includes Group meetings for new developments &following up Tenancy Checks) | 131 | 24 | 121 | 44 | 27 | **216** |
| Complaints received by Whatsapp | 25 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 0 | **9** |

### Following Contributions from Councillors S Moynihan, L O’Toole and G O’Connell, Mary Connell A/Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted.**

### **LPNC/200/H8/0324 Item ID:82383 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/201/C6/0324 Item ID:82370 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/202/M15/0324 Item ID:82707 – Balgaddy Transfer List**

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

That the Chef Executive should honour previous commitments made to residents and councillors to prioritise transfers for existing tenants in Balgaddy to the new housing development when allocations begin.

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

Families who are on the existing transfer list and meet the qualifying criteria for a transfer will be considered when all properties in this development have been handed over to the Housing Department.

There are currently 50 approved applicants on the transfer list from Buirg An Ri, Meile An Ri, Tor An Ri and Foxdene.

Tenants of existing social homes in Balgaddy may apply for consideration for a transfer to the new dwellings, under the following circumstances and in accordance with the Allocations Scheme:

1. Overcrowding
2. where older persons and other households wish to move to smaller accommodation (Right sizing)
3. medical/compassionate reasons
4. on grounds of anti-social behaviour where the Council’s Estate Management Liaison Officer and a Garda Superintendent support the transfer application
5. other exceptional circumstances.

Under Item 5 above, the Council will follow-up on our commitment in relation to transfers and re-let works in Balgaddy to address legacy maintenance issues.

In addition to the above criteria, tenants seeking a transfer must fulfil the following requirements:

* hold the tenancy in their present dwelling, for a period of at least two years
* have a clear rent account – any transfer will take account of rent arrears, but allowances may be made where an agreement is in place and being adhered to by the tenant to address any such arrears over an agreed period
* have kept their dwelling in satisfactory condition, subject to inspection
* have complied with the conditions of their Tenancy Agreement
* have no record of anti-social behaviour.

Following Contributions from Councillors M Johansson, S Moynihan and D Ó ‘Brádaigh, Mary Connell A/Senior Executive Officer and Fiona Hendley A/Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and Motion was **Agreed**.

## **Community**

### **LPNC/203/H9/0324 Item ID:82377 – Deputations for Noting**

Deputation for Noting (No Business)

### **LPNC/204/H10/0324 Item ID:82379 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/205/C7/0324 Item ID:82367 – Correspondence**

Correspondence for Noting

(i) Department of Health - Response re Item 82221 from February LPNC ACM

(ii) DCEDIY - Response re Item 82221 from February LPNC ACM

(iii) OPW - Response re Item 82221 from February LPNC ACM

[(i) Response of Item 82221 from FEB LPNC ACM](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82093)
[(ii) Response of Item 82221 from Feb. LPNC ACM](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82092)
[(iii) Reply from POW re 82221](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82118)

### **LPNC/206/M16/0324 Item ID:82641 – Lucan Swimming Pool Pricing**

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

That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to ensure that prices at the Lucan swimming pool and leisure centre are reduced via subvention, as current listed Aura Leisure prices show that PAYG and annual membership will be significantly higher than other public facilities such as Clondalkin and indeed some private operators and that this goes against the spirit of what is supposed to be community rather than a commercial facility, even allowing for a "sinking fund" to pay for maintenance costs down the line.

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

We are working with Aura Leisure to review their proposed membership and PAYG price plans. The prices that have been proposed are influenced by recent increased energy costs and increases to the minimum wage .

We will continue to engage with Aura Leisure and explore available options which may help offer services to the community at a reduced cost.

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

### **LPNC/207/M17/0324 Item ID:82697 – Community Space Funding**

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

This local area committee calls on Council management to support the prioritisation and ringfencing of necessary funding within future Council / Capital Programme budgeting measures, that identify much needed community space, to be realised through the acquisition of existing buildings or dedicated new builds.

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

The Council's 3 Year Capital Programme has set out a comprehensive plan with matching budgetary commitments, to facilitate the roll out of a significant amount of additional community space, to help meet the recreational needs of the growing population in our County.

The Programme which is reviewed on an annual basis, includes for both a series new build community facilities for areas such as Saggart, Newcastle, Citywest, Orchard Lodge, Balgaddy, Ballycullen, Clonburris, Killinarden Foothills and Kilcarberry and the extension of a number of existing community centres, including Ballyroan, The Park, Knockmitten and Perrystown.

In addition budgetary provisions have also been made within the Council's capital budgets to facilitate the fabric upgrade of a number of the Council's existing Community Facilities, with works currently being progressed by Architectural services for major upgrades to Quarryvale and Jobstown Community Centres.

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

### **LPNC/208/M18/0324 Item ID:82749 – Demand for Community Spaces**

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

This motion is prompted by the urgent need expressed by various community groups for accessible space, especially for the teenage youth community, in the Adamstown and wider Lucan area.

As efforts to extend the Adamstown Youth and Community Centre (AYCC) and other projects progress, there remains a critical gap that can be immediately addressed by renting one of the units in the Adamstown Crossings. The demand for a dedicated space for community services, particularly for teenage youth, is pressing.

While the extension of the AYCC, the construction of the library, and other projects are underway, the realisation of these initiatives will inevitably take several years. Renting a unit in Adamstown Crossings provides a timely solution, offering an immediate venue for youth-centric services, and can accommodate other community services as well.

This motion seeks the support of council members to authorise management to initiate necessary enquiries into the feasibility of renting a unit in Adamstown Crossings for community use. This step aligns with our commitment to promptly address the needs of the community while awaiting the completion of larger-scale projects.

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

Within the phased Community Facility provisions of the Adamstown SDZ Planning Scheme, the next Community Facility to be delivered is the Civic Centre/Library Building, which is currently timetabled for 2025/2026 as part of Phase 6. The delivery of the new building is part of the Urban Regeneration Development Fund application, and is a collaborative process between the landowners, DHLGH and SDCC. There is potential for additional Civic/Community uses, as outlined and indicated within the development of Adamstown Castle (Development Area 1), but have not yet come forward due to ongoing construction in the surrounding area.

The Civic Centre/Library Building will contain both traditional library spaces as well as some additional Civic Community Space. Community Services will engage further with Planning Department to determine the potential of what can be accommodated within this additional space to help address some of the current locally identified needs.

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

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

FOR: 5 (Five) Councillors P Gogarty, M Johansson, D O ‘Brádaigh, G O’Connell and L O’Toole

AGAINST: 0 (Zero)

ABSTAIN: 4 (Four) Councillors V Casserly, A Hayes, S Moynihan & J Tuffy

The Motion was **Carried**.

## **Transportation**

### **LPNC/209/Q14/0324 Item ID:82734 – Update on Road Markings and Yellow Box Painting**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on road marking and yellow box painting in this Area Committee scheduled for April to June; and if a statement can be made on the matter.

**REPLY:**

SDCC regularly have a road marking contractor operating within the county refreshing road markings.

If there are particular areas of concern, please contact us regarding them.

### **LPNC/210/Q15/0324 Item ID:82727 – Pothole Repair**

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes

To ask the Manager to provide an explanation as to why they large pothole at bus stop 2685 Coldcut Road has not yet been adequately repaired (Photos attached from March 2024). It was reported by Cllr Alan Hayes on 6th November 2023. Members Reps. ID: 1813840 and report MOT/2023-NOV/77764 refers.

[(i) Q14 Image of Coldcut Road](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82058)
[(ii) Q14 Image of Coldcut Road](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82057)

**REPLY:**

This repair requires a mastic joint around the ironworks so it falls under the ironworks contract. This contract has just been re-tendered and it is hoped that the contractor will be able to resolve this defect in the coming weeks

### **LPNC/211/Q16/0324 Item ID:82745 – Repair of Private Property by SDCC Contractors**

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes

To ask the Manager to detail the Councils approach to resolution when dealing with disputes arising from work undertaken by contractors on behalf of SDCC and damage to private property, such as footpath repairs and damaged gate pillar as outlined by Cllr Alan Hayes in members rep 1825964

**REPLY:**

In the first instance SDCC will inform the contractor that a complaint has been received. If the contractor accepts it then they will be requested to engage with the homeowner. If the contractor disputes the damage then SDCC will request pre-construction photos/surveys so that an inspection can be carried out.

In virtually every incident the contractor and homeowner can come to an agreement on remedial works and the issue is resolved. If no agreement can be reached then SDCC will inspect and propose what we would consider a fair solution.

### **LPNC/212/Q17/0324 Item ID:82757 – Walkway Completion at Mount Andrew/St Edmonds**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the completion of the walkway between Mount Andrew and St Edmunds, and if bollards can be installed on the walkway to prevent vehicular access.

**REPLY:**

The Council has been experiencing delays in getting answers on land parcels important to delivery of this pedestrian link.  The Council will continue to press the receiver and management company to reach a conclusion to the land ownership item.

Bollards can be installed to prevent vehicular access through this link.

### **LPNC/213/Q18/0324 Item ID:82761 – Road Resurfacing Request at Foxborough Gardens**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive if the road between the entrance to Foxborough Gardens and the R136 junction can be resurfaced completely rather than have potholes temporarily filled and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**REPLY:**

We have a procurement competition ongoing for this location and expect to receive tenders next week

### **LPNC/214/Q19/0324 Item ID:82631 – Road Safety Audit**

Proposed by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh

To ask the manager to commit to a road safety audit at the multiple entrances to St Peter Apostle School JNS, Neilstown and St Marys JNS, Rowlagh and to produce a report that will alleviate the safety concerns raised by parents.

**REPLY:**

At St. Peters Apostle Junior National School: (Neilstown Entrances) There are advance school ahead signs, there is one uncontrolled pedestrian crossing with a central reservation, there is one other uncontrolled pedestrian crossing with road narrowing on both approaches to prevent parking and keeping sightlines clear.  There are Bus cushions on the approaches to the school to slow traffic speeds. There are slow road markings on the approaches to the school entrances.  There is a sheltered bus stop

At St. Marys JNS, Rowlagh, There are significant existing pedestrian safety measures in place.  There are flashing speed signs on approach to the school.  There are approach ramps on the road.  There are road narrowing bollards and School road markings. There is an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing.

In summary there are currently numerous existing pedestrian safety and traffic control measures at both schools. There were no significant safety risks identified.

We will examine traffic speeds at both schools over the next while to see if any traffic speed issues are present.

### **LPNC/215/H11/0324 Item ID:82390 – Taken in Charge – Moyglas Glade**

The following report was presented by John Hegarty Senior Engineer

**Notice of Commencement of TIC process for Moyglas Glade**

Elected members of this Committee are hereby advised that it is the intention of SDCC LUPT Department to initiate the statutory process for Taking in Charge by the Council of Moyglas Glade in April 2024, including conducting a Public Consultation on the Taking in Charge proposal

 The Council is satisfied that estate has been constructed in accordance with the granted planning permission.  The quality of the constructed infrastructure complies with our SDCC Taking in Charge standards.

The advertisement will be in the press and on the SDCC public consultation portal for the prescribed period of time.

Submissions will be invited from the public both in writing and via the public consultation portal.  Details of the relevant addresses and the final date for submissions will be detailed in the advertisements.

 A map of the infrastructure proposed to be TIC is attached with this Headed Item.

[(ii) H11 BC-1472 Moyglas Glade Taken in Charge Map](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82080)

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

### **LPNC/216/H12/0324 Item ID:82388 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/217/C8/0324 Item ID:82638 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (For Noting)

(i) TII - Response re Item 81750 -  Road Signage for Palmerstown from January LPNC ACM

**REPLY:**

**A Chara,**

Thank you for your further correspondence of 12 February 2024 regarding the above. The position in relation to your enquiry is as follows.

At the outset, I would like to advise that Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) is not in a position to accept invitations to attend Local Area Committee meetings due to the large number of such meetings which TII would be required to attend if it were to accede to similar requests from all Local Area Committees.

Regarding your query in relation to the M50 and N4 signage for Palmerstown, TII can confirm that the directional signage on the M50 and N4 was designed and installed in accordance with the Traffic Signs Manual and Gasaitéar na hÉireann and following full consultation with the relevant Local Authority. The spelling of all placenames indicated on the signs is in accordance with the official placenames relevant at the time the signs were designed. TII has no function in relation to the official placename spelling.

Amending the existing signs to replace ‘Palmerston’ with ‘Palmerstown’ would involve very considerable expenditure in connection with the manufacture of new signs and the associated traffic management measures that would be required to implement the replacement works. In this regard, you will be aware that many of the signs concerned are located on overhead gantry signs and the traffic management measures necessary to implement works on the signs will, therefore, include lane closures on a busy motorway.

The signs will be coming due for life-cycle replacement over the coming years and the new signage provided will, of course, reflect the official placename at that time. TII understands that there are approximately 12 existing overhead gantry signs with the Palmerston spelling, as well as a number of existing verge signs. The overall cost of altering the spelling of 'Palmerston' to 'Palmerstown' has been estimated at over €150,000 (inclusive of VAT), including the significant costs of night-time works and temporary traffic management.

TII would have no objection to changing the spelling of 'Palmerston' to 'Palmerstown' if officially requested to do so by South Dublin County Council, subject to the provision of funding from the Council for such works.

I hope that this information is of assistance to you.

**Yours sincerely,**

**Rachel Begley**
**Regulatory & Administration Executive**

### **LPNC/218/M19/0324 Item ID:82736 – “Welcome to Lucan” Signage Proposal**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

To call on the manager to install "Welcome to Lucan" signage in the Proximity of St Catherines Park, which will indicate to drivers there are entering a village environment.

Fingal CoCo operations have informed me that although it is in their Electoral Area, it is a SDCC administrative

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

"Welcome to Lucan Signs" will be designed and delivered under the Countywide Signage Strategy.

An appropriate location of these signs will be decided under this process.

A Signage design consultant has been appointed to design a coherent and consistent set of wayfinding signs for the County.  "Welcome to XXXX" will be designed for and delivered in each of recognised village throughout the County.

The Elected members will be part of the decision making process in contributing to the consistent design and branding look of the new county wide signage.

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

### **LPNC/219/M20/0324 Item ID:82785 – Palmerstown Village Parking**

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

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.

[M20 Palmerstown ByeLaw Map(i)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82063)
[M20 Palmerstown ByeLaw Schedule(ii)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82064)

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

**Action 1: Northern side of the Old Lucan Road- Opposite cottages**

The traffic section intend to line out car parking spaces in a proper manner on the northern side of the Old Lucan road opposite the Woodfarm Cottages and Redcow Cottages.  This will maximise capacity and make more efficiently use the space available for parking.

**Action 2: (Southern side of Old Lucan Road - adjacent to cottages)**

The Traffic Section will review the parking capacity on the southern side of the Old Lucan Road (adjacent to Woodfarm and Red Cow Cottages) having regard to the provisions of the (Palmerstown) Parking ByeLaws (see attached)

In any event, it should be noted that there are no proposals to provide additional public parking locations in Palmerstown.

Following Contributions from Councillors P Gogarty, A Hayes, G O’Connell, S Moynihan and V Casserly, John Hegarty Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/220/M21/0324 Item ID:82635 – Gully Blockage**

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

This committee asks that the manager arranges for an investigation into the ongoing blockage (several years) between gullies immediately outside (Address Provided), frequently resulting in significant water 'ponding' at this location.

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

The issue at this location is that the mainline is blocked. We are arranging to have this jetted to resolve the issue

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

### **LPNC/221/M22/0324 Item ID:82675 – Brookvale Estate Planning Permission**

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

That the CEO set out in a detailed report that can be discussed by the Committee about exactly what is required in terms of compliance with Planning Permission for the Brookvale estate before the Council, on request of the developer, can take in charge the open space at Brookvale, Lucan, and that the CEO explains to the ACM its options under legislation in the event that the developer does not formally request the taking in charge, including the possibility of holding a plebiscite of qualified electors under section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

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

 The main elements of Brookvale estate have been Taken in Charge by SDCC for some considerable time.  These elements include the vehicular access roads, the public lighting, the footpaths, street trees and the underground services like the foul sewers, storm drainage and watermains.

The Roads and footpaths of the estate are Taken in Charge under the provisions of Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993.

The Green Space and underground utilities would be Taken in Charge under section 180 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000.

It would appear that the upper section of Green Space to the east of the Brookvale estate is in the Charge of SDCC. However, the lower section of the Green Space has some legal paperwork to complete.  A deed of dedication process has not been completed for the lower section as it stands. There is a steep path with steps on this section joining the

When SDCC has checked the legal details thoroughly, a further update can be provided to the members.

Following Contributions from Councillor J Tuffy, John Hegarty Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/222/M23/0324 Item ID:82738 – Pathway Proposal at Esker Road Crossing**

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

Following on from previous ITEM ID: 79626 13/06/2023 I'm seeking an update from the manager to improve permeability by installing an additional path way at the location of Esker Road Crossing.

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

SDCC intend to have our Direct Labour crew construct this link during the summer

[M23 (ii) Esker Road Footpath](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82068)
[M23 (iii) Esker Road](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82067)

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

### **LPNC/223/M24/0324 Item ID:82746 – Increased Demand for Bus Services in Lucan**

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

This motion addresses the issue of the lack of bus services in Lucan despite increasing demand.

Buses 25A and 25B were repurposed, renamed C1 and C2, with their terminus shifted to Adamstown Train Station. The current setup fails to meet the growing needs of the wider Lucan community, evident in buses operating at full capacity from the Adamstown area to Newcastle Road. This emphasises the urgent need for more buses serving the extended Lucan area. The original concept for Adamstown was to have independent public transport infrastructure. The current redirection of buses from Lucan contradicts this vision.

We urge the National Transport Authority (NTA) to introduce additional buses tailored to Lucan's needs and reconsider the reinstatement of a local terminus. This not only addresses immediate transportation needs but also contributes to Lucan's overall development.

Members request that the CE make this request to the NTA. Considering the NTA's refusal to meet with local councillors, we ask that management makes a strong case for this committee to advocate for additional buses. We also suggest bringing into discussions the comparison between Lucan buses and Kildare buses, where one is guaranteed a seat on a Kildare bus if picked up at Woodies bus stop, whereas standing is more likely on a Lucan bus.

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

The Council have raised the issue of Lucan Buses being full by the time they reach this location with the NTA.  The Council hope to discuss this issue in some detail at our monthly progress meetings.

The NTA have met the elected members in recent times on Bus Service issues, particularly in relation to the roll out of the Adamstown Bus Services.

I will also raise this request for a meeting between the NTA and the Lucan Area Committee to discuss the wider Lucan Bus Services future plans and proposed developments.

Following Contributions from Councillors L O’Toole and V Casserly, this Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/224/M25/0324 Item ID:82750 – Traffic Management Review for Palmerstown**

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

To ask the Chief Executive Officer to have an overall review of traffic management in the Palmerstown Community carried out and that it include

(a) the current 7.5T restriction and show clearly if it is in line with the EU Directive and the current Council Policy on the Mobility and Management of Heavy Goods Vehicles on South Dublin County Road Network

(b) traffic movement and regulation on the residential cell between Kennelsfort Road Upper and the R148 at the Oval including the laneways

(c) traffic movement and regulation on Kennelsfort Road Lower and the Village/Old Lucan Road area

(d) the sequencing of the traffic lights at the Junction of Kennelsfort Road/R148.

And that it take full cognisance of the recent significant works carried out around both primary schools and surrounding roads as well as works designed to protect pedestrians and cyclists and the general regulations aimed at encouraging alternative modes of transport as well as the health and safety of the residential population.

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

(a) 7.5 tonne weight restriction: The setting of weight restrictions on the County Roads within our charge is in accordance with SI 332 of 2012 which aligns with EU primary legislation.

SI 332 is the Irish legislation underpinning the classification categories for weight restrictions.  In this particular statutory instrument there was a change in the classification of weight restriction bands from one of unladen weight to Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW).

Gross vehicular weight is a measure of the weight of the vehicle including fuel, cooling fluid and oils, plus the maximum design carrying weight of that vehicle.

Using these weight bands, it was decided that the most appropriate weight band for Kennelsfort Road was 7.5 tonne gross vehicular weight.  This means that vehicles greater than 7.5 tonnes GVW should not be driving on Kennelsfort Road lower unless they have a legitimate reason for doing so. This assessment of particular allowable and not allowable vehicles is a matter for the Gardai to determine.

The 7.5 tonne weight restriction on Kennelsfort road Upper has gone through the prescribed process under SI 332 of 2012 and in accordance with the agreed SDCC policy on:

"The Mobility and Management of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV’s) on South Dublin County Road Network."

This policy was agreed and adopted by the Council in 2017 after detailed deliberations by a subcommittee of both the Transportation SPC and the Planning and Economic Development SPC’s was formed.

(b) Traffic Management on the Oval and Laneways:

The same 7.5 tonne weight restriction applies in the residential area of the Oval. There is a weight restriction sign as you enter the Oval from the R148. I believe that some school safety and access improvements have been carried out at the Oval.

The Council has agreed to look at a number of options to improve safety and access on the Palmerstown laneways.  Resident agreement on any proposed changes to the traffic management is needed before any changes are delivered.  Any laneway improvements must be phased as they are subject to budget and resource availability.

(c) traffic movement and regulation on Kennelsfort Road Lower and the Village/Old Lucan Road area:

SDCC has recently implemented improvements to the left turn only vehicle movement at access of the Palmerstown Gate development.  SDCC has also committed to add additional parking space lining on the northern side Old Lucan Road in the Village.

 (d) the sequencing of the traffic lights at the Junction of Kennelsfort Road/R148.

SDCC believe that the sequencing of the lights is currently optimised at this junction.  This sequencing has been looked at several times in recent months. It is a busy junction, and some tail backs are present at peak times.  I can confirm that the junction traffic light phasing is at optimum efficiency.

Following Contributions from Councillor G O’Connell, John Hegarty Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/225/M26/0324 Item ID:82772 – Griffeen Road Safety Audit**

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

This committee urgently requests a comprehensive report on the audit conducted along the Griffeen Road concerning the Exits and Entrances Pilot Scheme. The report should highlight issues identified during the audit, concerns brought to the attention of management, and the recommendations made by council engineers following their own examinations. Additionally, we seek confirmation on whether tactile markings were incorporated into the surface at the entrances, considering the continuous cycle lane and the potential impact on pedestrians, particularly those with visual impairments.

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

 Road Maintenance are awaiting final sign off of the road safety audit by the auditor and until that is received it would be inappropriate to share.

As per Q21 of the last month’s meeting the finding of the 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.

 The contractor is currently on site and has completed the majority of these recommendations.

With regards to the tactile paving, there is no tactile paving provided for pedestrians crossing the side roads.

 The reasons for this is

1. Side roads are low traffic, slower speed environments where as per the design standards tactile may omitted
2. Pedestrians have priority here and providing tactile might imply to a visually impaired pedestrian they had to yield. This creates confusion which makes the junction less safe

 The detailed design was reviewed by an external traffic auditor and the omission of tactile was not raised. It went through a public consultation and stage three road safety audit and omitting tactile was not raised.

Following Contributions from Councillor L O’Toole, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/226/M27/0324 Item ID:82739 – Request for Pencil Bollards in Canonbrook Estate**

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

Following on from previous request through TMM in September, I am calling on the manager to install colourful pencil bollards in Canonbrook Estate Lucan outside of the National Schools in support of safer pedestrian safety for young students walking to school and to deter illegal and dangerous kerb mounting at school times.

**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. 170 schools were notified in June 2021 that they are part of the first round of funding for SRTS.  A further 108 schools were notified in December 2022 that they were part of the second round of funding for SRTS. Scoil Áine Naofa in Lucan made an application under the programme and were accepted however they were not selected under Rounds 1 or 2 but will be included in a subsequent round.

Due to resource and funding limitations, all schemes at schools cannot progress at the same pace through design, planning processes, procurement and delivery, subsequent schools will be engaged with on a rolling basis. SDCC will engage with the SRTS Team in An Taisce to establish when they can initiate contact with Scoil Áine Naofa, so that the necessary reports and surveys can be conducted to enable funding to be sought from the NTA.

In the interim, a member of the SDCC Active Travel team will visit the location and assess if any low cost fast delivery measures can be taken in 2024.

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

## **Planning**

### **LPNC/227/Q20/0324 Item ID:82752 – South Dublin Childcare Committee**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

This committee seeks confirmation regarding the efforts made to date in retrieving figures from the South Dublin Childcare Committee, as raised in a previous motion and corresponding questions.

The importance of obtaining these figures is emphasised by recent discussions in the SDZ meeting, specifically concerning creche capacity in the Adamstown area. Therefore, we kindly request the Chief Executive to provide an update on the efforts made to obtain the necessary figures from the South Dublin Childcare Committee.

This information will contribute significantly to our ongoing discussions and planning to ensure the effective delivery of childcare services in our community.

[Q20 82752 info background](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82069)

**REPLY:**

The Planning Section has met with South Dublin Childcare Committee to discuss childcare provision, share information related to phasing and housing delivery and share contact details with landowners to facilitate future discussions on the delivery of childcare in the Adamstown SDZ. The South Dublin Childcare Committee noted that Adamstown is an area that difficulties arise when attempting to secure childcare spaces, and this was also found with regard to babies (under 1 year) across South Dublin. There are 241 services registered across South Dublin, the majority of which are privately operated. In relation to childcare service closures and openings since 2016/2017, the Childcare Committee outlined that there a more services closing than opening. The ratio of closures to openings is difficult to identify as existing childcare services getting a new Tusla/DCYA number are counted as openings.

SDCC Planning continues to liaise with the landowners and encourages the collaboration of all landowners in Adamstown with the South Dublin Childcare Committee to ensure high quality and well designed childcare spaces are delivered before or in tandem with the Phasing requirements of the Planning Scheme. The Planning Scheme states that the minimum requirements for childcare spaces in the required facilities are set out in the scheme is 565 spaces, and that the SDZ itself has a minimum capacity of 600 spaces (following the approval of c.100 spaces in Adamstown Castle in 2006). The Scheme will also support proposals for early childhood care and education in flexible use buildings, community buildings such as community centres and schools and in homes subject to appropriate safeguards. These types of facilities are likely to facilitate a higher yield of childcare in the future once operational.

At present the facility in Adamstown Castle was granted in 2006 under application reference DZ06A/7 and is currently operational catering for circa 133 children.

In addition, there has been a grant for a 651sqm childcare facility at Tobermaclugg/Shackelton (across from Lidl) under SDZ18A/0002. It has been confirmed that it has recently opened and is operational, facilitating space for 133 children.

In St. Helens, an amended application has been submitted for the childcare provision within St Helens. Under application SDZ23A/0017, the redesign of 80 apartments within St Helens included provision of 808sqm of Childcare. This can cater for circa. 100-120 childcare.

### **LPNC/228/H13/0324 Item ID:82386 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/229/C9/0324 Item ID:82373 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Economic Development**

### **LPNC/230/Q21/0324 Item ID:82733 – 12th Lock Masterplan**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

To ask the Chief Executive to explain why SDCC created and commenced a Part 8 consultation on the 12th Lock Masterplan on the 7th of March last, incorporating a previously unheard of film studio proposal which appears to undermine a wider water-based heritage and community facility, without first bringing the proposal to this Area Committee or the full Council; and if a statement can be made on the matter.

**REPLY:**

The progression of the Economic Masterplan for 12th Lock involved detailed engagement with the business sector across the County and identified a need for a facility of this scale and type. Updates on the project have been provided to the EETD SPC  and the Council over the course of the Masterplan preparation. Further developments at the location will provide for water based and community activities in particular as part of the Grange Cottage developments.

A full briefing on the 12th Lock Masterplan Part 8 Proposals is listed as a Headed Item under Economic Development business today.

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

### **LPNC/231/H14/0324 Item ID:82869 – 12th Lock Masterplan Part 8 Proposals**

This report was presented by Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer

**12th Lock Masterplan Part 8 Proposals**

[H14 12th Lock Masterplan Part Proposals](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82277)

Following Contributions from Councillors S Moynihan, P Gogarty, L O’Toole and J Tuffy, Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted**.

### **LPNC/232/H15/0324 Item ID:82381 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/233/C10/0324 Item ID:82369 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/234/M28/0324 Item ID:82737 – Purchase of Airlie House**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

To call on the manager to explore the possibility of purchasing Airlie House Lucan to renovate and utilize as community space.

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

The purchase of Airlie House, Lucan has not been provided for in the Three Year Capital Programme.  The Council are already advancing the acquisition and development of properties in the Lucan Area including the School Masters House and Lucan House. Community facilities for the Adamstown area are being delivered in line with the requirements of the SDZ, as such there are no plans to acquire Airlie House for the purposes of developing community facilities.

An Amendment was proposed by Councillor J Tuffy and seconded by Councillor V Casserly which was unanimously **Agreed**.

**Amended Motion:**

To call on the manager to explore the possibility of purchasing Airlie House Lucan to renovate and utilize as community space **including under through the URDF fund**.

This Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/235/M29/0324 Item ID:82685 – Purchase of Airlie House**

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

That South Dublin County Council actively seeks to purchase Airlie House in Adamstown SDZ, recently listed for sale at a guide price of €450k, so as to secure this historic property for longer term community benefit and also potential recoupment of costs, especially given that there has been no further progress in the purchase of the Old School Master's House; and if a statement can be made on the matter.

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

The purchase of Airlie House has not been provided for in the Three Year Capital Programme.  The Council are already advancing the acquisition and development of properties in the Lucan Area including the School Masters House and Lucan House. Community facilities for the area are being delivered in line with the requirements of the SDZ, as such there are no plans to acquire Airlie House for the purposes of developing community facilities.

An Amendment was proposed by Councillor J Tuffy and seconded by Councillor V Casserly which was unanimously **Agreed**.

**Amended Motion:**

That South Dublin County Council actively seeks to purchase Airlie House in Adamstown SDZ, recently listed for sale at a guide price of €450k, so as to secure this historic property for longer term community benefit and also potential recoupment of costs, especially given that there has been no further progress in the purchase of the Old School Master's House; **and that community benefit might include the house being refurbished using URDF funding for the purposes of social housing with a community space integrated into the plans for such refurbishment**, and if a statement can be made on the matter.

This Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/236/M30/0324 Item ID:82722 – St Ronan’s Crescent Green Space Request**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

That the Chief Executive arrange for the site between 26 and 27 St Ronan's Crescent to be turned into a green space with grass for residents. Residents have agreed to maintain and cut the grass if necessary.

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

### **LPNC/237/M31/0324 Item ID:82759 – Lucan Village Graveyard**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to take the old graveyard in Lucan Village into public ownership, following recent engagement with Archaeologists from the National Monuments Service and to make a statement on the matter.

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

As previously advised a formal report from National Monuments Service is awaited following their inspection of the site some time ago. Recent engagement with NMS to request advancement of same has been undertaken. With the proposed acquisition of Lucan House, the boundary of which property adjoins the graveyard, there may be an opportunity to bring access into the public domain. Any such opportunity will be examined in conjunction with National Monuments Service or OPW as appropriate.

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

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **LPNC/238/Q22/0324 Item ID:82778 – Lucan Library Study Desks**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

To ask the CE about the study desks available in the Lucan Library. Could you please provide information on the current number of study desks in the library? Additionally, I would like to know if there is any potential or scope to add more study desks, considering the increasing demand for such facilities.

**REPLY:**

There are currently 15 study spaces available in Lucan Library, with the seminar room being made available as overflow space when there are no events scheduled.

Last year, we permanently converted 6 computer spaces to study spaces in response to demand. In addition, we operate a booking system to ensure fair and equal access. While spaces are in high demand during peak times (especially the run-up to State exams), there is good availability for desks throughout the rest of the year and we prioritise use of the seminar room for study use at those peak periods where possible.

### **LPNC/239/H16/0324 Item ID:82709 – Application for Arts Grants**

The following report was presented by Rosena Hand Senior Executive Librarian

**Application of Arts Grants**

(i)Gaelscoil Na Camoige

Gaelscoil Na Camoige are seeking support towards a recording of a video of the Ukulele club.

The ukulele club was established in Gaelscoil Na Camoige two years ago, there are approximately 95 students in the club, and have performed in numerous events within the school and the local community. They now seek funding to record/video a song, which has been adapted into the Irish language by the students themselves.

The Arts Office recommends that a contribution of €550 be allocated to Gaelscoil Na Camoige, to support the recording of a video of a song by the ukulele club.

(ii)Scoil Mhuire GNS Lucan

Scoil Mhuire GNS Lucan are seeking support to complete a programme of tin whistle classes for 4th and 5th class.

The school is currently trying to develop the Creative Arts and have started tin whistle with 4th and 5th classes.  which has been a positive experience for the pupils. The school prides itself on developing the artistic interests and talents of its pupils and believe the support of a local musician will help both pupils and staff develop their confidence and passion for the Arts,

The Arts Office recommends that a contribution of €650 be allocated to Scoil Mhuire GNS Lucan to complete tin whistle lessons for 4th and 5th class.

The report was **Noted**.

### **LPNC/240/H17/0324 Item ID:82378 – Library News & Events**

Library News & Events

1. [H17 LPNC Library report March](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82087)
2. [(ii) H17 Library Event Stats](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82131)

This Report was **Noted**.

### **LPNC/241/H18/0324 Item ID:82384 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/242/C11/0324 Item ID:82371 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/243/M32/0324 Item ID:82690 – Adamstown Link Road Street Art / Mural**

Proposed by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh

That this committee calls on the manager to re-examine a street art / mural project under the bridge area on the Adamstown Link Rd, providing costing and supporting the provision of funding allocation for same.

Such a project undertaking can represent Adamstown and its residents, whilst promoting it's multicultural community in a positive and colourful way.

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

Meeting Concluded at 18:11

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 **An Cathaoirleach**