

COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS
SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL



Minutes of Environment, Public Realm & Climate Change SPC Meeting held on 6th February 2024

Venue: Council Chamber & Online (MS Teams)

In attendance:

Elected Members

Councillor David McManus (Chair)
Councillor Madeleine Johansson
Councillor Francis Timmons
Councillor Vanessa Mulhall

Sectoral Members

Mr. John Kiberd (Teams)
Mr. Donie Anderson
Ms. Deirdre Mooney (Teams)

Officials

Teresa Walsh, Director of Services
Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer
Leo McGee, Senior Engineer
Fionnghuala Ryan, Environmental Awareness Officer
Anthony McNamara, Climate Action Coordinator
Gary Tyrell, Climate Action Officer (Teams)
Michael Heffernan, Senior Executive Engineer
Colum Fagan, Senior Executive Engineer (Teams)
Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent

Apologies

The Chair welcomed all in attendance in the chamber and on Microsoft Teams. A special welcome to our guest speaker Gillian McCann from Re-turn.

Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 13th December 2023

The [minutes](#) of the Environment SPC meeting, held on 13th December 2023 were proposed by the Chair, Councillor McManus, seconded by Councillor Timmons and agreed.

Item 2: Re-Turn Presentation

Ms. Gillian McCann from Re-turn did a [presentation](#) on the new national deposit return scheme on in scope plastic and aluminium beverage containers which came into effect on the 1st February last.

Councillor Timmons queried the refund mechanism for the deposit.

Councillor Johansson complemented Ms. McCann on the presentation and commented on the timeframe for old stock to run through the system before new branded stock was available.

Councillor Mulhall queried whether the returned containers could form part of a collection service when groceries are delivered by retailers.

Ms. McCann responded to all of the queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

Item 3: Sports Pitch Strategy Implementation (Pavilion Programme)

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent, presented an [update](#) on the sports capital grants and the pavilion programme.

Councillor Timmons queried the application process.

Councillor Mulhall queried the usage of the pavilions.

Councillor Johansson queried the works being undertaken at Collinstown and the proposed timeline.

Deirdre Mooney queried whether there would be provision for toilet facilities.

The manager responded to all of the queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

Item 4: Circular Economy & Environmental Awareness Activities

Fionnghuala Ryan, Environmental Awareness Officer, presented an [update](#) on activities for 2024.

Councillor Timmons queried a number of items including graffiti removal, dog fouling, Dublin Canvas and the repair café trial run by SDCC in conjunction with Clondalkin Tidy Towns.

The manager responded to all of the queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

Item 5: Community Climate Action Fund (CCAF)

Anthony McNamara, Climate Action Coordinator, [presented](#) on the CCAF and there were no questions.

The Report was **NOTED**.

Item 6: A.O.B.

Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer advised all that the Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy 2024-2030 was due to be launched by The Minister on the 1st March 2024.

This business was **NOTED**.

There was no further business.

The Chair, Cllr McManus concluded the meeting at 6.55pm.