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

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

## Caroline Brady

## Vicky Casserly

## Niamh Fennell

## Paul Gogarty

## Alan Hayes

## Madeleine Johansson

## Glenn Moore

## Liona O’Toole

## Joanna Tuffy

# **Officials Present**

## Senior Executive Officers Laura Leonard, Mary Maguire, Vivienne Hartnett, Amanda Mills

## A/Senior Executive Officer Fiona Hendley, Edel Clancy

## Senior Engineers John Hegarty, Gary Walsh

## Senior Parks Superintendent Suzanne Furlong

## Senior Executive Parks Superintendent David Fennell

## Senior Executive Engineer Andrew O'Mullane, Michael Heffernan

## Senior Executive Librarian Rosena Hand

## Staff Officer Eimear O’Sullivan

## Assistant Staff Officer Eduardo De Oliveira

## Clerical Officer Vikki Cryan

### The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Liona O’Toole, presided.

# **LPNC/492/H1/1124 Item ID:84759 - Minutes**

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

It was proposed by Councillor L O’Toole and seconded by Councillor A Hayes and RESOLVED: “That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the 26th of November 2024 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

[H1 Minutes of October 2024 ACM](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=84344)

## **LPNC/492A/1024 – Questions**

It was proposed by Councillor L O’Toole and seconded by Councillor N Fennell and RESOLVED “That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 that Questions 1 – 19 be ADOPTED and APPROVED

## **Water & Drainage**

### **LPNC/493/H2/1124 Item ID:84783 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/494/C1/1124 Item ID:84770 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Public Realm**

### **LPNC/495/Q1/1124 Item ID:84799 - Lucan Skate Park**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the Manager to arrange for lights to be turned on for young people using the skate park at Lucan Leisure Centre, Griffeen Park. Young people report that they cannot use the park in the evenings because the lights are not switched on. This limits their access hours during the winter months and also makes the area unsafe. Lighting that comes on at dusk means young people have access to this amenity and can continue to make use of the facility as the nights grow darker.

**REPLY:**

The power supply to the lights in the skate park is fed from the leisure centre.  Following an upgrade of the distribution board in the leisure centre the supply to the skate park was found to be unsafe.  The supply to the skate park was shut off pending repair.  In the interim a lighting contractor was engaged to provide a sustainable solution to allow the lights to turn off sequentially over a short period of time.  This in turn would remove the requirement to have CCTV in place.  The lights will also be upgraded to low energy fittings as part of the work.  We are currently awaiting a quote from the contractor for the light upgrade works.

### **LPNC/496/Q2/1124 Item ID:85064 - Storage Facilities Tandys Lane Park**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

To ask the Chief Executive if the Council could facilitate a secure storage area for nets, juvenile goalposts and flags etc for Na Gaeil Óga at Tandy's Lane Park in the coming months?

**REPLY:**

Representatives of the Public Realm Section met with the club in recent months.  The issue of storage facilities was one of the items discussed.  Public Realm are currently examining this request.

### **LPNC/497/Q3/1124 Item ID:85062 - Waterstown House**

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes

To ask the Manager why the temporary roof on Waterstown House has not yet been installed, two years after funding was secured in the Council budget.

**REPLY:**

The provision of a roof structure to preserve and protect Waterstown House from the elements will require the design of a supporting steel structure and the installation of that structure, before the roof itself can be erected.  Provision has been made in the capital programme 2025 for this work, the previous provision of €30,000 in 2023 has been transferred to capital and will be utilised in this project.  A tender process for the engagement of the structural design consultant will be carried out early in 2025 and steel fabrication, installation and roof construction works will be carried out thereafter.

### **LPNC/498/Q4/1124 Item ID:85033 - Haydens Lane Car Park**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

This committee requests that the Chief Executive (CE) confirm whether the assessment to extend the car park at Hayden's Lane has been completed. Additionally, we ask if a report has been compiled on the findings and if it can be shared with the councillors for review.

**REPLY:**

The assessment to extend the car park has not been completed.  As requested at the ACM in October, a report on the matter will be brought back to the ACM by way of a headed Item.

### **LPNC/499/Q5/1124 Item ID:84993 - Esker Cemetery Tap**

Proposed by Councillor J. Tuffy

To ask the CEO for an update on requests for a tap in the Old Esker Cemetery.

**REPLY:**

There is a tap directly inside the gates of the new cemetery which is opposite the old cemetery.  Given the proximity of this existing tap, there are no current proposals to install a tap in the old Cemetery.

### **LPNC/500/Q6/1124 Item ID:85003 - St Andrew's Tree Pruning**

Proposed by Councillor J. Tuffy

To ask for an update on St. Andrew's (The Fairways) and when last were the trees pruned in this estate and can it be added to the current programme in light of increased budgeting for this Council service

**REPLY:**

The trees in St Andrews estate were last pruned in October 2019 under the 2017 – 2019 Tree Maintenance Programme.  The estate can be listed for consideration for a future tree maintenance programme. The focus of the Tree Maintenance Programme is on entire roads or whole estates, increasing the efficiency and productivity of tree maintenance. This programme is ongoing with locations being prioritised accordingly.

The trees in the estate will be inspected prior to any works being carried out and the works will be based on the recommendations from the inspection.  In the meantime, a visual review of the trees in the estate will be carried out and any urgent tree works arising from this, will be attended to.

### **LPNC/501/H3/1124 Item ID:84781 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/502/C2/1124 Item ID:84768 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/503/M1/1124 Item ID:85028 - Griffeen Sports Hub**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, Seconded by Councillor N. Fennell

**Cathaoirleach Business**

This committee formally requests that the Chief Executive (CE) initiate a feasibility study for the Griffeen Sports Hub on Newcastle Road, with the objective of including it in a future development programme. The Sports Hub is ideally located to serve the community and currently supports a high volume of users across multiple sports and activities. The nearby pavilion plans have referenced the clubhouse as having access to essential toilet facilities. Upgrading the clubhouse would enhance its role as a community hub and ensure it remains a welcoming and fully functional amenity for years to come. We believe these improvements will address current needs and support anticipated future growth in the area's recreational and sports activities.

**The following report from the Chief Executive was read:**

This western section of Griffeen Valley Park contains a variety of sporting and other recreational facilities and is a functioning sports hub for the area. Its facilities include: 1.7 km of walking and cycling routes, an artificial surfaced athletics track, an artificial surfaced hockey pitch, a GAA pitch, 2 No. soccer pitches and a well-sized car park. Clubs who play in this area and have pitch allocations include Arthur Griffith Park FC, Lucan Sarsfields, Lucan Harriers, Weston Hockey Club and Griffeen Valley Petangue Club. The area is used by a variety of sports clubs and the local community, and the sports provision is varied. The park is surrounded by residential areas on all of its 4 sides; with the nearest house being 50m to the existing GAA pitch.

Recent augmentations to the facilities in the park include a teenspace with ball wall, a variety of seating and meeting areas including a basket swing, 3 v 3 basketball facilities and a kick about area. A public Pétanque Court was opened in 2022. There is also an existing clubhouse (facilities are used by Arthur Griffith Park FC, Lucan Harriers, Weston Hockey Club), with a long-term lease in place.

Proposals for further improvements going forward include the expenditure of the existing Sports Capital Grants which include funding for further improvements to the athletics track, as well as an upgrade of the surface of the hockey pitch, and SDCC are progressing these items in tandem with the relevant clubs.

The recently passed Part 8 for the provision of a sports changing room pavilion in the east of the park will provide changing and toilets facilities as well as storage for clubs and groups using the adjacent sports facilities. It is programmed to complete these works in 2025, the pavilion facilities will be available for clubs and groups who wish to access changing and toilet facilities within the park via an on-line booking system.

Following contributions from Councillors L O’Toole and J Tuffy, Suzanne Furlong Senior Parks Superintendent and Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/504/M2/1124 Item ID:84921 - Ballyowen Way-R136 Pruning**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson, Seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

That the Chief Executive include the area at the back of Ballyowen Way (between Ballyowen Way and R136) when carrying out assessments and tree pruning at Hermitage/R136 as part of the request from Cllr Gogarty at the October ACM (Question (8) Item ID: 84603).

**The following report from the Chief Executive was read:**

A survey of the trees between Hermitage Park estate and the R136 has already been carried out.  An additional assessment will be arranged for the area between Ballyowen Way and the R136.

Following contribution from Councillor M Johansson, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/505/M3/1124 Item ID:85020 - Airlie Cricket Pitch**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty, Seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

That the Chief Executive acts immediately on the outstanding maintenance issues at Airlie Park Cricket Ground, including dealing with dangerous drain lines, sanding, spiking, seeding, fertilising and other issues outlined in the Cricket Leinster report from last March; and, if it is not capable of maintaining the main pitch to competitive standard, permits Adamstown Cricket Club to take over these operations, as members have already indicated a willingness to do so, in the absence of a credible maintenance programme.

**The following report from the Chief Executive was read:**

The cricket pitch at Airlie Park is maintained by a landscape contractor who is working on behalf of the main contractor that developed the park.  This is a contractual arrangement which is in place until such time that the maintenance of the soft landscaping of the park is handed over the Council.  SDCC have raised the condition of pitch with both parties and requested works to improve the playing surface.  The gravel drains, aeration and fertilising were specifically identified as issues to be addressed.  Emphasis was placed on getting the works completed in October while weather and ground conditions were suitable.   The landscape contractor fertilised the pitch in October and clarification has been requested on what aeration if any has been carried out.  Top dressing (sanding) is not included in the maintenance contract, and this will be carried out as an addition task before the cricket playing season commences in the spring.

Given the current arrangement that is in place it would not be appropriate for Adamstown Cricket Club to take on the role of maintenance.  In fact, to do so may create difficulties with the existing contract.  When the maintenance contract concludes in 2026, the maintenance of the pitch will be carried out by the Public Realm Section.

Following contributions from Councillors P Gogarty, J Tuffy and L O’Toole, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/506/M4/1124 Item ID:85045 - Rowlagh Memorial Stone**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell, Seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

This committee calls on the Council to repair the memorial stone in Rowlagh Park which is currently damaged and lying on the ground.

**The following report from the Chief Executive was read:**

Arrangements are in hand to have the Rowlagh Remembrance Garden stone reinstated at the Rowlagh Park/Avenue open space.  Every effort will be made to have this completed before year end.

Following contributions from Councillors N Fennell and L O’Toole, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/507/M5/1124 Item ID:85059 - All-Weather Facility Palmerstown / Ballyfermot**

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes, Seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

This Committee requests SDCC to commence discussion with DCC on the possibilities of providing a shared All-Weather facility in lands between Palmerstown and Ballyfermot.

**The following report from the Chief Executive was read:**

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. 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.

If the motion is passed SDCC can contact DCC to ascertain any current plans they may have for All Weather Facilities in the area mentioned and see if there is opportunity for shared use.

Following contributions from Councillors A Hayes and L O’Toole, Suzanne Furlong Senior Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/508/M6/1124 Item ID:85029 - Willsbrook Estate-N4 trees**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, Seconded by Councillor N. Fennell

That this committee requests that the Chief Executive (CE) assess and arrange for the pruning of a number of trees along the N4 adjacent to the Willsbrook Estate. These trees have grown to a significant height, raising safety concerns among residents who feel that the current growth may pose a potential hazard. We ask that these trees be reviewed to determine if their height can be safely reduced to ensure peace of mind and safety for the local community.

**The following report from the Chief Executive was read:**

The trees growing in the area between the boundary wall of Willsbrook estate and the wooden fence on the N4 slip road have been listed for surveying.  Upon completion of the survey, any works considered necessary will be listed for attention.

Following contributions from Councillor L O’Toole, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

## **Environment**

### **LPNC/509/Q7/1124 Item ID:85044 – Facility Usage by Clubs in Airlie Park**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

To ask the manager to provide a report on the uptake / usage of the new Airlie Park by clubs from within the catchment and outside. Furthermore, outlining any issues or challenges that have arisen, and actions taken to address same.

**REPLY:**

Since the official opening of Airlie Park in November 2024, there has been a great interest and use of all of the facilities in the park.

In particular clubs from within the catchment and outside are continuously benefiting from the top-class facilities of the artificial grass pitch. South Dublin County Council currently have 147 active user accounts, approximately 75 of these accounts are associated with sports clubs and local schools with the remaining being members of the public.

**Artificial Grass Pitch**

Our Winter allocation period runs annually from October to April. Currently we have 11 clubs with 2 x 1-hour weekly evening spots with another 3 teams taking up allocation in Dec / Jan when the GAA season starts. On average, during the winter allocation period, we operate at approx. 85%- 90% capacity during peak midweek evening times. Any unallocated spots are available on a first come first serve bookings for any club to book.

**Tennis Courts**

Airlie Park has 3 outdoor tennis courts. The booking system has record of 335 hours (over 222 bookings) from January 1st – October 31st. The tennis courts are mainly booked by members of the public and not local clubs. We have hosted 1 tennis camp, run by Parks Tennis that accommodated 78 local children for an 8-week term, the program was extremely successful.

**Cricket Pitch**

Airlie Park Cricket pitch is allocated to Adamstown Cricket Club. It is currently the “off” season for cricket, so the pitch is being used approx. 20 hours per week.

During the next cricket season – March to October 2025, the club estimates that usages will double, based on previous seasons.

**Issues/Challenges and Actions**

There are ongoing challenges with Airlie Park as can sometimes arise with new facilities. This includes some anti-social behaviour and has resulted in SDCC having to replace the keypad a number of times. Other issues are a lot of littering in and around the pitch and dressing rooms. Our staff and contracted cleaners continue to remove the litter and clean the changing rooms regularly. Clubs are asked on regular occasions to report such instances to Public Realm if they arrive and find the changing rooms or the pitch littered. Once reported, Public Realm will reach out to the offending clubs and remind them of the T&Cs and that further misuse of the facilities may result in the loss of their allocation or access to the pitch.

There was fire damage to the pitch which is now being repaired.  SDCC have engaged clubs and local schools that use the pitch to encourage kids to protect the great asset that is in their community. SDCC have engaged with the An Garda Siochana’s community guard on occasion.

There has been an increased demand from clubs for winter training spots. In order to accommodate more clubs utilising the facility, SDCC have implemented and encouraged pitch sharing between clubs where possible, meaning each club sharing gets the use of one full size soccer pitch for their session. This allows for 2 clubs to get the use out of the same sought after slot resulting in half the cost for each club.

### **LPNC/510/H4/1124 Item ID:84776 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/511/C3/1124 Item ID:84760 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/512/M7/1124 Item ID:84994 - Lucan Village Cleaning**

Proposed by Councillor J. Tuffy, Seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

To ask the CEO if there is currently in place a hand cart person for Lucan Village and can particular attention be paid to the area of Main Street from Sarsfield Terrace up to the roundabout at the junction of the Span Bridge in terms of cleaning the path along this stretch as well as adjacent road where the car spaces are.

**The following report from the Chief Executive was read:**

A Public Realm member of staff is appointed to cleansing duties in Lucan Village.  The Main Street from Sarsfield Terrace up to the roundabout at the junction of Lucan Bridge is included in the area which is maintained.  The cleansing of parking spaces along this stretch of road can be difficult at times due to cars occupying the parking spaces.

Several inspections were carried out in the village in November.  It was noted that there was a higher than normal amount of litter present during inspections.  On foot of this, staff rostering has been adjusted to ensure that there is appropriate staff cover for litter picking in the Village with particular attention to be paid to the area identified in the Motion.

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

### **LPNC/513/M8/1124 Item ID:85046 - Illegal Dumping**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell, Seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

This committee agrees that we need to address and come up with solutions regarding the ongoing anti-social behaviour, which is resulting in illegal dumping in laneways, fires which is destroying laneways and residents' priorities. Some laneways that have been reported as ongoing area that anti social behaviour such as outlined above are the laneways at Palmerstown avenue, and laneways behind Glenaulin Green.

**The following report from the Chief Executive was read:**

The Litter Warden carries out regular inspections of the areas outlined in this motion. Where evidence is found, appropriate enforcement action is taken under the provisions of the Litter Pollution Acts. Increasingly it is found that there is no evidence in the dumped material to identify the alleged polluter. In the absence of evidence, witness testimony and the attendance of witnesses in court it is not possible to successfully prosecute a case.

SDCC is currently monitoring an array of potential sites, that will meet the Code of Practise criteria for CCTV and have developed Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIAs) in line with the provisions of the COP and in consultation with the Data Protection Officer. As identified sites meet the COP criteria, business cases will be submitted to the Council's CCTV Oversight Board and subsequently to the Chief Executive for approval.

The above sites which are the subject of this motion, are not currently being monitored as problematic areas. SDCC enforcement section have received a total of 4 complaints in 2024 for Glenaulin including Green/Park & Road and 3 complaints in 2024 for Palmerstown Ave.

We will continue to monitor this area and include these sites for the deployment of CCTV if deemed necessary.

Following contributions from Councillors N Fennell and A Hayes, Michael Heffernan Senior Executive Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/514/M9/1124 Item ID:85068 - Letter to Tidy Towns groups**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady, Seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

That this committee formally recognizes, commends, and congratulates Clondalkin and Lucan Tidy Towns Committees for their exceptional dedication, hard work, and achievements in the 2024 SuperValu Tidy Towns competition. Clondalkin improved its score from 337 to 349 points, while Lucan achieved the highest score in South Dublin, increasing from 354 to 365 points—just one mark short of a silver medal. It is requested that letters of congratulations be sent to both committees, conveying our appreciation and acknowledging their commitment to enhancing their communities and their remarkable accomplishments in this year's competition.

**The following report from the Chief Executive was read:**

If the motion is agreed, letters of congratulations will be sent to both committees, conveying our appreciation and acknowledging their commitment to enhancing their communities and their remarkable accomplishments in this year's Tidy Towns competition.

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

## **Housing**

### **LPNC/515/Q8/1124 Item ID:85048 - Vacant houses**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

To ask the manager to provide a report on all current vacant homes in the LEA.

**REPLY:**

Our Housing Maintenance and Refurbishment section undertake re-let works on vacant housing stock throughout the County to ensure stock is brought back into productive use for letting as soon as possible. The current turnaround time from the date a property is surrendered to the date it is allocated is 19.29 weeks.

There are currently 37 vacant homes in Lucan/Palmerstown/North Clondalkin within our housing stock which are at various stages of the re-letting process as follows:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Electoral Area** | **Survey** | **In Progress** | **Ready** | **TOTAL** |
| **Palmerstown / Fonthill / N Clondalkin** | 2 | 16 | 18 | 36 |
| **Lucan** | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| **TOTAL** | 2 | 17 | 18 | 37 |

The 18 properties ready for allocation are in the process of being tenanted through CBL and other allocation processes.

**Private Vacant Homes**

Phase 1 of a county-wide survey of potential vacant properties in conjunction with the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) was carried out during 2023.

There are currently 22 homes included on the Vacant Homes Register which are in the Lucan, Palmerstown, Fonthill LEA.  The ownership of the properties identified are investigated with a view to engaging with owners to bring the properties back into productive use with the assistance of the Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Grant, Repair and Leasing Scheme and Buy and Renew Scheme.

### **LPNC/516/Q9/1124 Item ID:84969 - Maintenance Requests**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on maintenance requests in Balgaddy so far this year by category and month received?

**REPLY:**

The Council categorises all requests for repairs depending on the nature of the problem. These categories are emergency, urgent, routine or cyclical. We endeavour to respond to requests for repairs according to the guidelines below:

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| **CATEGORY** | **TIMESCALE** | **EXAMPLE** |
| Emergency | 1 – 5 working days | Smoking Fuse Board, Burst water tank |
| Urgent | 10 working days | Leak under sink unit, Leaking roof |
| Routine | 12 weeks + | Replace toilet cistern, Faulty radiator |
| Cyclical | 1 – 7 years | Leaking gutters, replacement hall door etc. |

939 work orders have been raised and 427 have been completed for the Balgaddy area to the end of October 2024, as categorised in the tables below:

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| **Work Orders Raised 2024** | **Jan** | **Feb** | **Mar** | **Apr** | **May** | **Jun** | **Jul** | **Aug** | **Sep** | **Oct** |
| Plumbing | 37 | 24 | 30 | 41 | 24 | 23 | 38 | 18 | 32 | 25 |
| Mechanical | 49 | 24 | 25 | 35 | 17 | 14 | 13 | 20 | 19 | 32 |
| Electrical | 16 | 18 | 10 | 15 | 8 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 14 | 8 |
| Miscellaneous | 33 | 40 | 31 | 34 | 35 | 17 | 23 | 32 | 21 | 18 |
| **Total:** | **135** | **106** | **96** | **125** | **84** | **64** | **83** | **77** | **86** | **83** |

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| **Work Orders Completed 2024** | **Jan** | **Feb** | **Mar** | **Apr** | **May** | **Jun** | **Jul** | **Aug** | **Sep** | **Oct** |
| Plumbing | 18 | 19 | 20 | 16 | 15 | 17 | 16 | 12 | 19 | 23 |
| Mechanical | 40 | 21 | 14 | 33 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 18 | 8 | 26 |
| Electrical | 3 | 8 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 7 |
| Miscellaneous | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| **Total:** | **64** | **49** | **42** | **58** | **36** | **29** | **33** | **32** | **27** | **57** |

### **LPNC/517/H5/1124 Item ID:85071 - Housing Delivery Report**

The following report was presented by Vivienne Hartnett Senior Executive Officer

Housing Delivery Report

[H5 - Housing Delivery Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=84255)

Following contributions from Councillors L O’Toole and A Hayes, Vivienne Hartnett Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

### **LPNC/518/H6/1124 Item ID:85072 - Anti Social Behaviour Q3 report - For Noting**

The following report was presented by Fiona Hendley A/Senior Executive Officer

Anti Social Behaviour Q3 report - For Noting

**REPLY:**

Anti-Social Behaviour report up to 30th September 2024.

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| **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORTING & STATISTICS FOR LUCAN, PALMERSTOWN, NORTH CLONDALKIN**  |
| **Incidents** | **2023 TOTAL**  | **1st Qtr 2024** | **2nd Qtr 2024** | **3rd Qtr 2024** | **4th Qtr 2024** | **2024 TOTAL**  |
| **CATEGORY A** |  |   |   |   |   |  |
| Drugs Activity reported to SDCC | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 |   | **6** |
| Criminal Activity reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |   | **0** |
| Joyriding reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |   | **0** |
| Violence/intimidation/ harassment reported to SDCC | 5 | 3 | 0 | 6 |   | **9** |
| **CATEGORY B** |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Squatters/illegal occupiers reported to SDCC | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |   | **1** |
| Vandalism reported to SDCC | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 |   | **5** |
| Physical condition of property reported to SDCC | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 |   | **4** |
| Physical condition of Garden reported to SDCC | 0 | 5 | 1 | 3 |   | **9** |
| Racism reported to SDCC | 0 |   |   | 0 |   |  |
| Vacant House reported to SDCC | 6 | 6 | 2 | 4 |   | **12** |
| Neighbour Dispute (including parking) reported to SDCC | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 |   | **5** |
| **CATEGORY C** |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Noise/disturbance reported to SDCC | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |   | **5** |
| Pets/animal nuisance reported to SDCC | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 |   | **5** |
| Children Nuisance reported to SDCC | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |   | **0** |
| Selling alcohol |   | 0 | 0 | 0 |   | **0** |
| **Total Incidents reported to SDCC** | 20 | 25 | 16 | 21 |   | 62 |
| **Total Complaints reported to SDCC** |   | 29 | 18 | 23 |   | **70** |
| **Total Actions taken by Allocations Support Unit Staff -     Main actions listed below** | 1255 | 303 | 138 | 452 |   | **893** |
|   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Housecall / Inspection | 21 | 34 | 13 | 39 |   | **86** |
| Demand for Possession Section 15 & 17 | 1 | 34 | 13 | 0 |   | **47** |
| Abandonment notice served | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |   | **2** |
| Surrenders Obtained (including Termination of Tenancy under Section 15) | 2 | 12 | 5 | 12 |   | **29** |
| Warnings issued | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 |   | **5** |
| Interviews held (formal office and by phone) | 22 | 5 | 1 | 17 |   | **23** |
| Pre-Tenancies (includes Group meetings for new developments &following up Tenancy Checks) | 37 | 21 | 7 | 22 |   | **50** |
| Complaints received by Whatsapp | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 |   | **0** |

Following contributions from Councillor L O’Toole, Fiona Hendley A/Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted.**

### **LPNC/519/H7/1124 Item ID:85074 - Allocation Q3 report - For Noting**

The following report was presented by Amanda Mills Senior Executive Officer

Allocation Q3 report - For Noting

**REPLY:**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Allocations** | **County wide Total**  | **Lucan Palmerston, Fonthill** |
| CBL-General | 116 | 36 |
| CBL-HAP | 117 | 36 |
| CBL-RAS Fixed T/F | 4 | 2 |
| Homeless | 165 | 40 |
| Medical | 74 | 20 |
| Age Friendly | 75 | 3 |
| Tenant/Ras in Situ | 68 | 19 |
| **Total** | **619** | **156** |
| Transfers | 87 | 14 |
| RAS NTQ | 42 | 9 |
| Priority – Welfare | 30 | 5 |
| **TOTALS** | **778** | **184** |

Following Contribution from Councillor N Fennell, Amanda Mills Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

### **LPNC/520/H8/1124 Item ID:84777 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/521/C4/1124 Item ID:84764 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/522/M10/1124 Item ID:85047 – Cloverhill Lodge Development**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell, Seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

This committee calls on the Council to produce a report for discussion on the Oaklee development at Cloverhill Lodge, when it will be ready for tenants and what is the delay.

**The following report from the Chief Executive was read:**

It is expected that Oaklee Housing will take possession of Cloverhill Lodge by the end of November 2024.

Significant delays have been experienced in relation to utility connections, which delayed the commissioning of individual units. These issues have now been resolved.

As the allocation process for these homes has been completed, occupancy is not expected to be delayed.

Following contributions from Councillors N Fennell and A Hayes, Vivienne Hartnett Senior Executive Officer, Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

## **Community**

### **LPNC/523/Q10/1124 Item ID:85034 - Footpath Repairs**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

This committee requests an update from the Chief Executive (CE) regarding the delivery and progress of the Lucan Pool project, including any timelines, developments, and current status.

**REPLY:**

Progress continues to be made on the construction at Lucan Pool Campus. The childcare portion of the leisure centre is open to the public and the area for the boxing club to use for storage between now and the opening of the building will be available to them from Nov 25th.

The contractor submitted a revised programme in September as previously noted, with a completion date at the end of November. In order to mitigate against any potential further delay to the wet areas having a knock-on impact delaying overall completion of the building, SDCC in consultation with the operator have developed a detailed plan for phased completion and handover of the building. This plan prioritises the completion, commissioning and snagging of the dry areas of the building at the earliest possible stage.

The car park external lighting is largely complete. Large areas of tarmacking of the car park, including completions on the public road were completed on 1st November. The front façade and service area of the building is largely complete and they are working their way out of the heavy external works from the west of the site to allow clear access for the operator and the public. Access has been given to the operators to allow their IT contractors to commence integrating their systems with the building management software and hardware.

Sectional completion 1 for the gym area is estimated for December 2024 with Public access in the New Year, subject to sufficient resourcing by the contractor and sub-contractors. The suite of BCAR certificates will be required for sectional completion and the preparation for this is ongoing. When agreeing the phased strategy, the contractor was instructed to progress and complete the pool area (sectional completion 2) as soon as possible after sectional completion 1 but all parties have been maintaining focus of their resources on the priority of sectional completion.

A site visit for all Elected Members will be arranged for early December.

The SDCC team and their design team continue to intensively engage with the Contractor to bring this much needed and much anticipated project to completion for the Lucan area.

### **LPNC/524/H9/1124 Item ID:84773 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/525/H10/1124 Item ID:84771 - Deputations for Noting**

Deputations for Noting (No Business)

### **LPNC/526/C5/1124 Item ID:84761 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/527/M11/1124 Item ID:84934 – Lucan Swimming Pool Pricing Structure**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, Seconded by Councillor G. Moore

**Cathaoirleach Business**

This committee requests that the Chief Executive further examine the pricing structure that Aura has set for Lucan Swimming Pool, ensuring it is fair and accessible to all community members rather than targeted at specific cohorts. A fair baseline price should be established, and if Aura wishes to offer additional discounts, they may do so once a more realistic rate is in place. This approach will support Lucan residents in accessing this important facility equitably.

**The following report from the Chief Executive was read:**

Aura Leisure were awarded the tender for operating Lucan Pool and the prices they are providing are what they deem necessary to make it a viable operation.

Following on from a motion at the April Lucan, Palmerstown, Fonthill and North Clondalkin ACM a letter was issued to Aura Leisure expressing the concerns of the Elected Members and the community and asking for a response.

A response from Aura was circulated at the October Area Committee meeting in which they stated that their pricing and rates for Aura Lucan Leisure Campus are comparable with those charged by Aura in the other local authority owned facilities across the country, all of which they operate on a commercial basis, and are in line with comparable commercial facilities in the Dublin region

We are continuing to engage with Aura about their proposed price structure and expressing the views of the elected members and the public and will continue to encourage them to look at the feasibility of offering some concession prices. Aura are aware themselves that specific cohorts of customers and members need additional support to facilitate their access to swimming facilities.

Following contributions from Councillors L O’Toole, A Hayes, P Gogarty, N Fennell and J Tuffy, Edel Clancy A/Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised.

An Amendment was proposed by Councillor P Gogarty and seconded by Councillor L O’Toole.

**Amended Motion:**

This committee requests that the Chief Executive further examine the pricing structure that Aura has set for Lucan Swimming Pool, ensuring it is fair and accessible to all community members rather than targeted at specific cohorts, **and also requests that Aura provide a comprehensive report on the pricing structure across all their facilities to allow for a comparative analysis and ensure consistency in their approach to pricing across locations**. A fair baseline price should be established, and if Aura wishes to offer additional discounts, they may do so once a more realistic rate is in place. This approach will support Lucan residents in accessing this important facility equitably., and also requests that Aura provide a comprehensive report on the pricing structure across all their facilities to allow for a comparative analysis and ensure consistency in their approach to pricing across locations. A fair baseline price should be established, and if Aura wishes to offer additional discounts, they may do so once a more realistic rate is in place. This approach will support Lucan residents in accessing this important facility equitably.

Following further contributions from Councillor L O’Toole, the amended Motion was **Agreed**.

## **Transportation**

### **LPNC/528/Q11/1124 Item ID:85056 - Footpath Repairs**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the manager for an update on footpath repairs to cul de sac details provided. Details Members Rep. 1848285

**REPLY:**

This location has been inspected and no defects were found. We contacted the resident who agreed that no work was required

### **LPNC/529/Q12/1124 Item ID:85042 – R148 Road Conditions**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

To ask the manager to provide a report on the outcome of the investigation of the poor conditions of the R148 onto the oval road.

**REPLY:**

This location was listed for pothole repair earlier this year but on further inspection it needed a larger scheme due to the deterioration. A contractor was appointed to undertake these repairs and works are expected to be completed before the end of November

### **LPNC/530/Q13/1124 Item ID:85043 - Italian Ambassador's Residence**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

To ask the manager for a definitive update on the long-awaited repair to the badly damaged wall, of the former Italian Ambassador's residence, now under the ownership of South Dublin County Council.

**REPLY:**

 Works have been ongoing since October on the wall and have progressed extremely well.

Currently the retaining structure is almost complete and the foundation for the new wall is being constructed

### **LPNC/531/Q14/1124 Item ID:85025 - Lucan Boardwalk**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

Following changes made to the Canal Loop project regarding the boardwalk due to cost constraints and the process involved in using Section 38 to amend an agreed Part 8 plan, this committee requests that the Chief Executive (CE) provide the following: 1. A detailed breakdown of the costings for the initial boardwalk dimensions compared to the revised proposal. 2. A comprehensive explanation of the reasons for relocating eight car park spaces as part of the revised plan. 3. An explanation of the appropriateness and justification for using Section 38 to amend an existing Part 8 project, and confirmation on whether further public consultation will be conducted regarding these changes. This information is essential to maintain transparency and ensure that the rationale behind these adjustments is clear to both the committee and the public.

**REPLY:**

**See the responses below:**

1. The proposed alterations represent an approximate 40% reduction in boardwalk length and include some road realignment and general road works. It is estimated that this will achieve savings of over €1.7million, as well as a shorter construction period.
2. As per the special briefing on September 11th, 2024 and presentation to the September 2024 Lucan / Palmerstown / North Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting, in order to reduce the length of the boardwalk, it would be required to relocate that proposed section of greenway to the road edge, this would require the removal of 8 spaces. These could be reallocated/relocated to Sarsfield Park, as shown in the presentation from the September 2024 ACM.
3. The team will reach out for public comment on these proposed alterations, expected in early 2025, once the documents are completed.

### **LPNC/532/Q15/1124 Item ID:84997 - Lucan Village Public Realm Scheme**

Proposed by Councillor J. Tuffy

To ask the CEO for information about the extent of green space i.e grassed landscapes that will be in the village green in terms of measured space (for e.g. square feet) and how this compares to the extent that was there prior to the works.

**REPLY:**

The green space will be reduced from 727m2 to 514m2, this is a 30% reduction. Planting to the village green will include trees and shrubs such as spindleberry, serviceberry, hydrangea and lavender as well as over 600 perennials and grasses.

### **LPNC/533/H11/1124 Item ID:84784 - Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads (No Business)

### **LPNC/534/H12/1124 Item ID:84782 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/535/C6/1124 Item ID:84769 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/536/M12/1124 Item ID:85027 - Lucan Village Public Realm Scheme**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, Seconded Councillor A. Hayes

**Cathaoirleach Business**

This committee formally requests that the Chief Executive (CE) provide an update on the current status of the Village Green, including progress made to date. Specifically, the update should address the following: Details of Tree Removal: Information on any trees that have been removed, including the reasons for their removal, and clarification on any trees that were initially intended to remain or be relocated but were subsequently removed. Commitment to Christmas Tree and Lights: Confirmation that the Christmas tree and lights will be replaced, along with arrangements to ensure these are in place. Following this motion, we request that representatives meet with the Lucan Festival to discuss plans for the Christmas tree and the connection of the lights. Future Tree Planting Plans: Details on any planned tree planting, including timelines and, if available, information on the species selected for planting. We recognise that the removal of trees in the Village Green has caused concern within the community. To address this, we aim to improve communication about such changes with both the public and councillors, fostering greater transparency and trust in future developments.

[M12 - Image Lucan Village Green (i)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=84282)
**The following report from the Chief Executive was read:**

During the public consultation stage for the scheme, the removal of seven trees was indicated while two trees (spruce and birch) were expected to be retained.  Regrettably, those two additional trees have had to be removed on independent specialist arborist advice but will be replaced by mature trees later in the project.  The birch was removed as its roots have already considerably damaged the wall causing stonework to fracture and dislocate and this will in time cause a collapse of the wall.  The spruce tree was originally assessed as being suitable for removal and replanting, but a detailed risk assessment has subsequently concluded that this is not feasible, while the Christmas lights there were damaged due to entanglement with branches and could not be salvaged for reuse, however replacement lighting will be arranged in consultation with Lucan Festival Committee and Councillors.

Planting to the village green will include trees and shrubs such as spindleberry, serviceberry, hydrangea and lavender as well as over 600 perennials and grasses.

**This motion was taken in conjunction with Motion 15 and 16**

### **LPNC/537/M13/1124 Item ID:84833 - M50 Signage for Palmerstown**

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes, Seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

That the chief executive writes to the relevant roads authority to replace gantry signage on the M50 and approach roads to insert the W into Palmerstown.

**The following report from the Chief Executive was read:**

Members may be aware of previous decision of TII when it said the signs were not due for renewal for a number of years, but it had no objection to making the changes sooner if South Dublin County Council was to make funding available.

SDCC has not made such funding available to upgrade the road signs on the M50 and N4.

If this Motion is passed, we will write to the Minister for Transport / TII seeking the signage to be corrected at stated locations

Following contributions from Councillors A Hayes and L O’Toole, Mary Maguire Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/538/M14/1124 Item ID:84956 - Additional Pedestrian Crossing**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson, Seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

That the Chief Executive improve the unofficial crossings for pedestrians on the Collinstown Road (at the library and near Finches) and upgrade them to pedestrian crossings.

**The following report from the Chief Executive was read:**

SDCC has completed an initial survey at the 2no. locations to see if it is possible to upgrade crossing facilities.  At Finches there is an existing raised table which serves as an uncontrolled crossing point.  SDCC will design up a controlled pedestrian crossing at this location.  This can be put forward for consideration in the 2025 traffic programme of works.

At the library location, there is a raised table across the public road adjacent to the front door of the new library.  This serves as an unofficial pedestrian crossing point.  It will be difficult to install a properly designed controlled pedestrian crossing at this location. The existing raised table is opposite the entrance to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.  Therefore, putting a crossing at a vehicle entrance is not possible.  If the planned crossing is located either side of the Church entrance, it will involve the loss of several on-street parking spaces.

With regards to the library crossing, SDCC will investigate further and produce some options for public consultation. If there is a positive response to this consultation, the proposal will be added to the list for consideration for the 2025 traffic programme of works.

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

### **LPNC/539/M15/1124 Item ID:84998 - Lucan Village Public Realm Scheme**

Proposed by Councillor J. Tuffy, Seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

That there will be staff assigned to oversight and monitoring of the village green works in terms of minimising any ecological. conservation and habitat impact of the works for the duration of the works up until their completion next year with regular site visits and recording of observations.

**The following report from the Chief Executive was read:**

 This Scheme has a Council Project Manager assigned to oversight and monitor the village green works, their duties will include minimising any ecological conservation and habitat impact for the duration of the works up until their completion next year with regular site visits and recording of observations

**This motion was taken in conjunction with Motion 12 and 16**

### **LPNC/540/M16/1124 Item ID:85021 - Lucan Village Public Realm Scheme**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty, Seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

That the Chief Executive provides further clarity on additional measures to be provided in the Lucan village works, following the regrettable cutting down of trees not earmarked for this, commits to additional safety measures being put in place to prevent young children running out onto the busy road adjacent, or scooters entering at speed, and also ensures that all the stonework is retained and any removal for relocation of this historical masonry does not cause the adjacent road and path areas to subside, as it likely acts as a foundation framework; and if a statement can be made on the matter.

**The following report from the Chief Executive was read:**

During the Lucan Public Realm works it was identified that in addition to the trees to be removed that two additional trees would require removal as previously outlined. Replacement trees will now be provided in their place.  The Replacement trees will be suitable and mature trees.

The Lucan Public Realm works are designed in accordance with current design requirements and guidance. This includes road safety and structural design documents and in due course, the project will be subject to independent safety audits as the works are completed and when as the various elements of the projects in Lucan come into use.

It is also worth noting that the Contactor has been requested to place off site, in safe location, any stonework that can be reused.

Following contributions from Councillors L O’Toole, J Tuffy, P Gogarty, Andrew O'Mullane Senior Executive Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/541/M17/1124 Item ID:85030 - Outdoor Furniture in Lucan Village**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, Seconded by Councillor N. Fennell

This committee requests that the Chief Executive (CE) conduct an assessment of the outdoor furniture placed outside local businesses in Lucan Village during the COVID-19 period. Reports have highlighted damage to this street furniture, and we seek confirmation on whether repairs and ongoing maintenance can be arranged. Additionally, we request clarification on where the responsibility lies for the upkeep and repair of these fixtures to ensure they continue to serve the community and enhance the village streetscape effectively.

**The following report from the Chief Executive was read:**

The council are awaiting delivery of a new public outdoor seating area to replace the existing seating that was installed during the pandemic at the River Cafe. It is hoped that it will be installed in the coming weeks.

With regard to the upkeep/repair of it, this will be undertaken by road maintenance however we would hope that the day to day cleaning of the facility would be undertaken by local businesses whose customers avail of it.

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

### **LPNC/542/M18/1124 Item ID:84971 - Public Lighting Wheatfield Road**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson, Seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

That the Chief Executive look at options to improve public lighting on Wheatfield Road in Palmerstown, particularly in places where trees are obscuring the lights leaving the northern side of the road very dark.

**The following report from the Chief Executive was read:**

 We have assessed the public lighting at this location. All our light fittings are mounted on ESBN poles and have been upgraded already to LED, so our options for improving the lighting here are very limited.

Regarding the existing trees, the matter has been referred to Public Realm for review following which, any identified works will be scheduled accordingly.

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

### **LPNC/543/M19/1124 Item ID:85065 - Lucan Boardwalk**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty, Seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

That the Chief Executive brings any further proposals for amending the elaborate and expensive plan for a boardwalk heading over the Lucan Road at Brookvale towards Dispensary Lane to the elected members for voting consideration following full public consultation, including an option to halt the plan in its entirety, in favour of a cheaper, conventional crossing, given the continued strong opposition to the unnecessary cutting down of a significant number of trees in Sarsfield Park.

**The following report from the Chief Executive was read:**

The team will reach out for public comment on the proposed alterations to the approved Lucan Boardwalk, reducing the impact and costs of the boardwalk, expected in early 2025, once the documents are completed.

The current Lucan Road has narrow footpaths on each size which are too narrow for the amount of foot traffic from the local schools and community to the Village. With the improved connections planned in the Grand Canal to Lucan Urban Greenway, the reduced boardwalk will be the link of safe walking and cycling connecting Lucan Village to Griffeen Valley Park, 10+ schools, and other local amenities.

Following contributions from Councillors P Gogarty, J Tuffy and L O’Toole, Andrew O'Mullane Senior Executive Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was **Noted.**

## **Planning**

### **LPNC/544/Q16/1124 Item ID:84968 - Larkfield House**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of inspections carried out at apartments at Larkfield House, Coldcut Rd and any enforcement actions taken following on from those inspections?

**REPLY:**

Numerous inspections have taken place in respect of this development over a considerable period of time.

This Council is managing non-compliance with planning permission (regarding development of 7 additional apartment units for which planning permission was refused under various planning applications) under the formal planning enforcement process.

It is not proposed to comment further as this matter is considered to be sub judice.

### **LPNC/545/Q17/1124 Item ID:85035 - Developments in Adamstown**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

The committee welcomes the introduction of step-down living in recent developments in Adamstown. We now request that the Chief Executive (CE) outline future plans to increase the number of these developments in Adamstown and Clonburris to support the growing need for such housing options in the area.

**REPLY:**

The Planning Schemes for Clonburris and Adamstown encourage a mix of house types. The Planning Delivery team will liaise with the SDCC Housing Department in relation to any future Age Friendly Housing proposals in the SDZs.

### **LPNC/546/H13/1124 Item ID:84780 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/547/C7/1124 Item ID:84767 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/548/M20/1124 Item ID:84800 - Indoor Skate Park Request**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady and Seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

This committee calls on the Chief Executive to engage with the young people using the Lucan Skatepark and the developers of the Clonburris SDZ to include the provision of an indoor Skate Park at the Clonburris or Adamstown SDZs.

**The following report from the Chief Executive was read:**

The SDZs, through an approved Planning Scheme, provide for a programme of amenities and community buildings to be delivered in a phased manner in conjunction with housing occupancy. The Planning Schemes set a broad expectation of the type of uses to be accommodated and then at the design stage for each amenity, park and/or building, consideration is given to the facilities to be included. An indoor skate park is noted for consideration by future design teams.

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

## **Economic Development**

### **LPNC/549/Q18/1124 Item ID:85058** **- School Masters House**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the manager whether Protected Structure ref. 036 the former Tram Depot and Power Station (known locally as the Schoolmasters house) in Lucan was considered for listing on the derelict site register and if eligible should it be so listed.

**REPLY:**

As matters stand the Council is waiting for the vendor to provide contracts and progress the sale of this property to the Council. The Council seeks regular updates from the selling agent for the property in an effort to progress matters.

The property has not been considered for listing on the Councils Derelict Sites Register. Consideration can be given to arranging an inspection.

### **LPNC/550/Q19/1124 Item ID:85026 - Grand Canal Greenway**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

This committee requests the Chief Executive to provide an update on the canal upgrade from the 12th Lock to Kildare, including a detailed report on the project timelines and any delays that have occurred to date.

**REPLY:**

A contractor will be appointed for this project before the end of November 2024. Construction will commence in early 2025 and will be completed within the year. Whilst the project has had Part 8 approval for a number of years, it has been delayed due to ongoing collaboration with Waterways Ireland to reach agreement on the detail of the scheme.

### **LPNC/551/H14/1124 Item ID:84775 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/552/C8/1124 Item ID:84763 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **LPNC/553/H15/1124 Item ID:84772 - Library News & Events**

The following report was presented by Rosena Hand Senior Executive Librarian

Library News & Events

[H15 - Library Event Stats](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=84145)
[H15 - LPNC Libraries report November 2024](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=84146)

Following contributions from Councillors A Hayes, N Fennell and L O’Toole, Rosena Hand Senior Executive Librarian Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

### **LPNC/554/H16/1124 Item ID:84758 - Application for Arts Grants**

Application for Arts Grants (No Business)

### **LPNC/555/H17/1124 Item ID:84778 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/556/C9/1124 Item ID:84765 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Corporate Support**

### **LPNC/557/Q20/1124 Item ID:85063 - Customer Care Contact Methods**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the Manager to clarify in response to Q1 October ACM 'how the Council ensures that those who are unable to use or access technology in the Lucan area still have access to the support and information they need, particularly face to face interactions.' The reply advised that 'In-person meetings can be arranged through an appointments system to remove the queueing requirement for our customers and to ensure that discussions are fully private.' Please advise how an individual or councillor assisting an individual may activate this support.

**REPLY:**

Customers, or Councillors assisting an individual, can contact the Department or Section of the Council to which their query relates by telephone and request an appointment, should an in-person meeting be necessary. Our telephone lines are open from 9am to 5pm – Monday to Thursday and 9am – 4.30pm on Friday.

### **LPNC/558/H18/1124 Item ID:84774 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/559/C10/1124 Item ID:84762 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (for noting)

(i) Re item 84183 October LPNC ACM - Response from NTA

(ii) Re item 84153 October LPNC ACM - Response from NTA

[(i) Response from NTA re item 84183](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=83929)
[(ii) Response from NTA re item 84153](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=84356)

This report was **Noted.**

### **LPNC/560/M21/1124 Item ID:85060 - Letter to NTA**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, Seconded by Councillor A. Hayes

**Cathaoirleach Business**

This committee requests that the Chief Executive (CE) write to the National Transport Authority (NTA) to seek clarification on the timeline for expanding the bus network in Adamstown, including the expected timeline for the next phase of new routes. Additionally, we propose the establishment of a bus route that exits onto the Adamstown Link Road, turns north onto the R136, and continues directly toward the Woodies terminus. This adjustment would provide crucial additional service to the wider Lucan area, significantly enhancing accessibility and connectivity for local residents.

**The following report from the Chief Executive was read:**

 If this motion is passed, a letter in this regard will be issued to the National Transport Authority (NTA) on behalf of the local area committee. The response, when received, will be circulated to the Members.

Following contributions from Councillors L O’Toole and P Gogarty, Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/561/M22/1124 Item ID:84963 - Letter to FCC**

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes, Seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

That this committee write to Fingal County Council to arrange a meeting of the Liffey Valley Management Committee to be held in Q1 2025.

**The following report from the Chief Executive was read:**

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

Following contributions from Councillors A Hayes, P Gogarty, N Fennell and L O’Toole, Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/562/M23/1124 Item ID:84967 - Glenaulin Park - Gaels Drumfinn Avenue Park**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson, Seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

That this committee agrees to write to the South Central area committee in Dublin City Council to arrange a joint meeting to discuss the potential for the upgrading and improvement of Glenaulin Park/Gaels-Drumfinn Avenue Park.

**The following report from the Chief Executive was read:**

 If this motion is passed, a letter in this regard will be issued to the Dublin City Council 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/563/M24/1124 Item ID:85066 - Letter to the HSE**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty, Seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

That this Committee writes to the HSE, following the setting up of new regions, seeking an update on current recruitment levels of public health nurses and occupational therapists in the Lucan, North Clondalkin and Palmerstown areas, as well as a commitment that there will now be a fairer distribution of available human resources, so that no geographic area within each of the six new regions is disproportionately allocated staff hours when there is an overall shortage of available staff.

**The following report from the Chief Executive was read:**

If this motion is passed, a letter in this regard will be issued to the 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**

### **LPNC/564/M25/1124 Item ID:85067 - Letter to DDLETB**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty, Seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

That this Committee writes to the Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board (DDLETB) seeking the establishment of a pilot common application/common enrolment system within its own schools in the Lucan area, in the absence of a larger scheme locally and nationally, as an initial step to making the schools application process faster, more streamlined and also more transparent in providing information on overall capacity versus demand.

**The following report from the Chief Executive was read:**

 If this motion is passed, a letter in this regard will be issued to the Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board on behalf of the local area committee. The response, when received, will be circulated to the Members.

Following contributions from Councillors P Gogarty, A Hayes and L O’Toole, Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer, Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **LPNC/565/H19/1124 Item ID:84779 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/566/C11/1124 Item ID:84766 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

Meeting Concluded at 17:35

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