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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council December 2024 Lucan / Palmerstown / North Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 17th Of December 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

Alan Hayes

Madeleine Johansson

Glenn Moore

Liona O’Toole

Joanna Tuffy

**Officials Present**

Senior Executive Officers Laura Leonard, Edel Clancy

A/Senior Executive Officers Fiona Hendley, Brenda Shannon

Senior Engineers John Hegarty, Gary Walsh

Senior Executive Parks Superintendent David Fennell

Senior Executive Librarian Rosena Hand

Administrative Officer Ralph McGarry

Assistant Parks and Landscape Officer Hannah Johnston

Assistant Staff Officer Eduardo De Oliveira

Clerical Officer Vikki Cryan

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Liona O’Toole, presided.

# LPNC/567/H1/1224 Item ID:85301 - Minutes

Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting of December 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 17th of December 2024 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

[H1 Minutes](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=84644)

## **LPNC/567A/1224 – Questions**

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

## **Community**

### **LPNC/568/Q1/1224 Item ID:85367 – Youth Facilities**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

To ask the manager to provide a report on what facilities are available for use by children and young people in the Lucan, North Clondalkin & Palmerstown areas.

**REPLY:**

The Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin area contains many facilities which can be used by children and young people. These facilities include 7 Community and Youth Centres, 3 Libraries and the following Parks: Griffeen Valley Park, Waterstown Park, Collinstown Park, Glenaulin Park, Ballyowen Park, Hermitage Park, Lucan Demesne, Tandy’s Lane, Quaryvale Park, Beech Park, Airlie Park, Rowlagh Park, Sarsfield Park, Neilstown Park, Hillcrest Park, Lucan Town Park.

Within these parks there are twenty-eight playgrounds and there is a mix of Teenspaces, Outdoor Gyms, MUGA’s and Calisthenics stations in the playgrounds. There are also five walks and trails in the Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin area - Griffeen Valley Park (fitwalk circuit), Hermitage Park (fitwalk circuit) Waterstown Park (fitwalk circuit), Griffeen Valley Park (orienteering) and Ronanstown walk map.

 The community development team delivered and supported many youth community events in 2024 and are committed to doing so again in 2025. Events for this area in 2024 included, Movies on the Green (North Clondalkin Library and Palmerstown), Balgaddy Family Fun Day and funding was also provided for Summer Projects, Halloween events and Christmas parties for children.

Crosscare Lucan Youth Service operate a youth café in Griffeen Youth Centre at the following times:

Thursday 7pm – 9pm 6th Class – 1st year

Friday 8pm – 10.30pm 2nd year +

Crosscare also operate a youth café service in Ronanstown, and the Community Department have provided funding for a new youth café in Quarryvale Community Centre which operates on Thursday evenings.

The libraries in Lucan, Palmerstown, and North Clondalkin offer a variety of services for children and young people, including engaging storytime sessions, creative workshops, book clubs, and educational activities to promote literacy, creativity, and community engagement. They also provide resources for academic and personal development, such as children's and young adult books and multimedia tools. Additionally, the Neurodiverse South program supports neurodiverse children and young people with sensory-friendly events and specialised resources, fostering inclusivity. North Clondalkin Library's Creative Studio allows users to record music and podcasts in a soundproofed and fully equipped environment. Users can avail of a wide range of musical equipment and recording apparatus and may also bring their own instruments. Lucan Library recently launched My Open Library, which gives access to the library from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM, 365 days a year. Whether early morning, late evening, or during weekends, visitors can now enjoy the library’s wide range of resources—including book collections, study spaces, internet access, and more—at their convenience. Registration is simple and available to any current library member aged 16 and over. Parents must be present to register 16 and 17 year olds. Inductions for My Open Library are now taking place in Lucan Library.

### **LPNC/569/H2/1224 Item ID:85313 - Deputations**

Deputations for Noting (No Business)

### **LPNC/570/H3/1224 Item ID:85315 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/571/C1/1224 Item ID:85303 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/572/M1/1224 Item ID:85368 – Letter to ETBI**

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

This committee calls on the council to write to the ETB to considering funding a full time youth work position in Palmerstown Community & Youth service.

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

If this motion is passed, a letter in this regard will be issued to the DDLETB - Dublin 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 N Fennell, A Hayes, M Johansson and L O’Toole, Edel Clancy A/Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

## **Housing**

### **LPNC/573/Q2/1224 Item ID:85389 – Window Replacement**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the manager for an update on replacement of windows and vents for an elderly tenant. Details provided Members Rep 1843441 and 1851360

**REPLY:**

The Senior Executive Engineer, Housing Maintenance has arranged for an inspection of the windows at this property. A further update will be issued directly to Councillor Brady when available.

### **LPNC/574/Q3/1224 Item ID:85365 – Housing Grants Private Households**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

To ask the manager to provide a report as to the amount of time taken to process a House Adaptation Grant, and the number of applications made in 2022, 2023 & 2024 in the Lucan-Palmerstown-North Clondalkin area?

**REPLY:**

Revised regulations for the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and Disabled People scheme came into effect on 1st December 2024. The following grants are available to private homeowners in the South Dublin administrative area:

**The Housing Aid for Older People Scheme**

This scheme is available to assist older people (aged 66+) living in poor housing conditions to have necessary repairs or improvements carried out.

The effective maximum grant of €10,700 to cover up to 100% of the cost of works, may be available to applicants with gross household incomes of up to €37,500 per annum, tapering to 30% for applicants with gross household incomes of between €62,501 to €75,000 per annum. The same means test applies in every local authority area and is in line with the criteria for assessment of need for social housing.

The grant can be used for essential repairs including:

* Roof repair or replacement
* Electrical wiring upgrade
* Repair or replacement of doors and windows
* Repair broken heating or provide heating where there is none.

Grants are no longer available for the purchase of new fossil fuel boilers.

**The Mobility Aids Grant** **scheme**

This scheme provides grant aid to cover a basic suite of works to address mobility problems, primarily, but not exclusively, associated with ageing.

The effective maximum grant under the Mobility Aids Housing Grant Scheme is €8,000, which may cover 100% of the cost of works. Applicants must have a gross household income of up to €37,500 per annum.

The types of work allowable under this scheme are to improve access in your home, for example:

* Installation of grab rails
* Ramp construction
* Accessible shower installation
* Stair lift installation
* Fixed track hoists (excluding service, maintenance and training costs)

**The Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability scheme**

This scheme provides grant aid to applicants to assist in the carrying out of works that are reasonably necessary for the purposes of rendering a house more suitable for the accommodation needs of a person with a physical, sensory, mental health or intellectual disability.

The effective maximum grant of €40,000 to cover up to 100% of the cost of works, may be available to applicants with gross household incomes of up to €37,500 per annum, tapering to 30% for applicants with gross household incomes of between €62,501 to €75,000 per annum.

The types of work allowable under the scheme can be varied and may include:

* Ramp or other access solutions
* Grab rails installation
* Accessible bathroom facilities, for example an accessible shower or a downstairs toilet
* Stair lift installation
* Fixed track hoists (excluding service, maintenance and training costs)
* Space for wheelchair access
* Extension (typically for a bedroom or bathroom to accommodate a person with a disability)

Once a grant has been approved by the Council, the responsibility lies with the homeowner to have the approved works carried out, and to then submit claim for grant once works are completed.

More information on the schemes is available on the Council’s website [**www.sdcc.ie**](http://www.sdcc.ie/)

Details of number of grant applications made in 2022, 2023 & 2024 to date in the Lucan/Palmerstown/North Clondalkin area is set out below:

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| **Year**  | **Number of applications** |
| **2024 (to date)**  | **136** |
| **2023** | **101** |
| **2022** | **65** |

The average time to process a Housing Adaptation Grant submitted complete with all required information is 6 weeks.

### **LPNC/575/Q4/1224 Item ID:85374 – Housing Transfers in Balgaddy**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

To ask the Chief Executive how many tenants in Balgaddy have been offered transfers to homes in the new estate so far?

**REPLY:**

Housing transfers are assessed and completed in accordance with the Council's Allocation Scheme.

There are 39 approved applicants on the transfer list from households in the Balgaddy area. The Transfer Section have contacted eligible applicants four of which have expressed an interest in transferring to the new Balgaddy development.

The Transfer Section are currently processing three of these applications and will make every effort to complete these housing transfers as soon as possible.

### **LPNC/576/H4/1224 Item ID:85319 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/577/C2/1224 Item ID:85306 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/578/M2/1224 Item ID:85392 – Anti-Social Behaviour AGP**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

This committee calls on the Chief Executive to engage with residents in AGP concerning the issues arising in the gated area, including reports of antisocial behaviour, damage to the green space, and other related concerns that have been brought to the attention of the council and relevant authorities. Residents are seeking collaborative solutions to address these persistent problems, with the gate and laneway identified as key factors contributing to the challenges in the area. The council is requested to work directly with the community to explore and implement measures to improve safety, protect green spaces, and enhance the overall living environment. (Address provided)

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

In recent years there has been increased cross collaboration across the local authority, our partner agencies and residents to improve safety and the public realm in the Arthur Griffith Park area.

In addition, regular meetings are held with the resident's association to discuss any concerns in the area and to examine what the group are looking to achieve throughout the year.

**Estate Management**

Clean ups are regularly carried out in conjunction with Public Realm, collecting bags each Friday morning from clean ups during the week (Tuesday & Thursday evenings). These are mostly carried out during the summer months.

The Council provide the group with bags, gloves pickers and goodies for the kids that take part in the clean ups.

The Council also provides funding each year for the purchase of tools and contribution towards other costs the group incur.

The Housing Officers have arranged the clearing of laneways in the last number of months.

On 11th October 2024, the Estate Management Section in the Council received several complaints regarding anti-social behaviour, with up to 20 young persons’ gathering in the location, as well as small fires on green areas throughout the estate. The Housing Officer and Estate Management Officers for the area consulted with several residents and liaised with An Garda Síochána.

A lock at the gateway in the estate had been broken allowing access into the two different parts of Arthur Griffith Park making it easy for them to evade Gardai when in pursuit. We are in the process of repairing the lock and keys will be given to all residents who have access.

Lucan Garda station are fully aware of the issues and continue to monitor same, and work with the Estate Management team in trying to address the issues.

If those involved are identified as Council tenants, the Council will take appropriate action as available to us.

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

## **Planning**

### **LPNC/579/Q5/1224 Item ID:85377 – Dodsboro Development**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the manager for an update on a development where the road is in very poor condition, the residents are unable to access broadband and nor have the utility providers been successful in running cable, and there is no street lighting and what action may be taken to progress the outstanding items. Details provided Members Rep. 1846625

**REPLY:**

A planning enforcement file has been opened in respect of development on lands to the rear 21, 22, & 23 Dodsboro Cottages, Lucan, Co. Dublin, with particular reference to unfinished road and non compliance with condition no 1 and condition no 3 of Planning Reference SD14A/0084/EP.

Condition 3,

No development shall take place on foot of this permission until the proposed access road from Airlie Heights has been constructed and completed based on a fully developed road design for the proposed access road that includes: materials specifications, cross sections, tie in details (to existing road) and service locations (water main, ESB, Surface and Foul Drainage, Eircom ducting, Public Lighting (incl. ducting), and associated mini pillars, chambers etc. and details of the boundary walls.) in agreement with the Roads Section of South Dublin County Council.
REASON: In the interest of orderly development and proper planning and sustainable development.

It is important to note that once we open an enforcement case, the details of the case are a matter for the planning authority, and it may not always be possible for the planning authority to provide regular updates to interested persons

### **LPNC/580/H5/1224 Item ID:85322 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/581/C3/1224 Item ID:85309 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/582/M3/1224 Item ID:85386 – Protected Structures in Adamstown**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

This committee calls on the Chief Executive to provide a list of any protected structures identified within the Adamstown area and to outline any plans in place to highlight these historical features. With the influx of new residents into the area, implementing a historical trail would be a significant benefit, fostering a sense of community, educating residents about local heritage, and enhancing Adamstown's cultural and historical appeal. This initiative would serve to celebrate the area's rich history while integrating it into the fabric of a rapidly developing urban environment.

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

The following Protected Structures are included on the RPS and shown on the attached map. These Protected Structures are privately owned.

**RPS Ref: 107 -** Address: Somerton, Finnstown, Lucan**.** Description: Detached Five Bay Single Storey House

**RPS Ref: 108 -** Address: St. Helen's Finnstown, Lucan**.** Description: Two Storey House

**RPS Ref: 109 -** Address: Airlie House, Tandy’s Lane, Lucan**.** Description: Two Storey House

**RPS Ref: 112 -** Address: Finnstown House, Lucan**.** Description: Two Storey House & Castle

The County Promotion Unit in EETD have built the SDCC Heritage Trails app and initial funding came from the Participatory Budgeting scheme with members of the public putting forward their local villages. Tallaght, Clondalkin and Templeogue were part funded through that scheme and the Saggart/Rathcoole area is the next chapter to be developed. The Rebellion Trail in Rathfarnham was funded by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts Gaeltacht, Sport and Media Decade of Centenaries programme.

Fáilte Ireland had allocated funding towards the Lucan trail app through their Destination Towns programme. These trails highlight the built heritage of an area informed by local stories. The trails are compact and facilitate a short walks. There are no plans to develop a specific heritage trail app for Adamstown and no budgets have been allocated towards it by the County Promotion Unit.

[M3 - (ii) PS in SDZ](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=84623)
Following contributions from Councillor L O’Toole, Ralph McGarry Administrative Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

## **Transportation**

### **LPNC/583/Q6/1224 Item ID:85372 – Lucan Village Green**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the manager what health and safety measures are planned for the new amphitheatre that will provide access to the River Griffeen? Specifically, what provisions will be in place to around water safety for parents/grandparents with young children enjoying a day out in the village green?

**REPLY:**

At the semi-circular amphitheatre, it is proposed to have no barriers at the lowest level (river level), given that the level difference between the riverbed and the lowest level of the amphitheatre is less or equal to 600mm. As per Technical Guidance Documents (Part M), in these conditions, a barrier is not required. Where the level difference is greater than specified above, a barrier is continuously provided for the upper levels of the amphitheatre and the entirety of the site’s edge.

At the triangular amphitheatre, a toughened glass barrier is proposed to stop users falling into the river from a height.

With regards to safety measures, similar caution should be exercised by users as the Liffey Promenade site further downstream, where there are no barriers from the steps into the Liffey. Similar to the Liffey Promenade, lifebuoys should be provided on-site in case of emergencies as is typically the case for riverbanks frequented by the public.

### **LPNC/584/Q7/1224 Item ID:85393 – Traffic Congestion Lucan**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the manager to provide a report on traffic congestion in Lucan, including details of any areas identified as problematic, reports on traffic volume and flow, recommendations or solutions proposed, and the current status of these recommendations.

**REPLY:**

Lucan has several traffic congestion hotspots which have been examined several times by SDCC. One of the busiest routes is the Lucan Road from Woodies, Chapel Hill Road and across Lucan bridge. The second most busy route is the R120 which gets busier from the canal in the south to the worst section which is at SuperValu roundabout. The third being the Dodsborough Road then onto the R835 Lucan Road approach to the village.

Some solutions for the village have been delivered, some are progressing through planning, some are progressing to construction and some proposals have failed to be agreed and never pursued any further.

Detail on some of the planned and delivered improvements are set out below:

Additional Bus Services have been rolled out such as the C1 and C2, C3, C4 and L51 and L52 to offer an alternative to using the car.

The Lucan Village Green project has started on site. This will improve circulation through the village centre and improve cycling and Bus connection facilities. The Grand Canal to Lucan Urban Greenway project design is well advanced and phase 1 will shortly go to contract. This will greatly improve cycling connections to the Village.

Most recently, SDCC has set aside funding to do a detailed Local Transportation Plan in Lucan including the main approach roads to the village. Any recommendations from this study will be delivered as the required funding becomes available.

### **LPNC/585/Q8/1224 Item ID:85378 – Finians Estate Ramp**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

This committee requests that the Chief Executive (CE) urgently examine the reasons why the repair request for the ramp at Finian's Estate, Finians Ave (see attached photo) submitted some time ago, has not yet been addressed. Given the extent of damage to the ramp, which poses a potential hazard, it requires immediate repair.

**REPLY:**

 This is listed for permanent repair however temporary repairs will be carried out immediately to resolve any safety issues.

[Q8 (ii) Finians Ramp](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=84495)

### **LPNC/586/Q9/1224 Item ID:85391 – Damaged Wall Near Lucan Garda Station**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

This committee requests that the Chief Executive (CE) confirm whether the department has examined the damaged wall between Courtneys and the Garda Station. Additionally, we seek information on whether there are any plans in place to repair the wall and restore it to a safe and presentable condition

**REPLY:**

This section of wall was damaged by one of the Utility Companies. SDCC will follow this up again to get the repairs carried out.

### **LPNC/587/H6/1224 Item ID:85326 - Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

This report was presented by John Hegarty Senior Engineer

H6 - (i) Gandon Estate Information to ACM

H6 - (ii) Shackleton Phase 1 Information to ACM

H6 - (iii) Shackleton South Information to ACM

H6 - (iv) Shackleton Plaza Information to ACM

H6 - (v) The Paddocks Estate Information to ACM

[H6 - (i) Gandon Estate Information to ACM](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=84683)
[H6 - (ii) Shackleton Phase 1 Information to ACM](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=84684)
[H6 - (iii) Shackleton South - Information to ACM](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=84685)
[H6 - (iv) Shackleton Plaza Information to ACM](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=84686)
[H6 - (v) The Paddocks Estate Information to ACM](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=84687)

Following contributions from Councillors M Johansson, C Brady and L O’Toole, John Hegarty Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted.**

### **LPNC/588/H7/1224 Item ID:85324 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/589/C4/1224 Item ID:85311 – Correspondence**

Correspondence

(i) Re Item 84833 November LPNC ACM - Response from TII

(ii) Re Item 85060 November LPNC ACM - Response NTA

[(i) Response from TII re Item 84833](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=84627)
[(ii) Response NTA re Item 85060](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=84672)

This report was **Noted.**

### **LPNC/590/M4/1224 Item ID:85382 – Letter to NTA**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

This committee requests that the Chief Executive formally contact the National Transport Authority (NTA) to address ongoing safety concerns at the bus stop shelter on Esker Road (Stop No. 3368). Specifically, we ask the NTA to:

* Explore the provision of temporary lighting solutions to ensure adequate illumination at the shelter.
* Where possible expedite the planning and installation of a replacement shelter that meets current accessibility and safety standards.
* Address visibility issues by coordinating with relevant parties to manage surrounding vegetation.

This motion seeks to emphasise the urgency of resolving these safety concerns, which have been highlighted by residents for a considerable time.

**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 Councillor L O’Toole, Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/591/M5/1224 Item ID:85360 – Lowering footpath**

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

This Committee calls on the council to the lowering of footpath at Collinstown Grove, Clondalkin, A resident of Collinstown Grove is wheelchair user and suffers with scoliosis. and is in need of path in front of the home to be dished.

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

SDCC will review the area to identify where dishings are needed.

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

### **LPNC/592/M6/1224 Item ID:85376 – Letter to NTA**

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

That this committee agree to write to the NTA requesting an increase in the service on the 60 bus route, the service is currently only once an hour.

**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 Councillor M Johansson, Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/593/M7/1224 Item ID:85362 – Fonthill and Neilstown Traffic Congestion**

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

This Committee calls on the council to urgently investigate the traffic situation that is occurring on the Fonthill road and Neilstown road which is causing massive delays.

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

The current traffic congestion issues are being caused by excessive single person car journeys, particularly at peak times. South Dublin County Council are committed to delivering and facilitating the delivery of alternative sustainable transport infrastructure and services.

For example, bus services have been and will continue to be improved. The new bus hub at Liffey Valley shopping centre allows much more efficient management of local bus services including bus routes on the Fonthill and Neilstown roads. For example, the G2 bus route has services every 10 minutes at peak times and the L54 to the Red Cow Luas has buses running every 20 minutes.

Dart + Southwest railway order is has been granted planning by an Bord Pleannála on November 2024. This scheme will greatly improve number and frequency of train services from Clondalkin train station to and from the city centre.

The Liffey Valley to City centre bus connects scheme has been approved planning on the 19th of December 2023. This will be going to construction shortly. This scheme proposes improvements in Bus route and a segregated cycle route.

All these sustainable transport projects will give the commuter choices to make more efficient travel decisions and therefore reduce the number of cars on our road network. Those people that can, should move to active or public transport modes for their journeys to alleviate the car congestion problems that have been raised in this motion.

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

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **LPNC/594/H8/1224 Item ID:85314 – Library News & Events**

The following report was presented by Rosena Hand Senior Executive Librarian

Library News & Events

[H8 (i) Library Event Stats](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=84458)
[H8 (ii) News and events December 2024](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=84510)

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

### **LPNC/595/H9/1224 Item ID:85300 – Application for Arts Grants**

Application for Arts Grants (No Business)

### **LPNC/596/H10/1224 Item ID:85320 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/597/C5/1224 Item ID:85307 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Economic Development**

### **LPNC/598/H11/1224 Item ID:85317 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/599/C6/1224 Item ID:85305 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/600/M8/1224 Item ID:85380 – Lucan Christmas Market**

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

This committee calls upon the Chief Executive to identify a suitable location in Lucan for a Christmas Market event such as those organised this year in Tallaght & Rathfarnham, and plan to deliver a similar event for Christmas in Lucan next year.

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

This is the third year a Christmas Market took place at Rathfarnham Castle Park. The location of the market has proven itself to be suitable for such an event. This year was the first year a Christmas Market was undertaken in the centre of Tallaght at Parthalán Place. This was a proof of concept, and there is potential for this to be a successful market in forthcoming years. It would be the intention of the Council to support the roll out of Christmas Markets in the Clondalkin and Lucan areas having regard to the availability and interest of experienced market operators to run the markets, and that suitable sites would be identified.

There are a number of criteria which are used to determine the suitability of a site for an outdoor market including site location, footfall, composition and diversity of the market, parking for market traders’ vehicles, and the interaction with surrounding businesses. Insurances are also an issue. In addition, street markets are very vulnerable to weather conditions, in particular, wet and windy weather.

South Dublin County Council would support and encourage the setting up of seasonal and craft markets within established villages and towns in the County. The public realm works currently underway in Lucan will be actively looked at in this case, as will the grounds at Lucan House.

Following contributions from Councillors C Brady, J Tuffy and L O’Toole, Ralph McGarry Administrative Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **LPNC/601/H12/1224 Item ID:85321 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/602/C7/1224 Item ID:85308 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Corporate Support**

### **LPNC/603/Q10/1224 Item ID:85366 – Register of Electors**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

To ask the manager to provide a report on how many new voter registrations (RFA2) and change of address (RFA3) applications have been received by this council since 2023 detailing the breakdown for Palmerstown-Fonthill and Lucan.

**REPLY:**

The number of New Voter registrations and Change of Address applications in the Local Electoral Areas of Palmerstown-Fonthill and Lucan between 1st January 2023 to date are presented below in tabular format, broken down by local electoral area: -

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| **Local Electoral Area** | **Number of New Registrations** | **Number of Change of Addresses** |
| Lucan | 5110 | 1093 |
| Palmerstown - Fonthill | 2668 | 540 |

### **LPNC/604/H13/1224 Item ID:85316 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/605/C8/1224 Item ID:85304 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/607/M9/1224 Item ID:85395 – Strategic Policy Committee Business**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

This committee calls on the Chief Executive to liaise with the Economic SPC to examine the feasibility of piloting a mobile app designed to support local businesses in Lucan Village and surrounding areas, functioning similarly to a loyalty points card. The app would aim to encourage residents to shop locally, particularly during festive seasons like Christmas, by rewarding purchases at small businesses within the community. This initiative complements the council's ongoing efforts to promote local shopping through social media campaigns and other outreach programs. By exploring this app as a modern, user-friendly tool, the council can provide meaningful support to small businesses, drive local economic activity, and enhance community engagement. If the concept is developed and assessed in early 2025, it could be operational in time for Christmas 2025.

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

If the motion is passed. The request can be discussed with the Chair of the Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC with a view to including it on a future agenda.

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

### **LPNC/608/M10/1224 Item ID:85397 – Letter to An Garda Síochána**

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

This committee requests the Chief Executive to formally write to An Garda Síochána to ask why a defibrillator has not been placed in Lucan Garda Station, considering it operates 24 hours a day. Given the importance of defibrillators as life-saving equipment, we would like to know if it is possible for this essential service to be provided at the Lucan station. We believe that having a defibrillator at this location would greatly benefit both Garda personnel and the local community in the event of an emergency. We ask the Chief Executive to seek clarification from An Garda Síochána on whether this can be achieved.

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

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

Following contributions from Councillors L O’Toole, A Hayes, G Moore, J Tuffy and M Johansson, Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/609/M11/1224 Item ID:85398 – Social Media**

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

This committee requests the Chief Executive if the department responsible for social media could collaborate with the Adamstown Big Tree Committee to help promote events happening in the area. By linking in with the committee, the department can ensure that local events are highlighted on the council's various social media platforms, showcasing the active community involvement in Adamstown. We believe this would provide great visibility for the vibrant activities in the area and strengthen community engagement.

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

South Dublin County Council uses our Social Media and Digital Platforms to promote Council led events and initiatives that are taking place across the County, or events that the Council is supporting through funding or other supports. The Communications Unit, who are responsible for managing the Council's main social media accounts, will commit to meet with the Adamstown Big Tree Committee to help promote Council supported events in the area.

Following contributions from Councillor L O’Toole, J Tuffy and C Brady, Brenda Shannon A/Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

## **Public Realm**

### **LPNC/610/Q11/1224 Item ID:85373 – Tree Maintenance Programme**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the manager to provide an update in tabular format of all estates/locations listed in the 2023/2025 tree maintenance program and the status e.g. completed, scheduled and whether the programme will successfully complete all locations by the end of this year?

**REPLY:**

The table below sets out the detailed list of estates, roads and other locations which have been included on the current 3 year tree programme 2023 to 2025 for planned maintenance for the Lucan/Palmerstown/North Clondalkin area. There are a total of 55 locations included on the programme with 16 of those completed to date. Maintenance works are currently underway in 4 locations.

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| **Location**  | **Status** | **Year** |
| Adamstown Link Rd | In progress | 2024 |
| Abbeydale | Scheduled | 2025 |
| Abbeywood | Scheduled | 2025 |
| Ashpark street trees | Scheduled | 2025 |
| Ashpark Mature trees | Scheduled | 2025 |
| Bewley | Complete | 2024 |
| Brookvale | Scheduled | 2025 |
| Ballyowen Road - L1042 (Larkfield to Fonthill Road) | To be scheduled | 2025 |
| Corkagh Park (Mature trees) | Priority 1 complete | 2024 |
| Culmore Road and Park | Complete | 2024 |
| Castle Riada | Scheduled | 2025 |
| Castle Road | To be scheduled | 2025 |
| Coldcut Road | To be scheduled | 2025 |
| Dodsborough Road & Cottages on o/s | To be scheduled | 2025 |
| Elm estate street trees and mature trees | Scheduled | 2025 |
| Earlsfort | Complete | 2023 |
| Esker Road and Drive and L1011/Old Esker Lane | Scheduled | 2025 |
| Esker Glebe and Esker Lane O/S Mature trees | Scheduled | 2025 |
| Esker Glebe, The Glebe and Esker Lane Street trees. | Scheduled | 2025 |
| Esker Park rear of houses on O/S (Additional) | Scheduled | 2025 |
| Esker Meadow | In progress | 2024 |
| Esker Woods | In progress | 2024 |
| Esker Lodge Street and mature trees | Scheduled | 2025 |
| Fonthill Road and Coldcut Road cycle paths (Greenfort Boundary) | Scheduled | 2025 |
| Foxford and Ballyowen Lane | To be scheduled | 2025 |
| Fforster estate | Complete | 2024 |
| Foxdene | Complete | 2024 |
| Glenmaroon Road and Park | Complete | 2024 |
| Greenfort estate | Complete | 2024 |
| Griffeen Road, Avenue & Way | Complete | 2024 |
| Harelawn | Scheduled | 2025 |
| Hermitage Valley - Rear of Houses | Scheduled | 2025 |
| Hermitage Park - Mature Trees | Scheduled | 2025 |
| Lucan Road (Ballydowd to Woodies) | To be scheduled | 2025 |
| Liffey Estate | To be scheduled | 2025 |
| Manor Road and Park | Complete | 2024 |
| Meile an Ri | To be scheduled | 2025 |
| Newcastle Road/R120 to include Lucan Harriers car park frontage | Partially complete | 2025 |
| Neilstown estate | Complete | 2024 |
| Riversdale Estate Palmerstown | To be scheduled | 2025 |
| Riverside Drive | Complete | 2024 |
| Rochfort | In Progress | 2024 |
| Shancastle | Complete | 2024 |
| Saint Marks | Complete | 2024 |
| Saint Finians | Complete | 2024 |
| Sarsfield Park Mature Trees | To be scheduled | 2025 |
| St. Lomans Road (L1042) and Ballyowen Road | To be scheduled | 2025 |
| Tandys Lane Park (Additional) | Scheduled | 2025 |
| Tor an Ri | To be scheduled | 2025 |
| Turret Road | Complete | 2024 |
| Woodview Heights | To be scheduled | 2025 |
| Willsbrook Estate and Road | To be scheduled | 2025 |
| Wood Avens | To be scheduled | 2025 |
| Woodfarm Drive and Avenue | Complete | 2024 |
| Westbury | To be scheduled | 2025 |

### **LPNC/611/Q12/1224 Item ID:85361 – Public Bins**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

To ask the manager to provide a report on the number of public bins and bin sites available for use to the public in the LEA with a breakdown of locations.

**REPLY:**

There are circa 140 street litter bins within the Lucan/Palmerstown/North Clondalkin LEA. A map of the locations has been prepared and this is currently being checked to ensure that all the locations have been included. The map will be forwarded to the Elected Members in the new year once checks have been completed.

### **LPNC/612/Q13/1224 Item ID:85375 – Station / Cloverhill Road Hedge Cutting Programme**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

To ask the Chief Executive if Station Road/Cloverhill Road near Palmerstown Woods has been added to the annual hedge cutting programme?

**REPLY:**

The hedges along Station Road/Cloverhill Road which are growing on the open spaces at Palmerstown Woods and James Connolly Park are included in the Public Realm hedge cutting programme.

Hedges not on the open space are on the Roads hedge cutting list

### **LPNC/613/H14/1224 Item ID:85323 – New Works - Lucan Demesne**

This report was presented by Hannah Johnston Assistant Parks and Landscape Officer

Proposed Part 8
Upgrade to Entrance at Lucan Demesne Public Park

[H14 - Presentation Lucan Demesne Part 8 December ACM](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=84649)

Following contributions from Councillors A Hayes, L O’Toole, J Tuffy and C Brady, Hannah Johnston Assistant Parks and Landscape Officer and Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted.**

### **LPNC/614/C9/1224 Item ID:85310 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/615/M12/1224 Item ID:85379 – Finnstown Abbey Footpath Repair**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

That the Chief Executive agrees to examine the footpath around Finnstown Abbey green, there's evidence of the tarmac surface uplifting with the roots of the trees, if a plan could be examined to replace the footpath around the green via the next round of capital programme.

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

An inspection of the footpaths on the open space at Finnstown Abbey will be carried out. Any areas that require upgrading will be listed for consideration for resurfacing in the draft 2025 Public Realm Improvement Works Programme which will be presented to the Elected Members at the ACM in January.

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

### **LPNC/616/M13/1224 Item ID:85347 – Society of Old Lucan**

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

This committee calls upon the Chief Executive to engage with the Society for Old Lucan to conduct a feasibility study into the provision of creating a memorial stone set within a small landscaped or natural setting to offer locals a meaningful and tranquil space for reflection on Lucan’s shared past and heritage, including the most notable, Patrick Sarsfield. The possible inclusion of a bench would facilitate universal accessibility for all age groups.

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

The Society of Old Lucan will be contacted in relation to this request.

It should be noted that there is already a Sarsfield Monument located in the tranquil grounds of Lucan House. It is described as a “Triangular plan limestone monument, c.1790, set on an elevated earthen mound with narrow steps, c.1985. Stepped base, three carved tortoises to corners, Portland stone main section with carved relief roundel to two sides, surmounted by a limestone urn, all executed in a Greek classical idiom.”

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

### **LPNC/617/M14/1224 Item ID:85364 – Public Bins Request**

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

This committee calls on the council to consider installing bins in the Quarryale & Irishtown Park area due to lack of public bins facilities in the area.

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

The provision of litter bins is carried out in accordance with the Litter Bin Installation Protocol as set out in the Litter Management Plan. The purpose of litter bin installation protocol is to address the following issues with the overall objective of improving the cleanliness of the county:

* Ensure litter bins are of an attractive and robust design, fit for purpose and placed in the right locations.
* Clear criteria against which litter bin requests can be assessed.

In order to optimise resources and ensure that bins are provided in the most cost-effective manner, while ensuring that they deliver maximum service, it is important to establish the principles of where litter bins will / will not be provided. This will ensure the most effective use is made of budgets for provision and ongoing maintenance. It is neither desirable nor effective to simply provide litter bins on a request basis. This protocol aims to set out the basic principles for litter bin placement to provide consistency and appropriate coverage in all parts of the county. This should provide greater understanding of litter bin provision and inform requests for new litter bins.

Locations where requests for bins should receive priority for litter bin placements are:

* Town and village centres
* Vicinity of shops such as newsagents, food retailers, supermarkets
* Areas where people congregate e.g. bus stops, tram stops, post offices, public service buildings / offices
* Main routes to schools
* Larger parks greater than 16 hectares in size e.g. in the vicinity of playgrounds and dog runs. Capacity of the location to facilitate safe access for maintenance vehicles (side loader) will be considered in all cases.

Locations that are not considered suitable for litter bin as they tend to attract dumping, vandalism are:

* Residential areas with no mixed usage, especially cul-de-sac type developments, as they attract dumping of household waste around the litter bins
* Parks less than 16 hectares in size were located in residential areas, unless some demonstrable demand exists that cannot be met by bin placement on street.

In managing this service, the Council is mindful of all costs when considering requests for new bins. These include not just the initial purchase and installation cost but must also have regard to the ongoing maintenance and servicing costs for each new bin. Where a request is received for a new/replacement litter bin, each location will be assessed having regard to the criteria set out above, as well as the existing provision of litter bins nearby i.e. within 400m.

As part of the improvement works taking place in Quarryvale Park, new bins will be provided in the park.

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/618/M15/1224 Item ID:85384 – Solar Bins**

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

This committee calls on the Chief Executive to include Lucan Village as part of the pilot program for solar bins acknowledging the recent success of Lucan Tidy Towns in the national Tidy Towns competition and their exceptional contributions to maintaining the cleanliness and appearance of Lucan Village. As the county's designated tourist destination village, Lucan attracts a high footfall, creating a greater need for effective waste management solutions. The introduction of a solar bin in the village would provide significant support to the ongoing efforts of the Lucan Tidy Towns committee by improving waste management, reducing litter, and promoting sustainability in the community. Testing this innovative solution in such an active and committed area would further enhance the village's status as a leader in environmental excellence. This motion highlights the importance of supporting initiatives that align with community goals and ensuring Lucan Village remains a clean, attractive, and sustainable environment for both residents and visitors.

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

A provision of €100,000 has been made in the 2025 revenue budget for additional litter bin provision similar to the provision of €100,000 in 2024 for the same purpose. This creates a fund which is to be used to commence the roll out of smart, solar powered compactor litter bins across the county in urban centres and in priority park locations. Once a plan of action has been drafted and suitable locations identified for the installation of this bin type, the elected members will be fully informed as to how this bin type will be rolled out across the county.

Following contributions from Councillors L O’Toole, A Hayes, M Johansson and G Moore, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was Noted.

### **LPNC/619/M16/1224 Item ID:85390 – Tandy’s Lane – Woodview Heights path**

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

This committee requests that the Chief Executive (CE) provide an update on the previously agreed examination of the footpath along Tandy's Lane into Woodview. This examination was passed in an earlier motion, and we seek information on the progress made to date, including any findings, timelines, or proposed actions that will address accessibility and safety for residents in this area.

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

The provision of a footpath to link Tandy's Lane with Woodview Heights has been listed for consideration in the Draft Public Realm Improvement Works Programme which will be presented to the Elected Members at the ACM in January 2025. The Tandy’s Lane end of the path will be designed in conjunction with the Roads Section to ensure safer access to the path at this location.

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

## **Environment**

### **LPNC/620/H15/1224 Item ID:85318 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/621/C10/1224 Item ID:85302 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Water & Drainage**

### **LPNC/622/H16/1224 Item ID:85325 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/623/C11/1224 Item ID:85312 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/624/M17/1224 Item ID:85369 – River Griffen Pollution**

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

This committee calls on the council to conduct a full investigation to the water pollution taking place in Griffeen Park.

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

SDCCs Water Pollution team were notified of a water pollution incident on the River Griffeen, on 28th November 2024. The team carried out extensive investigations when informed of the incident and traced the pollution to a specific estate adjacent to the River Griffeen. The investigation identified that the pollution arose from a single illegal dump of oil to the stormwater drainage network within the estate. The oil dissipated downstream very quickly and any iridescence appearing in the River Griffeen following the incident is due to the weeping in from vegetation at points along the riverbanks. From our investigations, it has not been possible to identify the individual who dumped the oil.

It should be noted significant work has been carried out by SDCC to improve the water quality in the River Griffeen in the last number of years (e.g. through drainage check at over 5,300 houses and the identification and repair of 370 domestic misconnections, domestic wastewater treatment system inspections, agricultural surveys and pollution event responses) and as such the Water Pollution team actively investigated the pollution incident that arose on 28th November 2024. As the pollution source was a single dump of oil into the stormwater drainage system from an unidentified source, SDCCs Water Pollution team met with the residents in the estate, where the pollution incident arose, to raise awareness about the importance of enhanced water quality and highlight their requirements under the Water Pollution Act 1977, as amended.

SDCC will continue to monitor the river and greatly appreciates your report with regard to the pollution incident.

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

## Meeting Concluded at 16:34

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 **An Cathaoirleach**