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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Clondalkin, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart and Brittas Area Committee Meeting dealing with Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management, Environment, Water & Drainage, Public Realm, Housing, Community, Transportation, Planning, Economic Development and Libraries & Arts held on Wednesday 15th January 2025.

### **COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

Councillor Darragh Adelaide Councillor William Joseph Carey

Councillor Linda de Courcy

Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

Councillor Shirley O’Hara

Councillor Trevor Gilligan

Councillor Francis Timmons

Cathaoirleach, Councillor Shirley O’Hara presided.

### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Senior Executive Officer Ms. Sharon Conroy

Senior Engineer Mr. John Hegarty, Mr. Gary Walsh

Senior Planner Ms. Gormla O’ Corrain

Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Mr. David Fennell

Senior Community Officer Mr. Paul McAlerney

Executive Librarian (Senior Librarian) Ms. Aoife Horan

Senior Staff Officer Mr. John Savage

A/Staff Officer Mr. Aaron Hartin

Assistant Staff Officer Ms. Roisin Ralph

Clerical Officer Ms. Jennifer Murphy

### **C/1/25 – H1 Item ID:85456 – Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting Held on 18th December 2024**

The minutes of the December meeting of the Clondalkin, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart and Brittas Area Committee meeting dealing with Libraries, Economic Development, Performance & Change Management, Corporate Support, Public Realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Planning and Transportation held on 18th December which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

[HI-1 Minutes of 18th December 2024.docx](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=85456&itemTxt=H-I1)

It was proposed by Councillor S. O’Hara, seconded by Councillor F. Timmons, and **RESOLVED:**

“That the recommendations contained in the minutes of 18th December be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**C/2/25 – QUESTIONS**

Questions 1-7 were proposed by Councillor S. O’Hara and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:

“That pursuant to Standing Order 13, Questions 1 to 7 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**Transportation**

**C/3/25 – Q1 Item ID:85589 – Kilcarberry Grange Road Signing and Lining.**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief executive will he work with the developer of Kilcarberry Grange in regard to Road safety and ensure Road signage and Road markings?

**REPLY:** South Dublin County Council is currently working with the developer of Kilcarberry Grange in relation to the taking in charge of the housing estate.  As part of that signing off process, we will be ensuring that the road lining and signage is safe and sufficient throughout the estate before we can recommend it for TIC.  To date the developer has been working well with SDCC on various snagging issues.  We expect that the road lining and signage will be completed to our satisfaction in the near future.

**C/4/25 – Q2 Item ID:85592 – Accessible Parking Bay provision.**

Proposed by Councillor S. O’Hara

To ask the Chief Executive could you please provide a timeframe for when the council plans to install an accessible parking bay on Aghfarrell Road outside Brittas Community Centre.

**REPLY:** South Dublin County Council are delighted to install an accessible parking bay at the Community Centre in Brittas.  The Council will draw up a proposed location and detail map and this will be sent to board of the community centre for agreement.  The parking bay can then be delivered at the agreed location. It is envisaged that the design, agreement and delivery of the accessible bay could be achieved in a number of weeks.

**C/5/25 – H2 Item ID:85453 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/6/25 – H3 Item ID:85455 – Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

(No Business)

**C/7/25 – H4 Item ID:85620 – Transportation**

The following report was presented by Mr. G. Walsh, Senior Engineer:

[2025 Draft Roadworks Programme](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=85620&itemTxt=H-I4)

A discussion followed with contributions by Councillors S. O’Hara, F. Timmons, T. Gilligan, D. Adelaide, E. Ó Broin, W. Carey.

## Mr. G. Walsh, Senior Engineer, responded to members queries and the report was **NOTED.**

**C/8/25 – H5 Item ID:85731 – Transportation**

The following report was presented by Mr. J. Hegarty, Senior Engineer:

[Section 38 Post Public Consultation Report for N7 Junction 4 Crossing Point](file:///C:\Users\jsavage\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Outlook\UUIZJ8N1\Section%2038%20Post%20Public%20Consultation%20Report%20for%20N7%20Junction%204%20Crossing%20Point)

A discussion followed with contributions by Councillors L. de Courcy and E. Ó Broin.

Mr. J. Hegarty, Senior Engineer, responded to members queries and the report was **NOTED.**

**C/9/25 – C1 Item ID:85440 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**Planning**

**C/10/25 – Q3 Item ID:85530 – Planning enforcement case.**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on planning enforcement cases S9235 and S9159?

**REPLY:**  Enforcement notices have expired in relation to both the above referenced enforcement cases and these have been recommended for referral for legal advice on next steps.

**C/11/25 – Q4 Item ID:85559 – Creche in Graydon.**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed report into When will the Creshe be built in Graydon that includes who is responsible for delivery, how long does planning last? how long would construction take and what developer will build the creche?

**REPLY:**  A planning application (reference number SD22A/0459) was made by Cairn Homes in December 2022 for a 2-storey creche measuring 778 sq metres and sited within the Graydon development. This application was granted by SDCC in February 2023. An appeal was made by a Graydon resident against this decision. In April 2024, An Bord Pleanála upheld the decision of SDCC. The permission granted on appeal has the standard duration of 5 no. years and several compliance conditions that must be agreed prior to the commencement of development. Related compliance details have not yet been submitted for agreement prior to the commencement of development.

**C/12/25 – H6 Item ID:85451 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/13/25 – C2 Item ID:85438 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/14/25 – M1 Item ID:85557 – Community facilities in Newcastle.**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor S. O’Hara.

That this Area Committee requests a report about Council provided community facilities in Newcastle (excluding St Finian’s CC) that includes a report into Supervalu Community space and the need for s sports centre, tennis courts etc and outlines how this can be progressed.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

The South Dublin County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 requires community floorspace in Newcastle to be delivered in tandem with residential development. The key delivery of community floorspace in Newcastle is through the proposed upgrade and extension of the St. Finian's Community Centre. Residential developments of scale in Newcastle have been required to provide a financial contribution to the proposed works at St. Finian's, including the Large-Scale Residential development permitted in the southern part of Newcastle, which has a condition requiring Cairn Homes to pay €1,080,000 (one million eighty thousand euros), unless otherwise agreed, towards the delivery of upgrades, extensions and/or new community centres in the area. The planning permission for the Supervalu in Newcastle included 140sq.m of community floorspace at the first-floor level of the detached building at the front of the site. It was agreed under this permission that Supervalu will manage the use of this community floorspace. A condition was attached to this permission requiring a management plan of this floorspace to be agreed with the Planning Authority and if this floorspace was ever omitted in the future, a contribution in lieu would be provided by the applicant. In relation to the need for a sports centre, tennis courts etc. in Newcastle, the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 also requires the delivery of parks and services as part of residential development of scale in Newcastle. This has been delivered in part through the permission for Taobh Chonic (with pitches) and other neighbourhood parks. The provision of pitches, tennis courts etc. within these parks are subject to the detailed design and strategy of parks in South Dublin (through Parks and Public Realm and Active South Dublin).

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors, F. Timmons and E. Ó Broin

Ms. Gormla O’ Corrain, Senior Planner responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

**Economic Development**

**C/15/25 – Q5 Item ID:85529 – Brú Chrónáin Round Tower Visitor Centre.**

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey

To ask the Chief Executive if he can offer a report on the closure of Brú Chrónáin Round Tower Visitor centre and if he can ensure that continuity of service be a primary criteria when establishing a new management structure for the running of the premises.

**REPLY:**  Brú Chrónáin Round Tower Visitor Centre is operated under a management licence model where a commercial operator tenders for the right to operate at the Council owned facility. The centre is not staffed with Council employees. This operating model has been in place since the centre opened in 2017 and has ensured the centre has stayed open 7 days a week throughout the year except when public buildings and visitor attractions were mandated to remain closed during the Covid 19 global pandemic.  This continuity of service was a feature of the management licence model, and the most recent operator kept the centre open since Covid 19. Unfortunately, this operator ceased trading in December due to their own commercial situation. The Council is anxious that the Round Tower Visitor Centre reopens as soon as possible and will work with all stakeholders to ensure this happens. The process to secure a new management licence holder is being advanced, with work on this process underway since before Christmas. The Council will use this time of temporary closure to undertake some essential maintenance within the visitor centre and to allow for the transition to a new operator. In the meantime, and within the spirit of maintaining the integral part Brú Chrónáin plays in the life of the community in Clondalkin, the Council will open the centre for a number of bespoke events and tours over the next few weeks which include two Tradfest events. The Council is aware of only one pre-booked tour that has been postponed, and the Council is working with the volunteer tour guiding group to facilitate this group at an appropriate time and, will work to facilitate school tours and others as the need arises.

**C/16/25 – H7 Item ID:85446 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/17/25 – C3 Item ID:85434 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**Libraries & Arts**

**C/18/25 – Q6 Item ID:85558 – Printing CAC Jan-25.**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief executive if he would get 500 glossy copies of attached Brief History of Rathcoole printed for local schools and courthouse?

**REPLY:**  As this is not an SDCC publication, SDCC do not have a role in its printing or distribution. Given the nature of the publication, schools in the area and the Court House board of management could be supplied with an electronic copy by the author and decide themselves on any quantity that they wish to print and distribute in their own facilities. The South Dublin Digital Strategy 2020-2023 emphasizes the Council's commitment to enhancing digital services and reducing reliance on physical documents. Further, the library service needs to be mindful of not setting a precedent in providing a printing service for material produced by individuals, whether on the subject of local history or any other subject. The library service is working on plans to support the publication of material related to the story and history of South Dublin by way of grants to individuals or groups. Details will follow when the scheme is fully developed.

**C/19/25 – H8 Item ID:85430 – Application for Arts grants.**

(No Business)

**C/20/25 – H9 Item ID:85443 – Library News & Events**

The following report was presented by Ms. A. Horan, Executive Librarian (Senior Librarian):

[Library News & Events](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=85443&itemTxt=H-I9)

A discussion followed with contributions by Councillors S. O’Hara, F. Timmons, E. Ó Broin and W. Carey.

Ms. A. Horan Executive Librarian (Senior Librarian), responded to members queries and the report was **NOTED.**

**C/21/25 – H10 Item ID:85449 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/22/25 – C4 Item ID:85436 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**Corporate Support**

**C/23/25 – H11 Item ID:85445 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/24/25 – C5 Item ID:85433 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/25/25 – M2 Item ID:85555 – LGBT+ Community.**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor S. O’Hara.

That this Area Committee stands by and is proud of the vital work undertaken by LGBTQ+ groups in Dublin and throughout the country. At a time when LGBTQ+ rights and protections are coming under attack from reactionary elements, we call on the new incoming government to stand firmly with the LGBT+ community and commit to policies that will advance progress and equality for LGBTQ+ people and request this motion is sent to Taoiseach and Tánaiste and included as a report from Area Committee to Full Council.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

If the motion is agreed, a letter will issue to the Taoiseach and Tánaiste and will be included as a report from Area Committee to full Council.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors, F. Timmons, S. O’Hara, D. Adelaide, W. Carey, L. de Courcy and E. Ó Broin.

Ms. Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

**C/26/25 – M3 Item ID:85591 – Immigration process.**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor S. O’Hara.

That this Area Committee calls on Fianna Fáil, Fine Gael and others to include in their programme for Government a humane immigration process that ends direct provision and provides a quicker assessment period and accommodation that is state owned and run.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

 If the motion is agreed, a letter will issue as requested above.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors, F. Timmons, D. Adelaide, and E. Ó Broin.

Ms. Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

**Performance & Change Management**

**C/27/25 – H12 Item ID:85450 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/28/25 – C6 Item ID:85437 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**Environment**

**C/29/25 – Q7 Item ID:85590 – Reports of graffiti.**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive for a report from SDCC on the estimated 80 graffiti sites in Clondalkin. When will they be removed by SDCC, sub-contractors, business owners or utility providers as outlined by Clondalkin Tidy Towns?

**REPLY:**  Public Realm received reports of graffiti at 69 different locations over the last number of weeks. All 69 reported locations have been referred to our contractor. A commitment to completing the removal of all graffiti where possible at these locations has been given. Where locations were reported such as business owners and or utility providers, these reports are being investigated.

**C/30/25 – H13 Item ID:85447 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/31/25 – C7 Item ID:85431 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/32/25 – M4 Item ID:85588 – Container for Tidy Towns group.**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor S. O’Hara.

That this Area Committee support Clondalkin Tidy Towns in providing or allowing a second container in the council car park and meet with Clondalkin Tidy Towns to resolve their storage issues.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

A review of Council owned carparks and building space is currently underway and therefore no provision can be made for a second container at this location. Public Realm have met with Clondalkin Tidy Towns on many issues and are happy to meet with them regarding this matter.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors, F. Timmons, S. O’Hara, D. Adelaide, E. Ó Broin, W. Carey and L. de Courcy.

Ms. Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

**Water & Drainage**

**C/33/25 – H14 Item ID:85454 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/34/25 – C8 Item ID:85441 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**Public Realm**

**C/35/25 – H15 Item ID:85452 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/36/25 – H16 Item ID:85606 – Public Realm Improvement Works**

The following report was presented by Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent:

[Draft Public Realm Improvement Works Programme 2025](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=85606&itemTxt=H-I16)

A discussion followed with a contribution by Councillor E. Ó Broin.

Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, responded to members queries and the report was **NOTED.**

**C/37/25 – C9 Item ID:85439 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**Housing**

**C/38/25 – H17 Item ID:85448 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/39/25 – C10 Item ID:85435 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**Community**

**C/40/25 – H18 Item ID:85442 – Deputations for Noting**

(No Business)

**C/41/25 – H19 Item ID:85444 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/42/25 – C11 Item ID:85432 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/43/25 – M5 Item ID:85556 – Refurbishment, upgrading and extension of St. Finian's Hall.**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor S. O’Hara.

That this Area Committee asks for a detailed report into what funding is available for the refurbishment, upgrading and extension of St. Finian's Hall Newcastle Community centre and what are the conditions to access same and that SDCC commit to meeting the board as a matter of urgency.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

South Dublin County Council have made budget provisions within the 3 Year Capital Programme (2025-2027) of €2 Million for the provision of an upgraded and extended Community Centre for Newcastle, with a proposal to extend the existing St Finian’s Community Centre. Community Services and Architectural Services have held a number of discussions and meetings with the Board of Management of St Finian’s to discuss the proposal. Provisional design drawings showing the potential scope of the redevelopment works and proposed extension have been viewed and agreed in principle with the BOM. The current proposal is dependent on the transfer of land to the rear of the St Finian’s Community Centre from a Developer who has been granted planning permission for the construction of a number of housing units with this land transfer a condition of the planning permission granted. This planning decision was subject to a review by An Bord Pleanála following receipt of 3rd party submissions. A decision on the appeal, granting permission – subject to a number of conditions, was made by An Bord Pleanála on the 26th of November 2024. This decision of An Bord Pleanála will now need to be fully considered by all relevant parties to determine how the development will proceed.

 A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors, F. Timmons and W. Carey.

Mr. Paul McAlerney, Senior Community Officer responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

### The meeting concluded at 5:08 P.M.

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