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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council February 2025 Rathfarnham / Templeogue / Firhouse / Bohernabreena Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 11 February 2025 through Microsoft 365 Teams and in Person in the Council Chambers.

## **Councillors Present**

Sarah Barnes

Yvonne Collins

Paddy Cosgrave

Alan Edge

Pamela Kearns

Brian Lawlor

Roisin Mannion

Lynn McCrave

Ronan McMahon

David McManus

Emma Murphy

Justin Sinnott

## **Officials Present**

Senior Executive Officer Mary Maguire, Sharon Conroy Vivienne Hartnett, Amanda Mills

A/Senior Executive Officer Fiona Hendley

A/Senior Engineer Andrew O’Mullane

Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer Brendan Redmond

Senor Executive Engineer Caitriona Lambert

Senior Executive Librarian Laura Joyce

Staff Officer Eimear O’Sullivan

Assistant Staff Officer Eduardo de Oliveira

Clerical Officer Vikki Cryan, Dylan Hayes

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Pamela Kearns presided

### **RTFB/41/H1/0225 Item ID:85796 - Minutes**

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Minutes of Rathfarnham / Templeogue / Firhouse / Bohernabreena Area Committee dealing with Housing, Community, Transportation, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries, Corporate, Performance & Change Management, Public Realm, Environment, Water & Drainage held on 14th January 2025 which have been circulated, were submitted, and **APPROVED** as true record and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor Pamela Kearns, seconded by Councillor Ronan McMahon, and **RESOLVED** “That the recommendations contained in the minutes of 14th January 2025 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

[H1 Minutes of January 2025 RTFB ACM](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=85152)

#### **RTFB/41A/1225 - Questions**

It was proposed by Councillor Pamela Kearns, seconded by Councillor Yvonne Collins and **RESOLVED** “That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 that Questions 1 - 5 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **RTFB/42/H2/0225 Item ID:85809 – Library News & Events**

The following report was presented by Laura Joyce Senior Executive Librarian

Library News & Events

[H2 (i) RTFB February Libraries Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=84959)  
[H2 (ii) Library Event Stats](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=84964)

Following Contributions from Councillors P Kearns and Y Collins, Laura Joyce Senior Executive Librarian Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted.**

### **RTFB/43/H3/0225 Item ID:85795 – Application for Arts Grants**

Application for Arts Grants (No Business)

### **RTFB/44/H4/0225 Item ID:85815 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/45/C1/0225 Item ID:85802 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Economic Development**

### **RTFB/46/Q1/0225 Item ID:85905 - Laneway St. Enda's Drive**

Proposed by Councillor D. McManus

To ask the Chief Executive if they are aware of a laneway between houses on Grange Park and commercial shops on St Enda's Drive, Grange Road Rathfarnham with locked gates installed by South Dublin County Council (or Dublin Corporation), how residents may gain access to this laneway and if a statement is available?

**REPLY:**

The laneway referred to in the question, near the shops on St. Enda's Drive is not in the charge of the Council and the land is unregistered in the PRA. The gates which have been in place for some years were not installed by the Council. The Council only install gates in Housing estates under our ownership.

### **RTFB/47/H5/0225 Item ID:85812 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/48/C2/0225 Item ID:85800 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **RTFB/49/H6/0225 Item ID:85816 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/50/C3/0225 Item ID:85803 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Corporate Support**

### **RTFB/51/H7/0225 Item ID:85811 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/52/C4/0225 Item ID:85799 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Water & Drainage**

### **RTFB/53/H8/0225 Item ID:85820 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/54/C5/0225 Item ID:85807 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Public Realm**

### **RTFB/55/Q2/0225 Item ID:86059 – Hermitage Public Lighting**

Proposed by Councillor Y. Collins

To ask the Council for an update in relation to commitments given to the Hermitage Residents Association at the Deputation meeting on the 23rd October 2024 in relation to public lighting on the green on the two access paths between the Hermitage and Grange Manor estates together with confirmation that this and the other commitments given at the Deputation meeting will be included in the improvement works programme for 2025

**REPLY:**

At the deputation meeting with the Hermitage Residents Association in October 2024 the residents requested that public lighting be installed on the two footpaths across the main estate open space, one footpath linking Grange Manor Close with Hermitage Park and the second linking Hermitage Court and Grange Manor Drive. The Council's Public Realm Section gave a commitment to provide the lighting as requested and these schemes have now been included in the Public Realm Improvement Works Programme for 2025 which will be presented to the February meeting of the County Council for noting by the elected members.

### **RTFB/56/H9/0225 Item ID:85818 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/57/C6/0225 Item ID:85805 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/58/M1/0225 Item ID:85852 – Milgate Drive Bin**

Proposed by Councillor J. Sinnott, Seconded by Councillor P. Kearns

This Committee notes with concern the poor state of the public bin at Milgate Drive, Dublin 12 and the increasing amount of household waste being dumped at this location. This Committee requests that consideration be given to removing this bin to prevent the build up of waste.

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

If this area committee agrees, the Council will explore the possibility of relocating the bin to a more suitable location, with the aim of discouraging the dumping of household waste. This will be done in accordance with the Litter Bin Installation Protocol, ensuring that the new location is appropriate and effective in meeting the needs of the community

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

### **RTFB/59/M2/0225 Item ID:85890 – Running Track in Tymon Park**

Proposed by Councillor Y. Collins, Seconded by Councillor P. Kearns

That this Council properly maintains the cross country running track at Tymon Park throughout the year to optimise and protect facilities for children and adults training for, and competing in, cross country events.

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

Tymon Park is a 300-acre park that offers a wide range of sporting facilities to meet the needs of the local community and visitors alike. The park features 13.8 km of surfaced footpaths, which are regularly maintained and widely used for walking and running. These paths are also used for the Tymon Park weekly park run event. The Council is committed to supporting active use of the park. While the park does not have a dedicated cross-country running track, SDCC supports and facilitates cross-country events when requested, provided ground conditions are suitable. Many park visitors also make use of the park's boundary grass areas, where mowing strips have been created around long-flowering meadows.

Following Contributions from Councillors Y Collins and P Kearns, Brendan Redmond Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer Responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was **Noted.**

### **RTFB/60/M3/0225 Item ID:85782 – Kissing Gate Beaufort Downs**

Proposed by Councillor J. Sinnott, Seconded by Councillor P. Kearns

To ask the manager to replace the kissing gate at the pedestrian exit Beaufort Downs/Court to Willbrook Rd in Rathfarnham so as to allow all residents in the estate to use this entrance and exit.

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

The kissing gate at the pedestrian exit from Beaufort Downs/Court to Willbrook Road in Rathfarnham will be replaced with a suitable bollard to allow universal access. This request has been included in the 2025 Public Realm Improvement Works Programme which is on the agenda of the February County Council meeting for noting by the elected members.

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

## **Environment**

### **RTFB/61/H10/0225 Item ID:85813 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/62/C7/0225 Item ID:85797 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/63/M4/0225 Item ID:85696 – Abandoned Bicycles**

Proposed by Councillor D. McManus, Seconded by Councillor P. Kearns

That this area committee asks the Chief Executive to examine abandoned bicycles locked to SDCC bicycle stands in Rathfarnham Village opposite AIB Bank and to arrange removal?

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

An abandoned bicycle is defined as a bicycle located on a public street or in a public car park that would appear, due to its general poor condition, to have been abandoned by its owner.

I will examine abandoned bicycles locked to SDCC bicycle stands in Rathfarnham Village opposite the AIB Bank. Removal will only be arranged for bicycles deemed to be in poor condition. The assessment of what qualifies as "poor condition" will be carefully assessed to avoid mistakenly removing bikes that are still in use.

Following Contributions from Councillor D McManus, Y Collins and R McMahon, Mary Maguire Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was **Noted.**

## **Community**

### **RTFB/64/H11/0225 Item ID:85808 - Deputations for Noting**

The following report was presented by Edel Clancy Senior Executive Officer

[H11 (i) Hermitage Deputations](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=85101)  
[H11 (ii) Orwell Park Deputations](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=85099)

This Report was **Noted**

### **RTFB/65/H12/0225 Item ID:85810 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/66/C8/0225 Item ID:85798 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Housing**

### **RTFB/67/H13/0225 Item ID:85988 - Quarterly Report on Anti Social Behaviour**

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

Quarterly Report on Anti Social Behaviour

**REPLY:**

**Anti Social Behaviour report up to 31st December 2024.**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORTING & STATISTICS FOR RATHFARNHAM/TEMPLEOGUE/FIRHOUSE/BOHERNABREENA** | | | | | | |
| **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** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | **4** |
| Criminal Activity reported to SDCC | **0** | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | **1** |
| Joyriding reported to SDCC | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| Violence/intimidation/ harassment reported to SDCC | **5** | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | **7** |
| **CATEGORY B** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Squatters/illegal occupiers reported to SDCC | **4** | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | **7** |
| Vandalism reported to SDCC | **0** | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | **4** |
| Physical condition of property reported to SDCC | **2** | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | **4** |
| Physical condition of Garden reported to SDCC | **0** | 2 | 0 | 2 | 3 | **7** |
| Racism reported to SDCC | **0** | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | **1** |
| Vacant House reported to SDCC | **7** | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | **12** |
| Neighbour Dispute (including parking) reported to SDCC | **5** | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | **9** |
| **CATEGORY C** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Noise/disturbance reported to SDCC | **2** | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | **4** |
| Pets/animal nuisance reported to SDCC | **0** | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | **5** |
| Children Nuisance reported to SDCC | **1** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| Selling alcohol | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| **Total Incidents reported to SDCC** | 26 | 7 | 14 | 20 | 26 | 67 |
| **Total Complaints reported to SDCC** | **30** | 7 | 15 | 21 | 32 | **75** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total Actions taken by Allocations Support Unit Staff - Main actions listed below** | **197** | 43 | 137 | 129 | 202 | **511** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Housecall / Inspection | **21** | 1 | 10 | 15 | 20 | **46** |
| Demand for Possession Section 15 & 17 | **1** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| Abandonment notice served | **0** | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | **1** |
| Surrenders Obtained (including Termination of Tenancy under Section 15) | **2** | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | **2** |
| Warnings issued | **1** | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | **4** |
| Interviews held (formal office and by phone) | **22** | 5 | 15 | 13 | 4 | **37** |
| Pre-Tenancies (includes following up Tenancy Checks) | **37** | 6 | 22 | 9 | 12 | **49** |
| Complaints received by Whatsapp | **10** | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | **5** |

Following Contributions from Councillors P Cosgrave, R McMahon and Y Collins, Fiona Hendley A/Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted.**

### **RTFB/68/H14/0225 Item ID:85989 - Housing Allocations Report quarterly**

The following report was presented by Amanda Mills Senior Executive Officer

Housing Allocations Report quarterly

**REPLY:**

The Q4 2024 Allocations Report for the Rathfarnham, Templeogue, Firhouse, Bohernabreena area is:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Allocations** | **County wide Total** | **Rathfarnham Templeogue Firhouse Bohernabreena** |
| CBL-General | 210 | 25 |
| CBL-HAP | 239 | 6 |
| CBL-RAS Fixed T/F | 5 | 0 |
| Homeless | 267 | 20 |
| Medical | 122 | 15 |
| Age Friendly | 94 | 6 |
| Tenant/Ras in Situ | 106 | 7 |
| **Total** | **1043** | **79** |
| Transfers | 103 | 7 |
| RAS NTQ | 62 | 1 |
| Priority – Welfare | 37 | 5 |
| Sub Total | **202** | **13** |
| **TOTALS** | **1245** | **92** |

Following Contributions from Councillors A Edge, Y Collins, S Barnes and P Kearns, Amanda Mills Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

### **RTFB/69/H15/0225 Item ID:85990 - Housing Delivery Report quarterly**

The following report was presented by Vivienne Hartnett Senior Executive Officer

Housing Delivery Report quarterly

[H15 Housing Delivery Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=85088)

Following Contributions from Councillors P Cosgrave, A Edge, R Mannion, R McMahon, Y Collins and P Kearns, Vivienne Hartnett Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

### **RTFB/70/H16/0225 Item ID:85814 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/71/C9/0225 Item ID:85801 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Planning**

### **RTFB/72/Q3/0225 Item ID:85784 - Pedestrian Crossing St James Rd and Limekiln**

Proposed by Councillor R. Mannion

To ask the manager if the request for additional pedestrian crossing on St. James Road/Limekiln has been reviewed; if not is there a timeline for this to be completed please?

**REPLY:**

Details of the pedestrian crossing were submitted to the Planning Authority under condition 3 of the planning permission and agreed in consultation with the Roads Department in November 2024. (SD19A/0371 refers)

The Roads Department is liaising with the developer on this matter and has requested the Developer to advise of the expected completion date for the carrying out of the agreed works.

The related planning enforcement case remains open and under review.

### **RTFB/73/H17/0225 Item ID:85817 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/74/C10/0225 Item ID:85804 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Transportation**

### **RTFB/75/Q4/0225 Item ID:86057 - Lowering of Footpaths in Hermitage Estate**

Proposed by Councillor Y. Collins

To ask the Council for an update in relation to commitments given to the Hermitage Residents Association at the Deputation meeting on the 23rd October 2024 in relation to the lowering of footpaths at nominated junctions within the estate and repainting of both yellow and white lines in the estate and double yellow lines on the left side as you enter the estate

**REPLY:**

As agreed at the October deputation the roads section will dish a number of crossings at junctions in the estate in 2025. We will also have out road marking contractor renew road markings within the estate.

There is no timeline for the works currently

### **RTFB/76/Q5/0225 Item ID:86058 – Hermitage Signage**

Proposed by Councillor Y. Collins

To ask the Council for an update in relation to commitments given to the Hermitage Residents Association at the Deputation meeting on the 23rd October 2024 in relation to road signage /parking at the Park, Downs and Court junctions within the estate

**REPLY:**

* Double yellow lines at the uncontrolled pedestrian crossing points (Hermitage Downs near the school). This drawing has gone for statutory approval. Following approval, this will go to our road lining contractor.
* Double yellow lines at the junction of Hermitage Park, Hermitage Court and Hermitage Downs (to the uncontrolled pedestrian crossing point on Hermitage Court). This drawing has gone for statutory approval. Following approval, this will go to our road lining contractor.
* Double yellow lines at the entrance to the estate on Hermitage Avenue. This drawing has gone for statutory approval. Following approval, this will go to our road lining contractor.
* Modification to ‘right turn lane’ on Grange Road onto Hermitage Avenue. This drawing is waiting to go to our road lining contractor as a package (following statutory approval of the above drawings).
* As previously informed, the Council does not recommend installing ‘Junction Ahead’ road warning signs within housing estates. Furthermore, priority junction road markings have already been installed with the combination of yield signage and markings at the queried junction.

### **RTFB/77/H18/0225 Item ID:85992 - Safe School Zones Programme**

The following report was presented by Andrew O'Mullane A/Senior Engineer

Safe School Zones Programme

[H18 Safe School Zones Update](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=85086)

Following Contributions from Councillors A Edge, P Cosgrave, R McMahon, Y Collins, P Kearns and L McCrave, Andrew O'Mullane Senior Executive Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted.**

### **RTFB/78/H19/0225 Item ID:85821 - Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

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

### **RTFB/79/H20/0225 Item ID:85819 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/80/C11/0225 Item ID:85806 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/81/M5/0225 Item ID:85593 – Public Lighting at Ford Bridge**

Proposed by Councillor A. Edge, Seconded by Councillor R. McMahon

In light of a number of car crashes at Ford Bridge, aka Callaghan's Bridge in Ballinascorney, that this Area Committee requests that the light pole on the Bridge be repaired and the trees around it cut back / removed as an urgent matter of road safety, location [https://maps.apple.com/?ll=53.259506,-6.366881&q=Dropped%20Pin&t=m](https://maps.apple.com/?ll=53.259506,-6.366881&amp;q=Dropped%20Pin&amp;t=m)

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

A request was made to our maintenance contractor in mid November of last year. They subsequently attended the site to assess the situation.

Arrangements were then made by our maintenance contractor to organise Traffic Management and the Tree Surgeon in order to repair this light. Unfortunately, the pole in question is an asset of ESBN. Ordinarily, we could repair the light on this pole, but because of access issues due to the trees etc, we can't do this.

In addition, it now transpires that we are not permitted to carry out any clearance/pruning works here at all, as it must be done by ESBN for safety reasons. We sent in a Service Request on 13th January to ESBN to request the clearance works to be carried out as soon as possible.

Following Contributions from Councillors A Edge, R McMahon and P Kearns, Caitriona Lambert Senior Executive Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was **Noted**.

### **RTFB/82/M6/0225 Item ID:85887 – S4 Bus Route**

Proposed by Councillor J. Sinnott, Seconded by Councillor Y. Collins

That the Chief Executive writes to the NTA to request that the new S4 bus route be extended to Dún Laoghaire to facilitate students who are studying in IADT and in Further Education and Training Colleges in Dún Laoghaire. This Committee welcomes this new bus route as it will make a difference to residents in the Dublin 12 area especially students attending UCD.

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

If the motion is passed, a letter will issue to the NTA and a copy of the NTA reply, when received, will be circulated to the members.

Following Contributions from Councillors J Sinnott, Y Collins, P Cosgrave and P Kearns, Mary Maguire Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

## Meeting Concluded at 16:08

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**An Cathaoirleach**