## **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 19th March 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, Ms. Vivienne Hartnett,

Senior Planner Ms. Gormla O'Corrain

Executive Librarian (Senior Librarian) Ms. Aoife Horan

Senior Staff Officer Mr. John Savage

A/Staff Officer Mr. Aaron Hartin

### **C/108/25 – H1 Item ID:86460 – Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting Held on 19th February 2025**

The minutes of the February 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 19th February which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

[HI-1 Minutes of 19th February 2025.docx](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=86460&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 19th February be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**C/109/25 – QUESTIONS**

Questions 1-16 were proposed by Councillor S. O’Hara and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:

“That pursuant to Standing Order 16, Questions 1 to 16 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**Corporate Support**

**C/110/25 – H2 Item ID:86449 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/111/25 – C1 Item ID:86436 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/112/25 – M1 Item ID:86071 – Nitrous Oxide.**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor E. Ó Broin

That this Area Committee recognises the serious nature of the use of nitrous oxide and urgently request that the new government legislate for this as an illegal substance to use as a drug and to legislate for online supply buying for drug use. The legislation also needs to be supported by an education campaign.

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

If the motion is agreed, a letter will issue to An Taoiseach as outlined above.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, S. O’Hara, 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/113/25 – M2 Item ID:86317 – Transport service issues.**

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

That this Area Committee voices the concern of local Residents in the services provided by Go-Ahead Transport Services Limited, trading as Go-Ahead Ireland. Issues around cancelled services etc that are common on W2 and W6 services We ask Go-Ahead Ireland and the NTA to address the issues around service.

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

If the motion is agreed, letters will issue to Go-Ahead Ireland and the NTA as outlined above.

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

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

**Performance & Change Management**

**C/114/25 – H3 Item ID:86454 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/115/25 – C2 Item ID:86440 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**Public Realm**

**C/116/25 – Q1 Item ID:86430 – Dog run - Rathcoole Park.**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive Where the dog run facility for Rathcoole Park is?

**REPLY:**  As previously reported to this area committee the preferred Land-Use and Movement Concept for the area incorporating the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028 was presented to Council at the May 2023 Council Meeting. The Housing Department is progressing a design with a view to a future planning proposal.  The car parking arrangements for the residential areas, the playing fields and the existing park require consideration through the progression of the concept to a planning proposal. The above proposal includes open space areas that will be considered in tandem with future plans for Rathcoole Park. Public Realm is engaging with the Housing Department through that process, ensuring proposals are integrated into the existing park uses.  Public Realm will also ensure that the proposed dog run will be incorporated in tandem with these proposals and does not conflict with same.  The proposed dog run will be progressed by the Public Realm Section at the earliest opportunity possible.

**C/117/25 – Q2 Item ID:86514 – Green Infrastructure Strategy.**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin

To ask the Chief Executive if any progress has been made on the creation of green corridors along the waterways of the LEA as mapped out in the Green Infrastructure Strategy in Chapter 4 of the CDP?

**REPLY:**  Progress continues on the implementation of policies and objectives in relation to Green Infrastructure in the County Development Plan and the review of the current county development plan will report on that process. In many cases the Green Infrastructure Strategy maps Core Green Infrastructure Corridors along existing watercourses and waterways in the LEA; such as the Camac River, upper stretches of the Griffeen and the Grand Canal. At many locations a significant green corridor already exists, and the Strategy seeks to maintain the green corridor in those cases. Where the corridor can be improved, the strategy seeks to do this where the opportunity arises. Some of the locations have additional designations, such as the Grand Canal pNHA and several riparian species such as otter and kingfisher are also protected under EU Directives, and their breeding sites, in particular, are given significant protection. Public Realm advise the Planning Department on proposed development applications within areas outlined as Green Infrastructure Corridors in line with the policies and objectives in the County Development Plan. The Green Infrastructure Objective, GI3 Objective 3 is frequently referred to in the Planning Development process to ensure proposed development gives at least a 10m setback from watercourses. The intention of this objective is to improve the riparian corridor from both a water quality, flood risk and ecological habitat perspective. Planning applications are required to survey and protect listed Protected Species. Where relevant in applications for development, the Planning Development process will request ecological mitigation measures to be implemented relating to the green infrastructure strategy, protected species and / or flood risk, including the provision of setbacks, protection of habitats and species, appropriate planting (including the retention of existing vegetation), installation of artificial holts, setts, or nesting boxes etc. The Green Space Factor (also included in the County Development Plan) is a key tool in relation to the retention and improvement of green corridors as it allows developers to assess their sites; examining the existing green infrastructure strengths on the site and measures how it can be retained and improved.

**C/118/25 – Q3 Item ID:86508 – Coffee shop in Corkagh Park.**

Proposed by Councillor L. de Courcy

To ask the Chief Executive is there a timeframe for the completion of the new coffee shop in Corkagh Park?

**REPLY:**  The new coffee shop at Corkagh Park is under construction as part of the overall upgrade of Corkagh Park in line with the approved Part 8. Work is progressing on all the various elements of the Corkagh Park Enhancement Project. The second phase of the Green Isle Road Carpark is open, as is the newly up-graded St. John's Carpark.  The new Fairy tree Trail is also complete and is open to visitors. Work is also progressing on the new signage and wayfinding in the park, with items being fabricated at the present time. In relation to the cafe building and hub area; work continues and the roofing and glazing of the building is finished and the internal fit out is well underway. It is envisaged the building construction works will be fully completed by the end of Spring 2025 and a 2nd tender process for the operator of the facility is currently underway. Once they are appointed, they will be involved in the final fit out of the coffee shop post construction. The dates for this will be confirmed subject to a successful tender outcome to the current process and the appointment of an operator, at which time that programme can be agreed.

**C/119/25 – Q4 Item ID:86509 – Monastery Road Tree.**

Proposed by Councillor L. de Courcy

To ask the Chief Executive had there been concerns raised about the health/stability of the tree on Monastery Road which fell during the storm prior to the storm?

**REPLY:**  Prior to Storm Éowyn occurring on the 24th January 2025, the Council were not aware of any concerns over the health or stability of the tree in question.  Storm Éowyn was deemed as a severe weather event which had the capacity to cause damage to trees in any location across the Country.  Unfortunately, the tree at Monastery Road was one example of the devastating effects of the storm.

**C/120/25 – H4 Item ID:86456 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/121/25 – C3 Item ID:86442 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**Environment**

**C/122/25 – Q5 Item ID:86306 – Illegal dumping.**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on his efforts to tackle dumping blackspots on the Bawnogue Road at Lindisfarne and in Deansrath?

**REPLY:**  All reports of illegal dumping and littering are investigated by the Council's Litter Warden Service and all dumped material is searched for evidence. Where evidence is found, the appropriate enforcement action is taken under the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended. Increasingly, it is found that no personal information relating to polluters is contained within the dumped material, with personal information having been removed or shredded. Village cleansing programme is ongoing in all town and village centres on a daily basis Monday to Friday and also on Sundays. Existing cleaning schedules are reviewed and modified regularly, planned and scheduled clean-ups of areas prone to repeated littering / dumping incidents is ongoing, and there is continuing liaison with community groups for Clean-Up collections. Regard is taken of reports / survey findings e.g. IBAL, and resources as available and appropriate, are applied. An ongoing proactive anti-litter and anti-illegal dumping programmes and campaigns are delivered as per the Eastern Midlands Waste Regional Waste Management Plan and the SDCC Litter Management Plan.  Some examples of the proactive initiatives that have been previously promoted/carried out include bulky waste collection pilots, bulbs not bonfires Halloween campaigns, Halloween campaigns involving tyre retailers, hazardous wastes collections and bring bank monitoring programmes. Some other proactive initiatives carried out include the National Spring Clean, the PURE project, the Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti awareness grants, WEEE collection days, Eco-Week and annual anti-dumping schemes such as the mattress amnesties and area clean-ups.  All campaigns are widely promoted on the Council's social media, in print media, radio and cinema advertising. Continued support is provided for through the Green Schools Programme, in 2024/25 there were 134 schools registered for this programme which has a theme specially dedicated to litter and waste. Support is provided on an ongoing basis to the green school’s programme through talks, workshops, competitions etc. From January 2025 to date, there have been 20 applications received, and assistance provided through the social credit scheme. The following materials are available throughout the county, in the two Council offices and a number of community centres to successful applicants: litter pickers, bags, hi-vis vests, shovels and brushes, paint, paint brushes and native/pollinator seeds have been added to materials provided. Groups who avail of the supports are requested to return the materials following their clean up so that other groups may avail of them. 24 groups registered to participate in the National Spring Clean to date. As always, the public is encouraged to work with the Council in helping to identify culprits who engage in illegal dumping and to report any incidents observed. Reports of littering and illegal dumping can be made on the**Council’s Litter Warden hotline on 01 4149220**and on the**Environmental Protection Agency’s anti-dumping hotline on 1850 365 121.** Where there is an ongoing problem of illegal dumping in any area, local residents are urged to support the Council in taking the appropriate enforcement action by making reports to the Litter Warden Service for investigation and by providing evidence, including testimony, where possible. Additionally, residents are encouraged through the medium of the Council's Social Credits Scheme to seek rewards for community-based initiatives, such as community clean ups. Once the matter has been investigated by the Litter Warden, it is then referred on to the Public Realm section for removal.  SDCC is continually monitoring an array of potential sites, that will meet the Code of Practise (COP) criteria for CCTV and have developed Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIAs) in line with the provisions of the COP and in consultation with the Data Protection Officer. As identified sites meet the COP criteria, business cases will be submitted to the Council's CCTV Oversight Board and subsequently to the Chief Executive for approval. Our enforcement section is continuing to monitor the locations mentioned in this motion and if they are identified as sites that meet the COP criteria, our enforcement team will progress them to the next stage of the process.

**C/123/25 – Q6 Item ID:86392 – Illegal dumping signs.**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive can No Dumping Signs with the "Penalty Notices" as set out in South Dublin County Council Litter Policies in the following areas in Brittas, known litter Black Spots be placed at locations: Slademore Forest Gates Slade Vally Forest Gates Mount Seskin Road Ballinascorney Road Lisheen Road N81?

**REPLY:**  In accordance with the Council's Litter Management Plan, signage may be erected based on a demonstrated need in areas prone to on-going littering / dumping and subject to suitability of the location. Accordingly, the location will be assessed and if deemed suitable, signage will be provided in the hope of helping to deter illegal dumping and improve the overall cleanliness of the area.

**C/124/25 – Q7 Item ID:86510 – Monastery Road wall.**

Proposed by Councillor L. de Courcy

To ask the Chief Executive what measures are being taken to protect the old wall on Monastery Road after it was damaged by the tree during the storm and what repair works are planned?

**REPLY:**  Public Realm are currently working with LUPT to arrange for the repair of the section of wall that was damaged when the tree fell during Storm Éowyn.  A quote has been requested to repair a 11-meter section of wall to include the removal of the tree roots, construction of a new section of wall, traffic management and reinstatement.  It is hoped to appoint a contractor in the next fortnight to carry out the works in Q2.

**C/125/25 – H5 Item ID:86451 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/126/25 – C4 Item ID:86434 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/127/25 – M3 Item ID:86496 – Taken-in-charge triangular shaped kerb.**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

That this Area Committee agrees that Waste Enforcement officials shall visit business premises on Monastery Road, Clondalkin to establish who is using the taken-in-charge triangular shaped kerb at the gable end of the 'Dalkin Delights' cafe, for bin storage, so as to ensure an aesthetically pleasing use of the kerb.

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

Staff from our Waste Enforcement section will visit all business premises in Monastery shopping centre on Monastery Road, Clondalkin to establish who is using the taken-in-charge triangular shaped kerb at the gable end of the 'Dalkin Delights' cáfe, for bin storage. Once this has been established, SDCC will liaise with the relevant business or businesses in relation to seeking alternative arrangements for their bin storage.

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

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

**C/128/25 – M4 Item ID:86405 – Control of Horses.**

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

That this Area Committee request the Chief Executive to consider liaising with the Guards to ensure the Guards have the pounds number in all their stations on their systems and look at a quicker way to get cruelty to horses reported and acted on in the Council.

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

Under the [**Control of Horses Act, 1996**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1996/act/37/enacted/en/html?q=horses), all local authorities are responsible for the control of horses in their areas. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, South Dublin County Council's [**Control of Horses Bye-Laws, 2014**](https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/environment/animal-welfare/horses/seized-horses/2014-control-of-horses-bye-laws.pdf) were made on 10th February 2014 and implemented with effect from 12th March 2014. These Byelaws are actively enforced and provide the Council with tools to deal with issues which impact negatively on communities and animals alike. Problems associated with keeping horses in an urban area may include neglect and cruelty to the animals, damage to public property including parks, sports pitches and grass verges, danger posed to public safety and general nuisance posed by presence of horses in public places. South Dublin County Council has a proven track record in the effective management of this service and also works closely with the DSPCA in monitoring horses from an animal welfare perspective within South Dublin County. All reports of loose/stray horses which are received from elected representatives, members of the public and Council staff are considered in a timely manner and as appropriate, are referred to the contractor engaged by the Council for the provision and operation of the horse seizure service and horse pound facility. To improve traceability, any horse that is not already chipped, is chipped on entering the pound. Statistics in relation to horse seizures nationally are available from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine through the following link: [**gov - Animal Welfare (www.gov.ie)**](https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/e881c-animal-welfare/#control-of-horses-statistics). In addition to our obligations under the Act, South Dublin County Council (SDCC) have developed the Ballyowen Equine Centre in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine (DAFM) and Clondalkin Equine Club in order to address the keeping of horses in an unregulated and uncontrolled manner resulting in serious animal welfare and public safety issues which were a cause of concern for both the Council, Gardaí, central government, and the communities of these areas. The Equine facility, which opened in January 2017 gives young horse owners the opportunity to take responsibility and care for their animals in a safe environment. A licence agreement is in place since 2017 with SDCC and Clondalkin Equine Club and SDCC continues to manage the licence agreement and support the facility. The Fettercairn Youth Horse Project (FYHP) is situated on a 4-acre site provided by South Dublin County Council, in Fettercairn. It provides training and education for young people in Fettercairn in horse riding skills, animal welfare and horse management skills. It aims to channel the young people’s love of horses into a constructive community activity providing them with opportunities to develop personal, social and vocational skills.  Training programmes in riding and stable management are designed and delivered to a number of groups, including local schools and youth groups; riders with physical and/or learning disabilities; young people from socially excluded groups including Travellers. Accredited training programmes are provided for young people who wish to pursue the different levels of qualifications with the Association of Irish Riding Establishments (AIRE) and the British Horse Society (BHS). I appreciate the concern raised in regard to the need for a more efficient way of reporting and addressing cruelty to horses. I will initiate discussions with the relevant authorities, including the Gardaí, to explore the feasibility of ensuring that the pounds number is available in all of their garda stations. Additionally, we will review the current processes for reporting cruelty to horses and identify potential improvements to ensure quicker response times and more effective action.

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

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

**Water & Drainage**

**C/129/25 – H6 Item ID:86458 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/130/25 – C5 Item ID:86444 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**Housing**

**C/131/25 – Q8 Item ID:86512 – Round Gardens.**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin.

To ask the Chief Executive what measures have been undertaken by the landlord of Round Gardens apartment block off Garters Lane in Saggart, to address the systemic damp and mould mentioned in Clondalkin LEA Motion 8 from September 2024 local area meeting?

**REPLY:**  A schedule of refurbishment works was agreed between the Council and the owners of the 32 apartments at Round Gardens in December of 2021. These works were completed on a phased basis from January to October 2022. Since the completion of the works, we have received six reports of damp and mould. Our maintenance team have carried out inspections and have completed internal remedial works to rectify the issues reported.  A meeting has been scheduled with the owners to agree timeframes for the implementation of a planned maintenance programme for the development.

**C/132/25 – H7 Item ID:86452 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/133/25 – C6 Item ID:86438 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/134/25 – M5 Item ID: 86074 – Kilcarbery OMC.**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin and seconded by Councillor S. O’Hara.

That this Area Committee agrees that SDCC, as the largest residential property owner in the Kilcarbery Housing Development, will insist that the next AGM of the Owners Management Company for Kilcarbery will be held in person (and not online).

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

Under the Multi-Unit Developments Act 2011 (MUD Act), an Owner Management Company (OMC) is an independent legal entity responsible for the management of multi-unit developments. Section 17 of the MUD Act requires the directors of the OMC to convene an Annual General Meeting (AGM) each year, but does not prescribe whether this meeting must be held physically or virtually. The format of the AGM is determined by the OMC’s board of directors, subject to compliance with the OMC's constitution. Under the Companies Act 2014, as amended by the Companies (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Covid-19) Act 2020, companies, including OMCs, are permitted to hold AGMs virtually, in person, or as hybrid meetings, provided this aligns with the OMC's constitution. Under the Companies (Corporate Governance and Enforcement and Regulatory Provisions) Act 2024 (enacted 03.12.2024), virtual general meetings are now on a permanent statutory footing. This legislation provides that, "*save to the extent that the company’s constitution provides otherwise, a company need not hold a general meeting at a physical venue but may conduct the meeting wholly or partly by the use of electronic communications technology as long as all attendees have a reasonable opportunity to participate in the meeting in accordance with this section".* While the council is a significant member of the Kilcarbery OMC, with voting rights proportional to its unit ownership, we cannot compel or insist that the AGM be held in person. Such a directive would exceed the council's authority as a member. The ultimate decision on the AGM format rests with the OMC's board of directors, as set out in company law and the Kilcarbery Grange OMC constitution. Members of the council's housing and estate management teams attend the AGM annually and can bring any tenant issues or concerns to this forum.

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

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

**Community**

**C/135/25 – Q9 Item ID:86428 – Changing places Facilities.**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive would he consider further Changing places Facilities in the Clondalkin, Rathcoole, Saggart, Newcastle and Brittas LEA?

**REPLY:**  Community Services working Architectural Services Dept are open to consider further Changing Place Facilities within our Community Buildings. Provisions have been made for Changing Place Facilities in the designs for the proposed new Community Centres in Kilcarbery and Citywest.

**C/136/25 – Q10 Item ID:86417 – Swimming pool in Clondalkin.**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive why progress has not been made on the old swimming pool in Clondalkin despite many motions agreed by the Elected members?

**REPLY:**  The Council is aware of requests from local community groups in relation to the availability of community space in the Clondalkin Village area and while there are no immediate plans to upgrade the old swimming pool building it is one of the sites being examined and reviewed within the context of the formulation of the Local Area Plan.

**C/137/25 – H8 Item ID:86445 – Deputations for Noting**

(No Business)

**C/138/25 – H9 Item ID:86448 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/139/25 – C7 Item ID:86435 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**Transportation**

**C/140/25 – Q11 Item ID:86313 – Potholes on Aylmer Road.**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive would he urgently get road repairs done on potholes and road at rural end of Aylmer Road where several locals cars have been damaged due to the work needing done?

**REPLY:**  Potholes on Aylmer Road have been repaired.

**C/141/25 – Q12 Item ID:86425 – Private property owners hedges.**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin

To ask the Chief Executive to publish the correspondence he sent to private property owners requesting them to cut back their hedges which encroach on public footpaths and raised by Members Rep in October 2024 under MOT/2024-NOV/80905, MOT/2024-NOV/80904, MOT/2024-NOV/80906?

**REPLY:**  SDCC undertook the cutting back of these hedges to enable repair works to be undertaken. As a consequence, no correspondence was issued to private landowners.

**C/142/25 – H10 Item ID:86457 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/143/25 – H11 Item ID:86459 – Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads.**

(No Business)

**C/144/25 – C8 Item ID:86443 – Correspondence**

(No Business

**Planning**

**C/145/25 – Q13 Item ID:86151 – Registered AirBnB.**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin

To ask the Chief Executive for the result of the investigation into whether **ADDRESS SUPPLIED** is registered as an AirBnB (matter previously submitted as Members Reps. ID: 1855052)?

**REPLY:**  A planning enforcement Warning Letter issued pursuant to section 152 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) in November 2024. No response was made by or on behalf of the alleged developer. A follow-up site inspection is now due.

**C/146/25 – Q14 Item ID:86316 – Designated village heritage area.**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive would he consider notifying all relevant business owners that their premises are inside the designated village heritage area (ACA)?

**REPLY:**  An **Architectural Conservation Area (ACA)** is a place, area, group of structures or townscape, taking account of building lines and heights, that is of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest or that contributes to the appreciation of a protected structure, and whose character it is an objective of a development plan to preserve.

(1) An area of special planning control (ASPC) is all, or part, of an ACA which a planning authority considers of special importance to, or as respects, the civic life or the architectural, historical, cultural or social character of a city or town in which it is situated.

(2) A planning authority recognises, by making provision in the development plan for the protection of these areas, that in many cases, the protection of the architectural heritage is best achieved by controlling and guiding change on a wider scale than the individual structure, in order to retain the overall architectural or historic character of an area. ACA policies should be supported by, and be consistent with, other policies of the development plan especially those relating to development control. The legislation relating to ACA’s is contained in Chapter II of Part IV of the Planning and Development Act 2000.  There are specific policy objectives included in SDCC County Development Plan 2022-2028. Under the legislation there is no obligation on the Local Authority to contact owners of properties within ACAs, however it is advised that guidelines setting out development management policies should be available.  It is an objective of the CDP to provide Guidelines for each ACA within the County.  As part of the Clondalkin LAP ACA Appraisals are being drafted for the 3 ACAs in the Clondalkin Area with a view to providing ACA guidelines for all ACAs in the future.

**C/147/25 – Q15 Item ID:86513 – Clondalkin Village Architectural Conservation Area.**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin

To ask the Chief Executive if there are any rules, by laws or guidelines with regard to materials used and design of shop facades in the Clondalkin Village Architectural Conservation Area?

**REPLY:**  There are a number of related policies for shopfront design and new development within Architectural Conservation Areas included in SDCC County Development Plan 2022-2028. Advice is also provided in SDCC Shopfront Design Guide as part of the Shopfront Grant Scheme. Development Control within Architectural Conservation Areas are governed under Part IV of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), therefore any material changes to an exterior of a building within an ACA will require planning permission and proposals are therefore considered under CDP policy and in line with architectural conservation policy for ACAs. All planning applications for development within an ACA are referred to the Councils Architectural Conservation Officer who would provide expert advice in relation to any proposal directly relating to changes to existing shopfronts in line with best design guidelines and best architectural conservation practice. As part of the preparation for the Clondalkin LAP draft ACA Appraisals are being completed which will incorporate advice and guidelines in relation to shopfront and material changes to the exterior of buildings within the 3 Clondalkin ACAs, with regard to what works may affect the character of the ACA and therefore will require planning permission. It is hoped that the ACA Appraisal documents when completed as part of the LAP will provide assistance and guidance for development within ACAs.

**C/148/25 – H12 Item ID:86455 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/149/25 – C9 Item ID:86441 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/150/25 – M6 Item ID:86396 – Community geriatric daycare centre.**

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

That this Area Committee requests any update on planning application - SD23A/0047 - "Change of use of part of existing Convent building (protected structure Ref 158) from staff accommodation ... to community geriatric daycare centre." And any other planning for this building and request that Heritage and conservation officers over see any work to this important heritage building.

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

Pursuant to the Building Regulations, a commencement notice was submitted in relation to the above development in September 2024. Condition 3 required specific additional details be submitted in relation to building conservation for the written agreement of the Planning Authority (conservation officer). The applicant submitted specialist documents in November 2024. These were reviewed by the SDCC Conservation Officer, and the applicant was advised in January 2025 that these details were satisfactory in terms of building conservation. The submitted details provided for the supervision of the carrying out of building works to sensitive elements of the protected structure by a specialist.

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

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

**Economic Development**

**C/151/25 – H13 Item ID:86450 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/152/25 – C10 Item ID:86437 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**Libraries & Arts**

**C/153/25 – Q16 Item ID:86418 – Books about Clondalkin LEA.**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive For a list of books about Clondalkin LEA funded or published by SDCC?

**REPLY:**  The following books related to the Clondalkin LEA have been published or funded by South Dublin County Council:

*Corkagh Park* (SDCC Parks Department) (2001)

*The House of Corkagh* by Joe Devine (2003)

*St. Mochua and the Round Tower* by Joe Williams (2006)

*The Monastery of Mount St. Joseph, Clondalkin* by Joe Williams (2010)

*Corkagh: the Life and Times of a South Dublin Demesne* by Turtle Bunbury (2018)

**C/154/25 – H14 Item ID:86433 – Application for Arts grants.**

(No Business)

**C/155/25 – H15 Item ID:86447 – 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=86447&itemTxt=H-I15)

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

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

**C/156/25 – H16 Item ID:86453 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/157/25 – C11 Item ID:86439 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/158/25 – M7 Item ID:86416 – Friends of Corkagh park.**

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

That this Area Committee asks SDCC Libraries to liaise with Friends of Corkagh park to look at a display of photographs taken by locals in our park. These photographs could be displayed in new Corkagh park café.

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

Local library management will liaise with Friends to Corkagh with a view to digitising a selection of their photographs to add to our online collections. These photographs can also form the basis of a digital exhibition to be displayed in Clondalkin Library and can be made available to other venues.

A discussion followed with a contribution from Councillor F. Timmons.

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

### The meeting concluded at 4:22 P.M.

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