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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council March 2025 Lucan / Palmerstown / North Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 25 March 2025 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

Hellen Farrel

Niamh Fennell

Madeleine Johans son

Jacqueline Sheehy

Liona O’Toole

Joanna Tuffy

**Apologies**

Councillor Glenn Moore

**Officials Present**

Senior Executive Officers Laura Leonard, Sharon Conroy

Vivienne Hartnett

Senior Engineers John Hegarty, Gary Walsh

A/Senior Engineers Derek Sargent, Michael McAdam,

Damien McNulty

Senior Planner Hazel Craigie

Senior Executive Parks Superintendent David Fennell, Sean Redmond

Senior Executive Engineer Farhan Nasiem

Administrative Officer Susan Sinclair, David Morrissey

Heritage Officer Rosaleen Dwyer

Senior Executive Librarian Rosena Hand

Staff Officer Eimear O’Sullivan

Assistant Arts Officer Meabh Butler

Assistant Staff Officer Eduardo De Oliveira

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Liona O’Toole presided.

### **LPNC/152/H1/0325 Item ID:86465 - Minutes**

Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of February 2025 Lucan Palmerstown North Clondalkin ACM dealing with business relating to Transportation, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries, Corporate, Per & Change Management, Environment, Water & Drainage, Public Realm, Housing, Community.

It was proposed by Councillor L O’Toole and seconded by Councillor N Fennell and RESOLVED: “That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the 25th of February 2025 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

[H1 Minutes of February 2025 LPNC ACM](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/Home/ViewReply/85745)

### **LPNC/152A/0325 - Questions**

It was proposed by Councillor L O’Toole and seconded by Councillor H Farrell and RESOLVED “That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 that Questions 1 - 22 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**”.

## **Corporate Support**

### **LPNC/153/H2/0325 Item ID:86479 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/154/C1/0325 Item ID:86468 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **LPNC/155/H3/0325 Item ID:86484 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/156/C2/0325 Item ID:86472 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Public Realm**

### **LPNC/157/Q1/0325 Item ID:86591 - Sarsfield Park Tree Planting**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the manager to outline the rationale for planting trees in Sarsfield Park green space, including the reasons for their specific location and arrangement, and whether residents were consulted on the plan for the green space.

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council recognises the value of tree planting in the urban environment and is committed to planting new trees to ensure that the visual amenity in South Dublin is assured for future generations.

The principle of planting the ‘right tree in the right place’ applies to all new and replacement tree planting. Trees are selected for their appropriateness of scale and proportion to their surroundings and the aesthetic contribution they make to that environment. Planting density and species selection are guided by available space to ensure that each tree is compatible with its new site and has every opportunity to develop into a healthy mature specimen.

Potential sites for tree planting are inspected in advance to assess their suitability for new trees, considering factors such as services, sight lines, warning signs and traffic signals, distance from public lighting columns, space for future crown and root growth, etc.

It is not possible to consult with residents on individual locations due to the volume of tree planting that takes place during the 2024-2025 planting programme. Nevertheless, the locations identified on the open space in the following table were deemed to be suitable as per the criteria set out above.

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| **Location** | **Quantity** | **Tree Species** | **English Translation** |
| Opp. side of 55A-51 | 5 | Prunus padus | Cherry spp. |
| Opp 43A-47 | 5 | Prunus padus | Cherry spp. |
| Opp. 6-10 | 5 | Prunus avium | Cherry spp. |
| Opp. side of 126A -94 | 8 | Prunus avium | Cherry spp. |

### **LPNC/158/Q2/0325 Item ID:86583 – Plant Species**

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To ask the Manager what measures are in place to identify locations of, to conserve and to promote some of the rarer native plants previously recorded in various parks in the Lucan area, such as Wood Millet, Toothwort, and Hairy St. John's Wort, including any collaborative work with Biodiversity Ireland, or similar bodies?

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County is known to host a number of rare or uncommon plant species. In addition to the plants mentioned, the area of the River Liffey Valley is also known to support other uncommon species such as Green Figwort and Yellow Archangel. These species and the habitats in which they occur reflect the historic land use of the River Liffey Valley, and as such are an important part of the County’s landscape heritage. An objective to survey these and other relict species, and the heritage value of the landscape they inhabit today, could be considered under the current review of the County Heritage Plan.

### **LPNC/159/Q3/0325 Item ID:86602 – Hayden’s Lane Car Park**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

To request an update from the Chief Executive on the plans for the car park extension at Griffeen Park, Hayden’s Lane. As part of these plans, it was agreed that the existing storage unit, once removed, would be reinstalled as part of the extension project.

**REPLY:**

The upgrade works that are taking place at the GAA pitch nearest Hayden’s Lane Car Park has reduced the volume of traffic using the car park due to the unavailability of the pitch for matches and training. In addition to this, the swimming pool car park is expected to be coming into operation when the pool project is completed. Both developments have an impact on car park usage at Hayden’s Lane and the assessment to determine the need to extend the car park would need to take this into account. At this stage there is no current proposal to extend the car park.

The proposal for storage facilities is to provide a goal post storage compound and remove the existing containers. There are no proposals to reinstall the containers. SDCC were successful in a Sports Capital Grant application for the provision of a goal post storage compound and this project will be progress in 2025.

### **LPNC/160/Q4/0325 Item ID:86051 – Tree Maintenance Programme**

Proposed by Councillor J. Sheehy

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the 2023-2025 Tree Maintenance Programme for Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin, detailing those estates that have been completed, those estates that have been delayed and the expected completion dates for each of the estates.

**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. There are a total of 56 locations included on the programme with 35 of those completed to date.

Three additional locations were added during the programme. Tandy’s Lane Park was added to address Ash Die Back disease. Esker Park (rear of houses) was added due to complaints regarding overhanging trees and Finnstown Abbey estate was added for tree removals in April 2024.

Scheduled dates are dependent on the extent of unscheduled off programme works such as emergency works, works arising from storm damage and individual works.

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| **Location** | **Status** | **Date** | **Year** |
| Adamstown Link Rd | Partially complete. To be completed in 2025 |  | 2025 |
| Abbeydale | Complete |  | 2025 |
| Abbeywood | Complete |  | 2025 |
| Ashpark street trees | Complete |  | 2025 |
| Ashpark Mature trees | Rescheduled to Q3/4 | Q3/Q4 | 2025 |
| Bewley | Complete |  | 2024 |
| Brookvale | Complete |  | 2025 |
| Ballyowen Road - L1042 (Larkfield to Fonthill Road) | To be scheduled |  | 2025 |
| Culmore Road and Park | Complete |  | 2024 |
| Castle Riada | Scheduled | Q2 | 2025 |
| Castle Road | To be scheduled |  | 2025 |
| Coldcut Road | To be scheduled |  | 2025 |
| Dodsborough Road & Cottages on o/s | Complete |  | 2025 |
| Elm estate street trees | Complete |  | 2025 |
| Earlsfort | Complete |  | 2023 |
| Esker Road and Drive and L1011/Old Esker Lane | Complete |  | 2025 |
| Esker Glebe and Esker Lane OS Mature trees | Complete |  | 2025 |
| Esker Glebe, The Glebe and Esker Lane Street trees | Complete |  | 2025 |
| Esker Meadow | Complete |  | 2025 |
| Esker Woods | Complete |  | 2025 |
| Esker Lodge Street and mature trees | Complete |  | 2025 |
| Fonthill Road and Coldcut Road cycle paths (Greenfort Boundary) | Complete |  | 2024 |
| Foxford and Ballyowen Lane | Complete |  | 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 | Q2/Q3 | 2025 |
| Hermitage Valley - Rear of Houses | Rescheduled to Q3/4 | Q3/Q4 | 2025 |
| Hermitage Park - Mature Trees | Scheduled | Q3/Q4 | 2025 |
| Lucan Road (Ballydowd to Woodies) | To be scheduled |  | 2025 |
| Liffey Estate | Complete |  | 2025 |
| Manor Road and Park | Complete |  | 2024 |
| Meile an Ri | Complete |  | 2025 |
| Newcastle Road/R120 to include Lucan Harriers car park frontage | Partially complete |  | 2025 |
| Neilstown estate | Complete |  | 2024 |
| Riversdale Estate Palmerstown | Scheduled | Q3/Q4 | 2025 |
| Riverside Drive | Complete |  | 2024 |
| Rochfort | Complete |  | 2025 |
| Shancastle | Complete |  | 2024 |
| Saint Marks | Complete |  | 2024 |
| Saint Finian’s | Complete |  | 2024 |
| Sarsfield Park Mature Trees | To be scheduled |  | 2025 |
| St. Loman’s Road (L1042) and Ballyowen Road | To be scheduled |  | 2025 |
| Tor an Ri | Complete |  | 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 |
| **Additional locations** |  |  |  |
| Esker Park rear of houses on OS (Additional) | To be scheduled |  | 2025 |
| Finnstown Abbey estate - tree removals | Complete |  | 2024 |
| Tandy’s Lane Park (Additional) | Rescheduled to Q2/3 | Q2/Q3 | 2025 |

### **LPNC/161/H4/0325 Item ID:86486 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/162/C3/0325 Item ID:86474 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/163/M1/0325 Item ID:86599 – Lucan Demesne**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, Seconded by Councillor J. Sheehy

**Cathaoirleach’s Business**

That the Area Committee requests South Dublin County Council to install a communication board at Lucan Demesne as part of the ongoing upgrade plans. This addition would align with similar boards installed in other parks, enhancing accessibility and inclusivity for all visitors.

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

SDCC have installed 13 communication boards in playspaces across the county following the initial pilot project at Corkagh Park. The other installed communications boards are located at playspaces at Collinstown Park, Waterstown Park, Griffeen Valley Park, Hermitage Park, Willsbrook Park, Tymon North, Willington and Limekiln, Rathfarnham Castle Park, Greenhills Park, Perrystown, and Kilnamanagh.

SDCC worked with the Irish Association of Speech and Language Therapists to design the communications boards used in our Playgrounds. Finding Charlies Voice boards were examined as part of the design process and the communication board that SDCC uses is an enhanced version of the Finding Charlies Voice boards. It includes graphics and Irish text with a slightly different layout. During the consultation period we were advised that the boards are useful in certain contexts, such as playgrounds (or high noise/high activity areas where children are likely to become stressed and where communication aids may be necessary). Their introduction in parks more generally was not considered necessary and was not requested.

Lucan Demesne Park is a quiet space where people come to relax and enjoy nature with the play equipment spaced out and set in very naturalistic settings. Therefore, it would be considered that the general park environment doesn't have the same level of social interaction or stressors that would necessitate a specific communication tool be provided.

Following contributions from Councillors L O’Toole, M Johansson, J Sheehy, C Brady and H Farrell, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/164/M2/0325 Item ID:86500 – Quarryvale Bin**

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

This area committee agrees that public bins should be installed into Quarryvale Park as soon as possible to maintain cleanliness, after the re-opening of the new park and facilities. Litter has started to accumulate in the park due to lack of bin facilities.

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

2 new bins will be installed in Quarryvale Park. The bins will be installed in the vicinity of where people congregate at the playground and at the teen space. The bins will be installed in April. A further bin will be provided when the new Basketball Court facility is in place.

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

### **LPNC/165/M3/0325 Item ID:86533 – Litter Bin Request for St. Marks**

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

That the Chief Executive install a litter bin at the new play space in Rowlagh/St Mark's Avenue to combat littering in the well used area.

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

The absence of a bin at the new play space in Rowlagh/St Mark's Avenue has been identified as a snag item as part of the taking in charge process. A bin will be provided prior to the playground being taken in charge. The request to provide the bin will be expedited to ensure early delivery.

Following contributions from Councillors M Johansson, J Sheehy and N Fennell, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/166/M4/0325 Item ID:86582 – Park Rangers**

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell, Seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

To call on the Manager to seek a review on the number of Park Rangers deployed in SDCC parks in the area due to the increase in reported numbers of drug paraphernalia being found by the public and to report back to this committee.

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

There are 4 Park Rangers operating in the Lucan/Palmerstown/North Clondalkin area. The primary duties of the Park Ranger relate to the implementation of the [**Parks and Open Space Bye Laws 2011**](https://www.sdcc.ie/en/download-it/publications/parks-and-open-spaces-bye-laws-2011.pdf). Section 7 of the Bye laws relates to prohibited substances. Drugs are addressed under Section 7.1 and reads as follows:

“7.1 Drugs: - It is prohibited to possess, ingest, supply, or offer for sale, illegal drugs or other consciousness altering substances in a Park.”

Where members of the public witness drug activity taking place in a park the matter should be reported to An Garda Síochána or a Park Ranger. Where Park Rangers come across such activity, they report it to An Garda Siochana.

Where drug paraphernalia is found in a park this can be reported to the Park Rangers, a member of staff or by email to [publicrealm@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:publicrealm@sdublincoco.ie).

Following contributions from Councillors H Farrell, J Sheehy and L O'Toole, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/167/M5/0325 Item ID:86590 – Lucan Harriers Track**

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

This committee calls on the manager to report on the status of the design of Lucan Harriers track, including specific actions to expedite the design approval process with a goal to ensure that the allocated investment funding is utilised effectively to improve the facilities within this year.

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

A tender process is currently underway to engage design consultants to progress the variouselements of the Lucan Harriers Track. Once consultants are engaged it will be possible to progress the appointment of contractors and to programme work on site.

Following contributions from Councillors C Brady and L O'Toole, Sean Redmond Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

## **Environment**

### **LPNC/168/Q5/0325 Item ID:86568 – Quarryvale Bin**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

To ask the Manager to provide a report on whether there has been any consideration regarding the installation of bins in the Quarryvale shops due to additional food business opening in the area.

**REPLY:**

Following an inspection of the shops at Quarryvale it was noted that there is a public bin located beside the Quarryvale family Resource Centre. There are no current proposals to install an additional bin. There are 5 other businesses present which include a Fitness Centre, a Hairdresser, a Café, a Newsagent/Grocers and a Pizza shop.

Owner or person responsible for a place to which the public has access is required to keep the area adjoining their premises litter free, regardless of how the litter got there. This places an obligation on business people to keep footpaths, pavements and gutters within a 100m radius of their premises litter free. Arrangements will be made for the area to be patrolled more frequently by the Litter Warden Service and action taken where appropriate.

### **LPNC/169/Q6/0325 Item ID:86532 – Derelict Sites**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the two derelict properties and an indicative timeline for the Compulsory purchase of both sites?

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council is currently applying levies to all properties on the Derelict Sites Register, under Section 23 of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990. Proceedings have been issued for the Compulsory Purchase of a number of properties on the Derelict Site Register.

Of the two derelict properties in question - steps are being followed to Compulsory Purchase the property in line with the Derelict Sites Act 1990. A reference check request has been requested on 12 March 2025. The most recent inspection took place on 31st January 2025. Levies have also been applied to this property.

Steps are being followed to Compulsory Purchase the second property mentioned also. Plans are in place to proceed with the purchase and refurbishment of this property.

There are a number of additional properties on the Derelict Sites Register currently being monitored for the initiation of Compulsory Purchase Order proceedings.

Under Section 3 of Derelict Site Act 1990, South Dublin County Council monitors sites in the county that may meet the criteria of a ‘derelict site’ which are not entered on the register until such time as investigations are completed and a determination made that the site is derelict. The Vacant Homes section of the Housing Department and the Derelict Sites Section are continuously working together to identify properties which could be considered for future Compulsory Purchase.

### **LPNC/170/H5/0325 Item ID:86481 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/171/C4/0325 Item ID:86466 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/172/M6/0325 Item ID:86540 – Mobile Coffee Shops**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, Seconded by Councillor H. Farrell

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

This committee calls on the Chief Executive to assist in reaching out to interested parties regarding the establishment of mobile coffee shops in the new Adamstown parks. This motion requests that consideration be given to the area's diverse population and that efforts be made to introduce a service that offers an alternative to traditional mobile coffee shops. Furthermore, this could be discussed at the relevant SPC, and engagement with the local B2B network, which meets at the Spa Hotel every fortnight, could be explored. This may provide an opportunity to connect with companies offering various community grants that could support this initiative.

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

The Designated Trading Areas, including those in the Lucan/Palmerstown/North Clondalkin Area, and appropriate fees are set out in the [**First Schedule**](https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/business/casual-trading/casual-trading-first-schedule-amended.pdf) of The South Dublin County Council Casual Trading Byelaws 2016 made by resolution at the meeting of South Dublin County Council held on 20th June 2016. Identification and Designation of additional Casual Trading areas would entail a review of the Casual Trading Byelaws.

Enforcement and Licensing section have initiated a review of the South Dublin County Council Casual Trading Byelaws 2016 made under the Casual Trading Act, 1995 (the Act). Section 6(1) of the Act provides a statutory requirement for each local authority to make byelaws in relation to the control, regulation, supervision, and administration of casual trading in its functional area. The procedure for making Casual Trading Byelaws is prescribed in Section 6 of the Act and includes a public consultation process.

The European Union (Casual Trading Act,1995) Regulations 2018 came into operation on 1st January 2019. The regulations provide for amendments to the Act in the following areas which will be considered as part of the proposed review:

* Selection procedures used by local authorities in issuing licences  
  • The issue of charges and fees  
  • The duration of casual trading licences

Section 6(9) of the Act provides that the making of Casual Trading Byelaws is a reserved function of the Council.

The existing Casual Trading byelaws have been reviewed by the Enforcement and Licensing team. The next step is to get the views of the public as part of the public consultation process. Some of the areas we have particular interest in getting the publics views on, are in relation to locations for casual trading, including views on whether the existing trading areas are considered appropriate, the types of goods that can be traded, should trading times be specified in each licence, the appropriate level of fees to be charged, whether “preferred licences” should be offered i.e. licence issued in preference for locally/regionally produced food products or arts/crafts of exceptional quality.

The amended draft byelaws will be brought back to the SPC after the consultation period, for review before they go to Council.

A coffee shop has already been included in Airlie Park in Adamstown, as part of the diverse range of facilities available within the park.

[M6 Casual Trading Byelaws 2016](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/Home/ViewReply/85751)

Following contributions from Councillors L O'Toole, J Sheehy, C Brady, H Farrell and J Tuffy, Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer and David Morrissey Administrative Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/173/M7/0325 Item ID:86511 – Multi Unit Development EV Charging Points**

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

That this committee calls on the Chief Executive to accelerate the delivery of EV charging infrastructure for apartments and multi-dwelling units, e.g. in the new developments across the LEA where residents have no access to direct frontage to include identifying and implementing solutions to facilitate infrastructure deployment in public car parks and shared parking facilities within developments.

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

The Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy is a comprehensive report, setting out a coordinated approach to deploy EV charging infrastructure in the four Dublin region Local Authorities (LAs), to support the transition to Electric Vehicles. It takes into account national targets for EV role out. By 2030, it is estimated approximately 138,000 EV’s will be owned and operating within the Dublin region, of which, approximately 75% of EV’s will be predominately charged at the vehicle owners’ residential driveway. The strategy focuses ensuring appropriate EV charging infrastructure is available for the remaining 25% of EV owners, who will not have access to driveway charging.

The strategy, identifies 5 key methods for residents of the Dublin region to charge their EV’s, as set out below.

* Home charging – vehicle charged at the owners’ driveway/garage/shared carpark, typically overnight, with slow chargers (3-7kw).
* Neighbourhood charging – vehicle charged near owners’ home who do not have off street parking, typically overnight, with slow to fast charging (7-22kw).
* Residential charging hub – vehicle charged in centralised hubs close to home, can cater for car sharing and taxi’s, 24 hour use, with rapid to ultra rapid charging (50-150kw).
* Destination charging – vehicles charged at the end of a journey, typically public amenities such as shops, parks and community buildings, operated during the amenity opening times, with slow to rapid charging (3-50kw).
* En-route charging – vehicles charged along major routes/main roads, typically located in service stations, with fast turnaround rapid and ultra rapid charging (50-350kw).

In the case of Neighbourhood Charging, Residential Charging Hub and Destination Charging, the Local Authority has a role in the delivery of the necessary infrastructure where the lands are in its ownership. Delivery will be carried out through the engagement of EV Charge Point Operators supported with the assistance of central government funding through the Department of Transport and Zero Emission Vehicles Ireland (ZEVI).

In the case of apartments and multi-unit developments with shared parking, operated by a landlord and or an owner’s management company, SEAI operate the “EV Apartment Charger Grant”. The purpose of the grant is to provide charging in shared communal areas whilst ensuring compliance with the Electricity Regulation Act (ERA) 1999. Specific to EV charging and shared parking, the Act prevents individual homeowners installing an electrical supply for EV Charging outside the curtilage of their property. The SEAI grant addresses this restriction and provides for a mechanism for the installation of a communal network of chargers in the common areas of apartments and multi-unit development, by providing assistance towards the costs for cabling, necessary infrastructure, EV chargers, labour and construction. The network once installed is managed by the owner management company or a designated charge point operator. In the case of an owner management company, the “EV Apartment Charger Grant” can cover up to 80% of the installation costs. Full details of the grant are available on SEAI website.

(<https://www.seai.ie/grants/electric-vehicle-grants/electric-vehicle-charging/apartment-charging-grant>)

The four DLA’s, supported by ZEVI, are working together to actively deliver the objectives of the Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy. In 2024, procurement was completed for a 10-year concession framework agreement, for the appointment of ePower (EV Charge Point Operator) for the design, installation and operation of destination charge points across the county of Dublin. An initial 50 locations identified, of which 14 located within SDCC administrative area, will see EV Fast Chargers (typically 25kw) installed across the Dublin region in 2025. The sites are in council owned parking areas, typically parks, libraries, council offices, leisure centres and neighbourhood district centres, allowing users of the facilities and local residents access to convenient fast charging. The council will continue to expand the EV charging network in line with the strategy and are identifying additional sites and completing surveys to ensure the appropriate level of infrastructure is in place. Further procurement competitions are planned to allow for the appointment of Neighbourhood EV charge point operator(s) for areas of shared parking within housing developments that are is in the charge of the council and not subject to the management of an owners’ management company.

In relation to this motion, as part of the statutory planning process, standard planning conditions for parking associated with apartments and multi-dwellings unit requires a minimum of 20% of the car parking spaces to be provided with electrical connection points, to allow for functional electric vehicle charging on occupation of the development. The remaining car parking spaces must be fitted with ducting for electric connection points to allow for future fit out of EV charging points. The owners’ management company should engage with SEAI and approved EV Charge Point Operator for the continued operation and possible future expansion of the network.

For apartments and multi-dwellings units that were constructed priori to the issuing of current standard planning conditions associated with the provision of EV Charging, the council recommends representatives of the owners’ management company to engage with SEAI directly, to explore the most suitable option to them in relation for the future provision EV charging infrastructure and its operation. The council is available to provide further advice if required.

**This Motion was taken in conjunction with Motion 8 and Motion 19.**

### **LPNC/174/M8/0325 Item ID:86589 – The Paddocks EV Charging Points**

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

That the committee request the Chief Executive to consider installing EV charging points at the permeability gap in The Paddocks as part of SDCC's EV charging pilot scheme. This location could facilitate multiple vehicle charging while also promoting consistent activity in an area that has previously been a trouble spot.

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

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* En-route charging – vehicles charged along major routes/main roads, typically located in service stations, with fast turnaround rapid and ultra rapid charging (50-350kw).

In the case of Neighbourhood Charging, Residential Charging Hub and Destination Charging, the Local Authority has a role in the delivery of the necessary infrastructure where the lands are in its ownership. Delivery will be carried out through the engagement of EV charging Operators supported with the assistance of central government funding through the Department of Transport and Zero Emission Vehicles Ireland (ZEVI).

In the case of apartments and multi-unit development with shared parking operated by a landlord and or an owner’s management company, SEAI operate the “EV Apartment Charger Grant”. The purpose of the grant is to provide charging in shared communal areas whilst ensuring compliance with the Electricity Regulation Act (ERA) 1999. Specific to EV charging and shared parking, the Act prevents individual homeowners installing an electrical supply for EV Charging outside the curtilage of their property. The SEAI grant addresses this restriction and provides for a mechanism for the installation of a communal network of chargers in the common areas of apartments and multi-unit development, by providing assistance towards the costs for cabling, necessary infrastructure, EV chargers, labour and construction. The network once installed is managed by the management company or a designated charge point operator. In the case of an owner management company, the “EV Apartment Charger Grant” can cover up to 80% of the installation costs. Full details of the grant are available on SEAI website.

(<https://www.seai.ie/grants/electric-vehicle-grants/electric-vehicle-charging/apartment-charging-grant>)

The four DLA’s, supported by ZEVI, are working together to actively deliver the objectives of the Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy. In 2024, procurement was completed for a 10-year concession framework agreement, for the appointment of ePower (EV Charge Point Operator) for the design, installation and operation of destination charge points across the county of Dublin. An initial 50 locations identified, of which 14 located within SDCC administrative area, will see EV Fast Chargers (typically 25kw) installed across the Dublin region in 2025. The sites are predominately in council owned parking areas, typically parks, libraries, council offices, leisure centres and neighbourhood district centres, allowing users of the facilities and local residents access to convenient fast charging. The council will continue to expand the EV charging network in line with the strategy and are identifying sites and completing surveys to ensure the appropriate level of infrastructure is in place. Further procurement competitions are planned to allow for the appointment of Neighbourhood EV charge point operator(s) for areas of shared parking within housing developments that are is in charge of the council and not subject to the management of an owners’ management company.

This Council would also like to draw the attention to “Shared Island Sports Club EV Charging Scheme” administered by pobal on behalf of ZEVI, as an additional option to addressing the need for convenient EV Charging option to local residents. The scheme provides funding to eligible sports clubs to cover the costs of installing EV charge points though the engagement of an EV charge point operator. The condition of the funding ensures the EV chargers are available for use by the community in local club facilitate, with access during reasonable hours (a minimum of 10 hours per day, for 5 days per week, on an all-year-round basis (subject to normal public holidays). Details of the scheme can be found on [www.pobal.ie](http://www.pobal.ie). ([Shared Island Sports Club EV Charging Scheme - Pobal](https://www.pobal.ie/programmes/zevisports/))

In relation to the motion for the provision of EV Charging infrastructure in The Paddocks, the estate is not in charge of the council and the communal parking areas are under the management of the owner’s management company. As such the council does not have ownership of the area in question it is not in a position to advance a pilot scheme for the area. However, the proposed scheme is likely to fall under the eligibility of the SEAI “EV Apartment Charger Grant” scheme. The council recommends representatives of the owners’ management company to engage with SEAI directly to advance the scheme. The council is available to provide further advice if required.

**This Motion was taken in conjunction with Motion 7 and Motion 19**.

## **Water & Drainage**

### **LPNC/175/Q7/0325 Item ID:86580 – Council Employees Transfer Impact on Service**

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

Could the Manager outline the impact on the services currently provided by SDCC to the public, due to the transition of Council employees to Uisce Éireann?

**REPLY:**

Uisce Eireann are wholly responsible for the delivery of services relating to the management and operation of the water supply network and of the foul wastewater network under a Service Level Agreement since 2014.

Following the completion of the Service Level Agreement between SDCC and Uisce Eireann, both organisations are currently working under a Master Cooperation Agreement, which has been in place since Sept 2023. As a result, there is no impact on the services provided. This agreement is in place until December 31st 2026.

### **LPNC/176/H6/0325 Item ID:86488 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/177/C5/0325 Item ID:86476 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/178/M9/0325 Item ID:86597 – Drinking Water Quality**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, Seconded by Councillor J. Sheehy

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

That the Area Committee request South Dublin County Council to explore how best to communicate with residents regarding the issue of discoloured water, ensuring they are fully informed of the causes and appropriate steps to take when experiencing this problem. While SDCC no longer has a direct role in the management of water services, and Irish Water (Uisce Éireann) is in full control, the Council still has a responsibility to advise residents on such issues. Our offices should also serve as a channel to relay these concerns back to Irish Water to ensure prompt investigation and resolution. Additionally, the committee requests that Irish Water confirm what specific actions they are taking to prevent the illegal use of public hydrants by third parties, which has been identified as the cause of recent water discoloration in Finnstown Abbey, Lucan. Given that this issue has been ongoing for some time, it is of serious concern that such unauthorised actions continue to affect residents' water supply.

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

Uisce Éireann is fully responsible for the delivery of public water services. Any issues regarding water quality should be reported to Uisce Éireann at the earliest opportunity so they can investigate and respond. Contact details for reporting anything related to public water supply are on their website [www.water.ie](http://www.water.ie) and information regarding water quality is also available there.

SDCC is aware of reports of water supply issues related to unlicenced use of hydrants in the area, and it would be advisable for Uisce Éireann to put in place a licencing system for such activity. SDCC used to operate such a licencing system until 2014, which was quite effective in controlling hydrant usage and other temporary water supplies and directing operators not to use hydrants in areas that may affect residents water supplies.

Members are reminded that Uisce Éireann have a Local Representative Support Desk which can be contacted at [localrepsupport@water.ie](mailto:localrepsupport@water.ie)

Following contributions from Councillors L O'Toole and J Sheehy, Derek Sargent A/Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/179/M10/0325 Item ID:86578 – Balgaddy Wastewater**

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

This area committee agrees that SDCC immediately engages with Uisce Eireann to address ongoing sewage issues that are arsing in the Balgaddy area.

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

SDCC has contacted Uisce Éireann to enquire if they have any issues with their network in the Balgaddy area. They have responded that they don't have anything notable in that area at present, but if the member/s would like to contact their Local Representative Support Desk with more detail they would be happy to investigate further.

Uisce Éireann's Local Representative Support Desk can be contacted at [localrepsupport@water.ie](mailto:localrepsupport@water.ie)

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

## **Housing**

### **LPNC/180/Q8/0325 Item ID:86593 – Age Friendly Housing Development Condition Survey**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the manager, in relation to the Age Friendly Infill Housing Development at (address provided), whether the survey and schedule of dilapidations carried out for the adjoining properties to establish their condition and assist in assigning responsibility for any potential damages from the works included consultation with the owners of the affected properties, including whether the survey was or may be shared with the affected residents.

**REPLY:**

The appointed contractor has completed condition surveys of roads, footpaths, boundary walls around the site, as well as internal and external surveys of an adjacent property.

The report includes photographic documentation capturing existing conditions prior to the commencement of works. It is retained within the project file for the duration of the construction period and is not distributed outside the project team unless specifically agreed or required.

### **LPNC/181/Q9/0325 Item ID:86584 – Foxdene and Méile an Rí Anti-Social Behaviour**

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To ask the Manager for an update on tangible actions taken to deal with previously raised antisocial behaviour in Foxdene / Méile an Rí.

**REPLY:**

The Council’s Estate Management Team liaise with An Garda Síochana with a view to identifying individuals involved in anti-social behaviour at these locations. The individuals responsible have not been identified to date but efforts are ongoing to do so. We continue to support local residents and others to tackle anti-social behaviour. If local residents can assist with identifying individuals responsible, the Estate Management Team can be contacted on 01-4149265, by sending a message to 086 060 2586 or by emailing [estmgt@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:estmgt@sdublincoco.ie) . Any such reports are treated in the strictest of confidence and can be made anonymously if so wished.

If those involved are found to be individuals who are Tenants or occupiers of Council properties, the Council will take appropriate action as available to us. This action will take the form of investigation by the Housing Officer for the area, the issuing of verbal warnings, written warnings and ultimately if the problem persists may culminate in legal proceedings against the Tenant.

The Balgaddy Working Group and Balgaddy Action Group last met on 18th February and the Council is committed to continuing to work with all stakeholders to address anti-social behaviour in these areas. The recruitment of new Community Safety Officers and additional Housing Officer will continue to build on the Council’s approach with the Gardaí and with all relevant agencies in the area to increase engagement with residents and work towards the eradication of such behaviour.

Regular meetings take place with Senior members of An Garda Siochana and senior staff in South Dublin County Council to look at possible solutions to the anti-social behaviour in the area. Garda and Estate Management Clinics also take place fortnightly in the Bush Community Centre.

### **LPNC/182/Q10/0325 Item ID:86573 – DPG Criteria**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

To ask the Manager to provide a breakdown as to what is deemed urgent priorities when a tenant needs house modifications under medical grounds.

**REPLY:**

The Disabled Persons Grant (DPG) is available for Council tenants who require alterations to be carried out to their Council home to assist with their disability needs.

To apply for the grant, tenants are required to submit the following:

* A completed DPG application form, which can be found on the Council's website - [Tenant disabled persons grant application form](https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/housing/housing-grants/tenant-disabled-persons-grant-application-form.pdf).
* A medical certificate, completed by the tenant’s doctor detailing their disability and its impact on their living environment (page 4 of application form).
* A report from an Occupational Therapist, outlining the specific adaptions required.

Eligible adaption works include:

* Level access shower
* Ramp
* Hold rails
* Stair lift
* Property extensions - only in cases where no other options are available.

Applications are assessed and prioritised based on the severity of the tenant's needs, categorised as follows:

**Priority 1 – High Level of Need**

Disabled person at risk unless alterations are carried out. Alterations would facilitate discharge from hospital and/or alleviate the need for hospitalisation in the future. Applicants with terminal illness or presenting with a rapid progression of a degenerative condition.

**Priority 2 – Moderate Level of Need**

Without the alterations the disabled persons ability to function independently would be severely hindered.

**Priority 3 – Reduced Level of Need**

The alterations would enhance the disabled persons quality of life/living conditions.

### **LPNC/183/Q11/0325 Item ID:86501 – 4 Bed Social Home Delivery**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

To ask the Chief Executive to outline all proposed new 4 bed units being delivered (by council or AHB) in the area committee area and if any of them are bungalows?

**REPLY:**

There are 34 4-beds on the social housing delivery pipeline for this LEA and surrounds for 2025 and 2026 detailed below. There are no bungalows in the current pipeline.

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| Scheme | LA / AHB | Number of 4-bed | EDD |
| Canal Extension | LA | 6 | Nov 2025 |
| Kilcarbery Grange | LA | 2 | March 2025 |
| Kilcarbery Grange | LA | 5 | Dec 2025 |
| Tandy's Lane | AHB | 6 | Sept 2025 |
| Adamstown | AHB | 3 | Dec 2025 |
| Adamstown | TAU | 12 | Q1 & Q3 2026 |

### **LPNC/184/H7/0325 Item ID:86610 – Housing Delivery Report**

The following report was presented by Vivienne Hartnett Senior Executive Officer

Housing Delivery Report

[HI 7 Housing Delivery Report](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/Home/ViewReply/85690)

Following contributions from Councillors N Fennell, M Johansson, C Brady, J Tuffy, J Sheehy and L O'Toole, Vivienne Hartnett Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

### **LPNC/185/H8/0325 Item ID:86482 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/186/C6/0325 Item ID:86470 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Community**

### **LPNC/187/Q12/0325 Item ID:86572 – Balgaddy Community Centre**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

To ask the Manager to provide a report on Balgaddy community centre and if a date can be provided for the opening of the centre for the public.

**REPLY:**

Construction works on the Balgaddy Community Centre are continuing, with substantial practical completion of the building expected soon. Once these works are completed, the building will be handed over to the Council. The Community Services Dept will be working with a newly established Management Company to commence preparations to have the building operationally ready for the community to use. No date can be given for when the centre will be open to the public, however a report will be issued to the ACM when this becomes known.

### **LPNC/188/H9/0325 Item ID:86477 - Deputations for Noting**

Deputations for Noting (No Business)

### **LPNC/189/H10/0325 Item ID:86478 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/190/C7/0325 Item ID:86467 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Transportation**

### **LPNC/191/Q13/0325 Item ID:86581 – Fence Breach Moy Glas Lawn and R136**

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To ask for a completion date on the repair to the fence breach between Moy Glas Lawn and R136, which was promised some time back?

**REPLY:**

A temporary repair was undertaken on this fence in 2024, but the walkthrough was re-opened very quickly after.

Road Maintenance are looking at more robust options that can be used here

### **LPNC/192/Q14/0325 Item ID:86587 – HGV restrictions Lucan and Palmerstown**

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To ask the manager what additional actions could be taken by SDCC to help restrict HGV's breaking weight restrictions in the Lucan and Palmerstown areas, despite years of solutions being sought from Gardaí and SDCC previously.

**REPLY:**

There are a number of HGV restrictions in operation in Lucan and Palmerstown.

In accordance with the Traffic Signs Manual the Maximum Gross Weight (Traffic Management) Sign, RUS 015, indicates that vehicles whose gross weight exceeds that specified on the sign are prohibited.

Section 95 (5) of the Road Traffic Act 1961 as amended, prescribes that a road authority may, with the consent of the Commissioner, provide for any public road in their charge such traffic signs as they consider desirable.

Strategic Instrument (SI 332 of 2012) Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2012 was signed by the Minister for Transport Tourism and Sport on 3rd September 2012. These Regulations provided inter alia, for road authorities to provide for the control of traffic in public places in respect of maximum length/width/weight/axle-loading of vehicles. These Regulations also changed the weight restriction definition from one of vehicle weight (unladen) to that of the gross vehicle weight (laden or total carrying capacity) in accordance with EU requirements, to be effective from 1st May 2013.

In response to these regulations, the Council subsequently developed “The Mobility and Management of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV’s) on South Dublin County Road Network Policy. The purpose of the policy was to bring a coherent and uniform strategy to bear in making decisions in relation to weight restrictions.

It is important to note that a HGV restriction does not ban all HGV's from a particular road. If a HGV is making a delivery to that location, be it to a retail location or building site, then that delivery may still have a legitimate right to be on that road. The HGV restriction is put in place to restrict HGV's of particular weight classes from using an unsuitable road as a through route, where a more suitable road is available. To distinguish whether a particular HGV is legal, the gardai must stop the vehicle and make enquiries as to where it is going by inspecting its delivery docket.

If there are specific accounts of non compliance with the restrictions, these should be relayed to the Gardai or the SDCC traffic section and these can be investigated.

SDCC is reviewing the current HGV restrictions across the county, including in Lucan and Palmerstown. There will be workshops with the members shortly to discuss any adjustments to the existing Bye Laws or any additional restrictions that should apply.

HGV restrictions must be agreed with the Gardai as they are the responsible body which will enforce them. Therefore, the restrictions must be used sparingly and in the most needed areas only.

The most needed areas can be near schools at school times and near areas with significant pedestrian and cyclist users where alternative routes for HGV's exist.

### **LPNC/193/Q15/0325 Item ID:86598 – Damaged Ramp St. Finians**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

Can the Council confirm when the damaged ramp at St. Finian's, which has been reported multiple times, is scheduled for repair? While this ramp is not located on a major or busy road, its current state is severely damaged and poses a hazard, requiring urgent attention.

**REPLY:**

Ramp scheduled for repair on 14/03/25

### **LPNC/194/H11/0325 Item ID:86489 - Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

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

### **LPNC/195/H12/0325 Item ID:86487 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/196/C8/0325 Item ID:86475 – Correspondence for Noting**

Correspondence

[C8 (i) Response re item 85766 from NTA re Bus Shelters](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/Home/ViewReply/85543)  
[C8 (ii) Response re Item 86164 reply from NTA SDCC re Bus Services](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/Home/ViewReply/85677)  
[C8 (iii) Response re item 86207 Letter to NTA direct bus route from Lucan to Dublin Airport](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/Home/ViewReply/85717)

This report was **Noted**.

### **LPNC/197/M11/0325 Item ID:86594 – Westbury Flooding Issues**

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

**Cathaoirleach’s Business**

That the Area Committee request South Dublin County Council to urgently address the recurring flooding issue on the footpath outside the boundary wall of Westbury Court, between the bus stop and the estate entrance on Newcastle Road. While previous works were carried out, including raising the wall and footpath to mitigate past flooding, the issue persists. Heavy rain continues to render the footpath impassable, forcing pedestrians onto the saturated grass and into oncoming traffic, creating a serious safety hazard. The Westbury Court Residents Association has repeatedly raised this issue with SDCC without remedial action. Given the ongoing risks to pedestrians, immediate intervention is required to provide a long-term solution.

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

This issue was flagged in 2024 and there was a low level intervention carried out to try resolve this.

This intervention has not resolved the issue, and a more substantial piece of work will be undertaken to permanently resolve this issue

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

### **LPNC/198/M12/0325 Item ID:86050 – Pedestrian Crossing at Clothurst**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to install flashing lights at the pedestrian crossing at Clothurst.

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

The Department of Transport (DoT), supported by the National Transport Authority (NTA), conducted trials on zebra crossings without flashing beacons in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown and Limerick. These trials were informed by international studies from countries such as:

* The Netherlands
* France
* Germany
* Switzerland
* Australia
* New Zealand

The trials aimed to assess the feasibility of removing the requirement for flashing beacons, as their installation adds complexity and cost due to the need for a power connection on both sides of the road. The findings demonstrated that crossings could function effectively without beacons, allowing for a more cost-effective and sustainable approach to increasing safe pedestrian and active travel crossing points.

**Legislation Update**

Following the success of these trials, the Department of Transport updated its guidance in **February 2024**, permitting zebra crossings without flashing beacons.

**New Pedestrian Crossing at Castle Road, Lucan**

This crossing has been installed on a raised ramp using the **RUS 066 sign**, in compliance with the updated **Department of Transport guidelines**.

The Traffic Section visited the site on **Monday, 24th February**, to assess sign visibility and street lighting.

* **Pedestrian signs were clearly visible** in both directions.
* **Street lighting was unobstructed**, ensuring proper illumination of the crossing at night.
* **Vehicles were observed slowing down** as they approached the ramp, and pedestrians were using the crossing safely.

Following contributions from Councillors J Sheehy, H Farrell, C Brady and L O'Toole, Farhan Nasiem Senior Executive Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/199/M13/0325 Item ID:86419 – Report Regarding Footpaths**

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

That this committee agrees that the footpath issues in Lucan Village are a priority and calls on the manager to ensure this need is incorporated into any future plans for the village and consequently prioritised for funding.

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

A pavement repair can be done on Lucan Main Street, but I am reluctant to undertake such a scheme as this will be very costly but not provide a comprehensive solution to the issues being faced on Main Street.

To resolve the issues on Main St and maximise the areas potential a much more significant scheme would need to be undertaken that may include major alterations to levels and crossfalls on the path. To do such a scheme we would want to include the whole of Lucan Main Street within the project scope and the project may recommend the removal of some of the on street parking and mature trees along this stretch of road. A project of such impact would need Part VIII approval but would provide a better long term streetscape for the community.

Unfortunately, there is no resource currently available to undertake such a large project.

Following contributions from Councillors C Brady, J Sheehy, J Tuffy, L O'Toole and H Farrell, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/200/M14/0325 Item ID:86422 – Reporting on Footpaths**

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

That a report be given to the meeting in respect of the land adjoining the Lucan Road (or Old Lucan Road) that is at the rere of Esker Lawns estate in relation to its proximity to the road and footpath and any potential hazards for pedestrians or motorists from slippage from the land or trees or branches falling (details supplied\*) \*See attached reply to a representation when there was some slippage from the land on to the footpath last year. This was raised by councillors and local candidates and also Lucan Tidy Towns at the time. It is a place of natural beauty and wildlife as a lead into the village but there are concerns of residents in terms of slippage from the land on to the road and footpath. Most of the land is unregistered land and not owned by householders or the Council. It is in effect in limbo but is shown on old maps as "plantation". Is there any thing the Council can do to make it safer or are there Government agencies such as Coillte that could be contacted by the Council to assess?

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

The stretch of wall along this section is in poor condition and the trees need significant attention.

Our property section has advised that while the majority of this strip is not registered the houses backing on to it would have a claim on the site.

As it stands the wall is not the responsibility of SDCC and while it is not in good condition it is not providing a hazard to the public. If this situation does change then we may be forced to undertake some repair works on safety grounds.

Following contributions from Councillors J Tuffy, L O'Toole and C Brady, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/201/M15/0325 Item ID:86499 – Request Yellow Box**

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

This area committee agrees that a yellow box should be installed at the exit of Cooleven and Milford manor estates.

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

The feasibility of installing a yellow box at the exit of the Milford Manor estate will be conducted and the results of our report will be returned to the next suitable TMM meeting.

Relatively simple traffic items of this nature should be raised at TMM for resolution.

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

### **LPNC/202/M16/0325 Item ID:86534 – Cycle Facilities on Fonthill Road**

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

That the Chief Executive extend the cycle lane on the western side of the Fonthill Road from St Kevin's Community College to the Liffey Valley roundabout, so that there is a continuous cycle lane from the junction of Balgaddy Road to Liffey Valley.

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

Route 14 on the Cycle South Dublin (CySD) Programme provides for the completion and upgrade (where necessary) of the cycle track along St Loman's Road.

Route 15 on the CySD Programme provides for a continuous cycle lane from Clondalkin to the N4 at Liffey Valley, along the Fonthill Road.

SDCC was pleased to receive notification from the NTA that the 2025 Annual Allocation includes provision for funding for design and construction works on schemes including the Grand Canal to Lucan Urban Greenway and Canal Loop Phase 2 as well as a significant contribution towards the construction of the Clonburris Southern Link Street. However, there was no allocation from the NTA in 2025 to initiate the schemes on Fonthill Road or on St Loman's Road.

It should be noted that the land directly north of St Kevin's Community College is not in the ownership of SDCC. Also, the existing grass verge which runs from outside the school to St Loman’s Road is narrow and congested with services and utilities. The provision of a continuous cycle lane over this will require careful design which may include road space reallocation and/or a full junction re-design and so will require significant funding to be made available.

Following contributions from Councillor M Johansson, Michael McAdam A/Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/203/M17/0325 Item ID:86577 – Lucan Traffic access Plan**

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly, Seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

To ask the manager to examine completing a feasibility study on creating a current Lucan Traffic Access Plan to identify and address traffic management in the Lucan Area.

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

There is a budget set aside for Local Transportation Plans of €300,000 in the Capital Programme 2025-2027. This budget allocation is meant for a number of Transportation studies at congestion hotspots throughout the county, Lucan being one of them. Transport consultants will have to be appointed for the various transportation studies under a tendering process. A detailed scoping of the needs for Lucan will have to be decided. The appointed consultants will be given time to carry out their transportation surveys, analysis and report on their findings on the key deliverables.

The estimated timeline for the reporting of the findings of the Lucan Transportation Study to the members is towards the last quarter of 2025.

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

### **LPNC/204/M18/0325 Item ID:86052 – Pedestrian Crossing Request**

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

That this area committee considers a pedestrian crossings / Zebra crossing to cross the road safely to the church at Church of Devine Mercy for those who have poor mobility and use a rollator. This is a daily need especially for residents and users of the Stewarts Care Centre and School children accessing all three local schools.

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

There are a number of uncontrolled pedestrian crossings on the Castle Road and Balgaddy road in the vicinity of the Church of the Divine Mercy. The traffic section will carry out a survey of the location and get in touch with the elected member to discuss the best location for a proposed controlled pedestrian crossing. If agreed, this proposal can be added to the new crossing lists and scheduled when resources are identified.

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

### **LPNC/205/M19/0325 Item ID:86529 – Letter to the Minister for Transport**

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

This area committee agrees that SDCC writes to the Minister for Transport urging on the need for a review of the public EV charging infrastructure and existing EV charging strategy, to meet the growing need of residents in Lucan and Clondalkin. This review paying particular focus to recent and newly planned developments with private parking constraints and on street parking challenges.

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

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

This Motion was taken in conjunction with Motion 7 and Motion 8.

Following contributions from Councillors C Brady, L O'Toole, N Fennell and M Johansson, Damien McNulty A/Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motions were **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/206/M20/0325 Item ID:86600 – Red-light Compliance Cameras**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, Seconded by Councillor H. Farrell

That the Area Committee requests South Dublin County Council to consider plans for the installation of red-light cameras, similar to those being introduced by Dublin City Council this year. There are ongoing concerns regarding vehicles consistently running red lights at this junction from the N4 side, regardless of the time of day. A red-light camera system would improve enforcement and enhance safety for all road users.

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

The National Transport Authority and Road Safety Authority are currently conducting trials of red light camera non-compliance detection in Dublin City centre. This trial is to study the feasibility of assisting the Gardai in the enforcement of traffic light violations.

Firstly, there will need to be a post trial analysis of the effectiveness of these cameras in detecting red light running. Then, if the cameras prove effective, the creation of procedures for Local Authorities around continued compliance with the general data protection regulations (GDPR) and the proper use of traffic cameras.

In any event, SDCC will await official NTA/RSA guidance on this matter before we would consider installing any red light detection cameras in out Local Authority.

[M20 (ii) Red light camera (image)](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/Home/ViewReply/85595)

Following contributions from Councillor L O'Toole, John Hegarty Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

## **Planning**

### **LPNC/207/Q16/0325 Item ID:86596 - Communication Process With Residents During Construction**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the manager whether a best practice communications process, guideline, or checklist exists for developers to promote effective communication with residents during construction phases? If not, whether this would be considered and developed from lessons learned via developments across the county.

**REPLY:**

In relation to larger developments being built-out close to established residential areas, the Planning Authority at times impose a condition requiring the appointment of a designated community liaison contact on behalf of a developer. For proposals that exceed 500 dwellings, this matter is usually covered off in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report. It would only be considered a proportionate condition whether a development is of scale. An example of a condition we've imposed recently in relation to a development in Adamstown reads as follows:

*Construction Consultation and Local Liaison*

*(a) Prior to the commencement of development, the applicant/owner shall submit the following to the Planning Authority.*

*(i) the names, job functions and phone numbers (both fixed line and mobile numbers) of all key personnel for the construction of the development as approved. Subsequently all changes in these personnel or particulars in the course of construction must also be notified to the Council as soon as they occur.*

*(b) The applicant/owner or developer shall provide occupiers of noise sensitive properties within 100 metres of agreed construction access points to the development as approved with appropriate contact details which may be used in the event that any such person wishes to inform the operator of any incident that could give rise to a disruptive aspect of construction activity, or otherwise to make an observation in respect of an aspect of construction activity.*

*(c) A public notice shall be erected and maintained at the agreed construction access points. This notice shall contain the name of the operating company and contact details, including out of hours contact, which may be used in the event that any person wishes to contact the operator in respect of any disruptive aspect of construction activity.*

*REASON: In the interests of amenity, public health and safety, the avoidance of unnecessary disruptive aspect of construction activity and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area*

### **LPNC/208/Q17/0325 Item ID:86586 - Refurbishment of Unused Protected Structures**

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To ask the Manager if any of the unused Protected Structures in LPNC area owned by the Council, and not intended for other use, could be refurbished as Council housing stock and breathe new life into Council-owned heritage properties with this investment?

**REPLY:**

There are no. 20 council owned Protected Structures (Buildings and Features) located throughout the LPNC area. The buildings included in this number are all currently in use as public/community buildings, located within parkland or in use as Council Depots. Others are currently earmarked for adaptive reuse as part of masterplan projects i.e. Grange Cottage, Grange Castle Business Park.

### **LPNC/209/Q18/0325 Item ID:86603 - Housing Development Clonburris**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

This committee requests details on the planned housing development on Newcastle Road within the Clonburris SDZ, including the expected timeline for completion.

**REPLY:**

Planning permission was granted to Clear Real Estate Holdings Ltd under Reg. Ref. SDZ23A/0004 for 385 homes located within this area of the SDZ. Construction commenced in late 2024, with topsoil stripping currently underway. SDCC have been liaising with the housing provider, and it has been indicated - by the housing provider - that these homes will be fully delivered by Q2/Q3 2026.

### **LPNC/210/H13/0325 Item ID:86485 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/211/C9/0325 Item ID:86473 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/212/M21/0325 Item ID:86592 – Primrose Hill Garden**

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

**Cathaoirleach’s Business**

That the Area Committee request South Dublin County Council to include the Primrose Hill Garden in its heritage plans and actively promote it on both council and garden-related media platforms. This hidden gem, located in the heart of our village, is a valuable part of our local heritage. Increasing its visibility would ensure that more people can appreciate and support it. While the gardens are in private ownership, we must acknowledge the generosity of the owners in opening them to the public for a significant portion of the year.

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

The significant heritage and biodiversity value of the privately-owned Primrose Hill House is recognised by SDCC, and it is recorded on the Council’s list of Protected Structures (RPS no. 099).

The property is also listed by Revenue as one of the nationally listed approved buildings/gardens that are open to the public under Section 482 (Taxes Consolidation Act 1997), where owners of heritage properties may avail of tax relief for expenditure on significant buildings and gardens by facilitating public access at certain times of the year. This is a valuable means by which the public can experience and appreciate privately-owned heritage and biodiversity in their local area.

The promotion of the County’s significant heritage and biodiversity assets is a key element of the Council’s range of supports for heritage, biodiversity, and tourism objectives in the County.

Following contributions from Councillor L O'Toole, Rosaleen Dwyer Heritage Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/213/M22/0325 Item ID:86492 – Public Right Way Sarsfield Park Steps**

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

That the steps from Chapel Hill that lead to the Scouts Den in Lucan be examined as a public right of way in accordance with the relevant objective in the County Development Plan

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

The adopted South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028 includes the following objective:

EDE23 Objective 2:  
To identify, in a logical and sequenced way, existing public rights of way in relevant areas of the County and to investigate the creation of new public rights of way by taking the following steps within two years of adoption of the Plan:  
- Identify and map those areas within the County which have the potential to give access to mountain, lakeshore, riverbank or other places of natural beauty or recreational utility;  
- Examine the identified areas for existing access routes;  
- Investigate whether existing access routes are public rights of way and where there is an understanding that a public right of way may exist, undertake the necessary steps for consultation set out in the Planning Acts;  
- Once verified, map and identify those public rights of way in the Development Plan;  
- Where public rights of way do not exist and access would be appropriate, consider using public rights of way agreements available under section 206 of the Planning and Development Acts;  
- Where public rights of way agreements are not possible, consider the use of compulsory purchase orders under section 207 of the Planning and Development Acts

The steps within the green at Sarsfield Park connect Chapel Hill to the Lucan Road and facilitate access to St. Mary’s school and the Scout Den. SDCC own the land referred to. Public Realm upgraded the steps a number of years ago and currently maintain them providing full public access to/from Chapel Hill.

The designation of the steps as a public right of way can be examined, including whether it meets the criteria set out in the Act, as part of the wider examination of public rights of way which is on the 2025 work program.

Following contributions from Councillor J Tuffy, Hazel Craigie Senior Planner Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

## **Economic Development**

### **LPNC/214/Q19/0325 Item ID:86595 – Lucan House Masterplan Public Consultation**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the manager for an update on the Lucan House Masterplan, including a summary of the public consultation activities, the number of citizens engaged by each type of activity, the number of responses to the online survey, whether further activities may be considered to enhance reach and participation, including the possibility of extending the public online survey.

**REPLY:**

The Lucan House Master Plan is progressing through consultation, baseline surveys and feasibility stage, all of which will inform the final Masterplan. The consultation has been very successful to date with five workshop style sessions completed with various groups such as business groups, local clubs and organisations, critical stakeholders, and the public. The workshop style allowed for interactive sessions with the number of attendances ranging from 10-15 per group. In addition, two sessions were run with both primary and secondary school students separately. The survey which has been running for the last four weeks and has been extended to a closing date of 18th of March. There have been 306 responses to date.

A rigorous marketing campaign inviting participation in the survey and workshops was employed. This has included the Council website (on the SDCC News and Lucan House page) and across all social media channels (FB, Instagram, LinkedIn etc.). Social media and news were pushed weekly right up until the closing date. A letter drop was carried out to 441 commercial units and 2500 residential units from Monday 17th February across Lucan advertising the survey and public events. Posters were put around the town in various places and the survey was also printed in hardcopy and left in the library and post office for those who may not engage with the online consultation portal. Notice of the consultation was put in the Parish newsletter which has an estimated 3000 readers, and it was also advertised in the Liffey Champion Newspaper.

The feedback from the consultation is being sent to our architect and it’s a very iterative process. The consultation must have closing date to allow for concept design to begin and to maintain programme timelines. Once the consultation phase ends, the communication consultants will be preparing a concise Consultation Report, and it inform and sit as an appendix to the Masterplan itself.

### **LPNC/215/Q20/0325 Item ID:86579 – Lucan House Economic Impact**

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To ask the Manager to provide an estimate of the expected boost to the local economy resulting from the anticipated opening of Lucan House and Demesne to the public?

**REPLY:**

It is acknowledged that the development potential of Lucan House as a visitor destination and a public amenity will increase numbers visiting the area, with the potential to consequently increase expenditure on goods and services within the Lucan area. It is expected that this will have the effect of increasing economic activity and job numbers in South County Dublin.

At this very preliminary stage, it is estimated that a figure of approximately €1.5m per annum can be estimated for visitor revenue based on the establishment of a new visitor destination. Additionally using an accepted multiplier of 1.5 it can be further estimated that the indirect and induced benefits of visitor expenditure within Lucan could be worth up to €2.25m per annum to the South Dublin County economy.

The masterplan approach for Lucan House and the Demesne seeks to identify viable uses to generate revenue whilst ensuring positive impacts for the wider Lucan area. Any such revenues derived from the future development of Lucan House and Demesne may be reinvested as part of its ongoing development and operation as a public amenity and enhanced visitor destination.

### **LPNC/216/H14/0325 Item ID:86480 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/217/C10/0325 Item ID:86469 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/218/M23/0325 Item ID:86576 – Lease Review**

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly, Seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

This committee calls on the manager to review the use of one-year lease, particularly their impact on long-established community groups such as Lucan Harriers in securing grant funding. Could the manager explore longer lease arrangements where appropriate.

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

In general terms, EETD grant leases on land for a period of 99 years as this gives groups sufficient legal interest in the land to leverage grants and capital.

Where SDCC are granting a licence, this is generally for a shorter period such as an annual licence. Annual licences enable us to better manage the demand for the particular facility.

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

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **LPNC/219/Q21/0325 Item ID:86522 – One Dublin One Book**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

That this committee calls on the manager to report on the planned activities for One Dublin One Book 2025 in our libraries, including details of both in-library and outreach initiatives designed to engage children in reading and writing.

[Q21 One Dublin One Book Reply March 2025](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/Home/ViewReply/85725)

### **LPNC/220/Q22/0325 Item ID:86550 – Online Archives Answer**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

That this committee calls on the manager to provide a report detailing the digital archives currently accessible to library users on-site and whether these may be extended to include remote access to registered library users, as was previously available during Covid.

[Q22 Online Archives Answer March 2025](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/Home/ViewReply/85726)

### **LPNC/221/H15/0325 Item ID:86617 - Library News & Events**

This report was presented by Rosena Hand Senior Executive Librarian

Library News & Events

[HI 15 (i) Libraries Report](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/Home/ViewReply/85679)  
[HI 15 (ii) Libraries Events Stats](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/Home/ViewReply/85680)

This report was **Noted**.

### **LPNC/222/H16/0325 Item ID:86620 - Arts Programme Update**

This report was presented by Meabh Butler Assistant Arts Officer

Arts Programme Update

[HI 16 Arts office - programme updates](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/Home/ViewReply/85658)

Following contributions from Councillor J Sheehy, Meabh Butler Assistant Arts Officer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

### **LPNC/223/H17/0325 Item ID:86464 - Application for Arts Grants**

Application for Arts Grants (No Business)

### **LPNC/224/H18/0325 Item ID:86483 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/225/C11/0325 Item ID:86471 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

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