## **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 16th April 2025.

### **COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

Councillor Darragh Adelaide Councillor William Joseph Carey

Councillor Linda de Courcy

 Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

 Councillor Shirley O’Hara

 Councillor Francis Timmons

**Apologies:** Councillor Trevor Gilligan

Cathaoirleach, Councillor Shirley O’Hara presided.

### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Senior Executive Officer Ms. Sharon Conroy, Ms. Edel Clancy

Senior Engineer Ms. Juliene Helbert, Mr John Hegarty

Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Mr. David Fennell

Senior Executive Planner Ms. Anne Hyland

Senior Executive Librarian Ms. Liz Corry

Senior Staff Officer Mr. John Savage

A/Staff Officer Mr. Aaron Hartin

Assistant Staff Officer Ms. Róisín Ralph

Clerical Officer Ms. Jennifer Murphy

### **C/159/25 – H1 Item ID:86984 – Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting Held on 19th March 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 March which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

[HI-1 Minutes of 19th March 2025.docx](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=86984&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 March be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**C/160/25 – QUESTIONS**

Questions 1-17 were proposed by Councillor S. O’Hara and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:

“That pursuant to Standing Order 16, Questions 1 to 17 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**Environment**

**C/161/25 – Q1 Item ID:86807 – EV Charging Aubrey Manor**

Proposed by Councillor S. O’Hara

To ask the Chief Executive: Could he offer guidance or support regarding the installation of an electric vehicle charging point connected to a residence in Aubrey Manor, particularly concerning policy exemptions, alternative charging options, or potential infrastructure developments to assist homeowners in similar circumstances?

**REPLY:**  Aubrey Manor Estate roads and communal parking areas are in the charge of the council.  For residents with their own driveways, SEAI offer grant support to homeowners for the provision of home EV chargers. In the case of residents of Aubrey Manor without driveways or designated parking, the Electricity Regulation Act (ERA) 1999 prevents individual homeowners installing an electrical cable for EV Charging outside the curtilage of their property. The council is happy to work with Councillor O’Hara to identify the level of demand for EV charging. Once confirmed the council will assess what options are currently available and identify future demand for the expansion of the EV charging network.

It should be noted Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy, sets out a coordinated approach to deploy EV charging infrastructure in the four Dublin region Local Authorities (LAs), to support the transition to Electric Vehicles. The strategy looks at multiple options for the delivery of convenient, energy-efficient, and cost-effective EV charging infrastructure. Following a procurement competition, an EV charge point operator has been appointed for the rollout of destination EV charging across the Dublin region. As part of the next stage of the strategy, the 4 Dublin Local Authorities are currently examining estates within the charge of the council, to establishing the demand and requirements for neighbourhood EV charging and residential EV charging hubs. Once confirmed, it is likely a further procurement competition will be required.

**C/162/25 – H2 Item ID:86853 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/163/25 – C1 Item ID:86837 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**Water & Drainage**

**C/164/25 – H3 Item ID:86860 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/165/25 – C2 Item ID:86847 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/166/25 – M1 Item ID: 86877 – Removal of vegetation on the River Camac**

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

That this Area Committee agrees that works will be undertaken along the banks of the Camac River on the Watery Lane in Clondalkin between the bridge into the Thornfield apartments and the bridge into Mayfield, similar to the works that were undertaken in Clondalkin Park a number of years ago, to cut back the various flora that have 'invaded' the river, and allow sunlight to reach, and people to see, the water.

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

Following consultation with Inland Fisheries Ireland and The Friends of the Camac, in 2022 SDCC Drainage Operations removed some vegetation along the bank. At the time, it was agreed to remove some targeted accessible areas of overgrowth, and to reduce the canopy over the river, but not dramatically so, as a balance of shade and light is desirable for aquatic life.

SDCC will carry out an inspection along the stretch of river on Watery Lane in Clondalkin between the bridge into the Thornfield apartments and the bridge into Mayfield. As previously, we will engage with Inland Fisheries and The Friends of the Camac to determine if an appropriate plan for vegetation removal can be agreed, ensuring the impact on fish/aquatic life and wildlife is limited.

Any instream works, including removal of vegetation, would be anticipated to be undertaken in September, as in this month there is no fish spawning or bird nesting to restrict work being undertaken.

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

Ms. Julienne Helbert, Senior Engineer responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

**Public Realm**

**C/167/25 – Q2 Item ID: 86702 – Safety in Corkagh Park**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a report on safety in Corkagh park that considers CCTV, Garda Patrols and other safety measures.

**REPLY:**  The [Parks and Open Space Bye Laws 2011](https://www.sdcc.ie/en/download-it/publications/parks-and-open-spaces-bye-laws-2011.pdf) have been developed and are in force to ensure that parks provided as a public amenity, are used by members of the public to the maximum extend in safety and comfort.

There are 6 Park Rangers based in Corkagh Depot who patrol parks in the area including Corkagh Park. The Park Rangers as employees of the Council are authorised to enforce the Bye-Laws.  Park Rangers are empowered to direct the public to comply with the Bye-Laws and a frequent activity in this regard is to request members of the public to put dogs on a leash.

In situations that extend beyond the capacity of the Park Rangers service e.g. drug dealing, SDCC will make contact with An Garda Síochána to provide assistance.  An Garda Síochána have provided assistance in the past via car patrols and bicycle patrols and have always been very cooperative in relation to providing assistance in Corkagh Park when contacted.

There is no CCTV currently in use in Corkagh Park.  Section 38 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 provides that the Garda Commissioner may authorise the installation and operation of CCTV for the sole or primary purpose of securing public order and safety in public places by facilitating the deterrence, prevention, detection and prosecution of offences. Authorisation may be given to An Garda Síochána or to “persons who meet the established criteria and whose application for authorisation in respect of a specified area within the administrative area of a local authority has been approved by the local authority after consulting with the joint policing committee for that administrative area.”

Applications for Community Based CCTV must also be supported by crime statistics and a crime prevention report.  There are five steps involved:

* Establish a project team
* Carry out an Assessment
* Presentation of Proposal
* Submission of Application
* Oral Presentation to the CCTV Advisory Committee

The proposal for Community Based CCTV under Section 38 requires approval from the Joint Policing Committee.   Following the June 2024 Local Elections, the South Dublin Joint Policing Committee was not re-established.  A new Local Community Safety Partnership is soon to be established once the legislation is enacted.  New CCTV legislation is also to be enacted.

The upgrade works that have taken place within the car parks in Corkagh Park make the park more accessible.  The development of the Fairy Walk has seen an increase in park users in this section of the park.  The works at the Hub area which includes a coffee shop should see a further increase in visitor number to the park which in turn will increase the level of activity and passive supervision.

**C/168/25 – Q3 Item ID: 86770 – Rathcoole Park Ranger**

Proposed by Councillor S. O’Hara

To ask the Chief Executive to consider introducing an extra park warden for Rathcoole Park.

**REPLY:**  There are 14 Park Rangers in place and assigned to the operational depots in the County as follows - 6 rangers assigned to Corkagh depot, 4 in Deansrath depot and 4 in Tymon depot.

The rangers work a 5 days over 7 roster that varies through the course of the year, 10am to 5pm in winter and 10am to 9pm in mid-summer with hours matching opening hours of the parks.  The rangers carry out daily patrols in the regional parks and mobile patrols from time to time and as required in other parks that are assigned to them in their areas.  Rathcoole Park is patrolled by rangers operating out of Corkagh depot.  There are no plans to increase the park ranger number at this time.

**C/169/25 – Q4 Item ID:86834– Clondalkin Leisure Centre container.**

Proposed by Councillor D. Adelaide

To ask the Chief Executive if the Council will allow Clondalkin Celtic FC to place a container for equipment in the car park of Clondalkin Leisure centre, having already received permission from the Leisure centre management.

**REPLY:**  The car parks in Clondalkin Park are managed by South Dublin County Council.  South County Dublin Leisure Services do not have a role in granting permission to clubs to place containers in car parks.  Part of the management of the car parks is to ensure that they are safe for all users.  Unfortunately, containers tend to attract anti-social activities and car parks are not suitable locations for them.  It is not possible to give permission to Clondalkin Celtic FC to place a container in the car park.

**C/170/25 – Q5 Item ID: 86872 – St Cuthberts Park Upgrade**

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the ongoing works in St. Cuthberts Park, what is the delay, when will the works re-commence and please give a timeline for when these works will be completed.

**REPLY:**  There were a number of incidents of anti-social activity on site and in the works compound, including the damage to contractors construction vehicles and to completed works in the park. These actions have raised serious health and safety concerns for the contractor and their team, prompting a necessary pause in on-site operations while alternative arrangements are put in place. We have been actively liaising with An Garda Síochána and the contractor to address these issues and ensure the safety of all personnel. As part of the response, the contractor is relocating some of their operations, which has introduced additional costs. Discussions between the Council and the contractor regarding these costs are ongoing.

While this is clearly disappointing, Public Realm want to assure the community that we are working to resolve the matter with minimal disruption. The safety of workers and the integrity of the project remain our top priorities. Both the Council and our contractor are committed to completing the works and we hope to have a resolution soon which allows works to recommence. The first works to commence will be the securing of the entrances and the installation of playgrounds. Works involving tree planting or vegetation removal will have to be paused until after the bird nesting season in October. Public Realm will bring a headed item on the works in St Cuthberts Park to the next ACM in May, including timelines for completion.

**C/171/25 – H4 Item ID:86858 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/172/25 – C3 Item ID:86845 –** **Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/173/25 – M2 Item ID: 86693 –** [**Green machines**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=85939)

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

That this Area Committee agrees that a street cleaning Green Machine, will be deployed in Clondalkin Village within a month and without studies into the feasibility of electric versions of same, or other delays.

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

The Council currently has three pedestrian sweepers in operation around the county, also known as 'green machines'. These are powered by unleaded petrol and unfortunately are becoming more difficult to maintain due to the lack of available spare parts. As part of the plans for the decarbonisation of the fleet arrangements are being made at present to commence a tender process for the purchase of green machines which are powered by electricity. The tender process for their purchase will commence shortly. A green machine will be deployed in Clondalkin Village upon completion of the procurement process. In the meantime, the Public Realm Section will examine the possibility of hiring green machines on a short term basis, as it will not be possible to conclude the necessary procurement process within a month as suggested. This work supports Action E7 in SDCC’s Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 and also our commitment to the Clondalkin area as a Decarbonising Zone.

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

Mr. David Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

**C/174/25 – M3 Item ID: 86742 – Corkagh seating at Cherrywood**

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

That this Area Committee requests the Council consider putting in some seating in the field that is in front of Cherrywood Drive and Cherrywood Grove

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

While there is no provision in the current budget to provide seating in the section of Corkagh Park between the River Camac and Cherrywood Drive/Grove, the request will be listed in the draft 2026 Public Realm Improvement Works Programme for consideration.

 A discussion followed with a contribution from Councillor F. Timmons

Mr. David Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

**C/175/25 – M4 Item ID: 86797 – Fence along Mill Ponds**

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

That this Area Committee agrees that with regard to the Mill Ponds in Clondalkin, that in order to protect nesting swans there, and to avoid the possibility of people inadvertently falling in to the ponds, that SDCC will erect a low fence along the section of Mill Lane ( which is in its charge) that borders the ponds, that is to say, from the gate to Clondalkin Park, back as far as the ruin of the Gunpowder Mill (aka the Turbine).

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

The laneway is recorded as being in-charge but this is the hard surface only. This alone would not entitle the Council to erect a fence on or along the adjoining property. The strip of land adjacent to the path, which is an embankment, appears to be part of the retaining structure for the ponds but is not registered in Land Registry. There is no record of the Council previously acquiring any interest in these lands.

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

Mr. David Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

**C/176/25 – M5 Item ID: 86873 – Pinewoods fence**

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey and seconded by Councillor S. O’Hara.

That this Area Committee agrees that SDCC should remove the palisade steel fencing erected on greenspace on Pinewoods and recognises this to be an error against the wishes of residents who have objected to the installation

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

South Dublin County Council endeavours to ensure that residents can live harmoniously and provides facilities to enable this.  On occasions small parcels of open space can become problematic for residents who adjoin them.  This can be caused by noise emanating from them, anti-social activity or on occasions from sporting activities such as the playing of football.  The open space in Pinewoods is an example of an area where football activities are causing problems for adjacent residents.

A “Ball Games Prohibited” sign was installed on the open space in the past and while still in situ it has failed to address the issue.  The problem seems to have escalated in recent years and up to recently was concentrated in an area where two trees that were planted in close proximity to each other were used as goal posts.  To address the issue a number of actions were taken. These include the removal of one of the trees that acted as a goal post, the planting of an area with mature plants and the installation of a fence.  These actions were necessary to resolve a situation where footballs were ending up in adjoining gardens and the trees were being used to climb over the boundary wall and onto those private properties to retrieve the footballs.

The Council acknowledges the request as set out in the motion however there is a need to retain the fence at this location to address the issue of trespass onto private property that has been the subject of complaints from adjoining properties.  The current proposal for the existing fence is to leave it in place but to paint it black to reduce the visual impact of it.  The planting which has taken place behind the fence will mature in time and grow through the fence and will further soften the visual impact of it.

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

Mr. David Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

**Community**

**C/177/25 – Q6 Item ID: 86828 – Rathcoole Courthouse and Community Engagement**

Proposed by Councillor S. O’Hara

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on how the Rathcoole Courthouse is being used for community engagement and its availability at key events such as St Patrick's Day.

**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.

Rathcoole Courthouse is currently being managed by a volunteer board of directors until a structure is in place which includes full time staff. The board of directors are making the facility available to community groups and are actively inviting expression of interest to any organisations who wish to secure a block booking to deliver artistic and cultural services.

Since opening the centre has been used as a venue for Open House, Culture night and Tradfest and the board will continue to make the space available for use as part of these type of events.

**C/178/25 – H5 Item ID:86939 – Community Grants - Clondalkin, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart and Brittas Area, 2024 Review**

[**Community Grants - Clondalkin, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart and Brittas Area, 2024 Review**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=86939&itemTxt=H-I5)

**C/179/25 – H6 Item ID:86848 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/180/25 – H7 Item ID:86850 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/181/25 – C4 Item ID:86838 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**Housing**

**C/182/25 – Q7 Item ID: 86710 – Vacant Apartments in Round Gardens**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin.

To ask the Chief Executive how long the social housing apartments at 5, 9 and 23 Round Gardens, in Saggart, Co. Dublin have been vacant?

**REPLY:**  The Housing Maintenance and Refurbishment section undertake re-let works on vacant housing stock throughout the County to ensure stock is brought back into productive use for letting as soon as possible. The current turnaround time from the date a property is surrendered to the date it is allocated is 20.71 weeks.

The Housing Allocations team is making every effort to identify suitable eligible households from the social housing waiting list to ensure vacant properties are allocated as soon as possible.

**C/183/25 – Q8 Item ID:86762 – Nomination to Approved Housing Body**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin.

To ask the Chief Executive to describe their efforts to find tenants for the Cluid AHB owned property, (address supplied)?

**REPLY:**  Following extensive refurbishment works, which the Council has confirmed are now complete, the Allocations team is actively working to identify and nominate suitable tenant(s) to ensure the property is allocated as soon as possible.

**C/184/25 – Q9 Item ID: 86879 – Social Housing Tenancy**

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey.

To ask the Chief Executive if tenants allocated homes in apartment blocks owned by SDCC will remain Council tenants if the apartment blocks are to be managed by an AHB.

**REPLY:**  Properties available for letting are advertised through the Council's designated Choice Based Letting (CBL) website.

The property type, tenure and management responsibilities are clearly defined at an early stage to ensure applicants are fully informed before making a decision on their preferred housing option.

The type of tenancy allocated, whether with an Approved Housing Body (AHB) or the Council, is determined by the management agreement between the Council and the relevant AHB.

**C/185/25 – H8 Item ID:86854 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/186/25 – C5 Item ID:86841– Correspondence**

(No Business)

**Planning**

**C/187/25 – Q10 Item ID: 86637– Planning Enforcement - ABP 320719-24**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

That this Area Committee requests the Planning Enforcement Department to take urgent enforcement action against Quinlan’s Public House' breach of planning conditions. (Board Order ???-320719-24 Condition 2)

**REPLY:**  Planning enforcement is currently legislated under Part VIII of the Planning and Development Act 2000 AS AMENDED (soon to be replaced by Part 11 of the Planning and Development Act 2024.

The legislation sets processes and procedures, including statutory time limits for enforcement proceedings within which complaints of planning infringements must be investigated. It establishes a common procedure for dealing with alleged planning enforcement matters / all type of planning offence – issue of a Warning Letter, service of an Enforcement Notice and institution of legal proceedings.

The enforcement process has been initiated in respect of non-compliance with planning conditions of this planning permission (Register Reference ABP 320719-24 (SD24A/0147W) refers.

**C/188/25 – Q11 Item ID: 86876 – Saggart Paper Mills**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin

To ask the Chief Executive if he agrees that a ground contamination survey should be conducted in the buildings associated with Saggart Paper Mills to ensure that there are no unexpected contaminants buried beneath the buildings, before any new uses of the Mills are decided?

**REPLY:**  In relation to the Saggart paper mills, there is an active planning application (reg. ref. SD24A/0092W) pending final assessment and decision after a further period of public consultation concluded on 7th April. The council’s decision on this application is due on 22nd April.

It would be inappropriate to pre-empt the outcome of the planning department’s assessment and the decision of the Council. The Council’s full assessment will be publicly available following the publication of the decision on the planning application.

**C/189/25 – Q12 Item ID: 86878 – Clondalkin Local Area Plan**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on progress with the Clondalkin Local Area Plan?

**REPLY:**  A third round of public consultation focusing on issues around transport was completed in January 2025. The non statutory consultation phases are now finished, and the next consultation will be a statutory process.

Since February the planning team have been working with the consultants on advancing the local transport plan, the conservation plan, the character statements for the three ACAs in Clondalkin, green infrastructure and an urban design strategy. Each of these different pieces of work are being brought together to produce a draft LAP type document in parallel with the SEA, AA and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA).

The Implementation Plan for the 2024 Planning Act indicates that Part 3, Plans, Policies and Related Matters is due to commence by mid-2025. However, the Implementation Plan indicates that ‘This may be subject to change depending on the timeframes for draft local authority development plans or draft local area plans.’

There is still a lack of clarity as to whether a LAP remains an option as transitional arrangements under the new Act remain unclear. It is not an option under the new Act until such time as the next Development Plan is adopted. In the absence of certainty on the transitional arrangements, it is currently proposed to bring the plan as a Variation to the current Development Plan to bring the work to date into a statutory plan.

Subject to further clarity on transitional arrangements and to any impacts from a revised NPF, it is envisaged that a draft plan (as a Variation or otherwise) will be brought before the members in June or July 2025.

**C/190/25 – H9 Item ID: 86857 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/191/25 – C6 Item ID: 86444 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/192/25 – M6 Item ID: 86743 – TPO Green Lane, Rathcoole**

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

That this Area Committee supports the establishment of a Tree Protection Order on the last remaining heritage hedgerow of five on Green Lane, four having been all but completely removed with the TPO to include trees surrounding a ruined house as per the map supplied.

[Attachments](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=86743&itemTxt=Mot6)

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

The Council was made aware of hedgerow / tree removal at this location along Green Lane / Stoney Hill Road in Rathcoole (identified as Crockshane / Coolmine Road on Ordnance Survey maps). On foot of being alerted by members of the public to the removal, the Council liaised with the Department of Agriculture, under whose remit tree felling and hedgerow removal lies. The Department has advised the Council that inspectors visited the site, and that the Department is considering what action it can take.

A TPO is a reserved function of the full Council and as such, a similar motion will need to be brought to a Council meeting to initiate the process. To inform a decision of the Council, an assessment of the hedgerow would be required to establish the basis for a TPO prior to a motion proposing an order.

Once proposed, a TPO process requires a notice to be served on the owner and occupier of the land and published in a newspaper circulating in the area. Submissions can then be made within a period of not less than 6 weeks. Following consideration of the proposal and submissions made in respect of it, the Members may by resolution make the order with or without modifications or refuse to make the order.

It should be noted that a TPO under Section 205(2) of the Planning Act 2000, as amended may:

(a) prohibit (subject to any conditions or exemptions for which provision may be made by the order) the cutting down, topping, lopping or wilful destruction of trees, and

(b) require the owner and occupier of the land affected by the order to enter into an agreement with the planning authority to ensure the proper management of any trees, group of trees or woodlands (including the replanting of trees), subject to the planning authority providing assistance, including financial assistance, towards such management as may be agreed.

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

Ms. Anne Hyland, Senior Executive Planner responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

**Transportation**

**C/193/25 – Q13 Item ID: 86695 – Double Yellow Line at Oakwood, Greenpark**

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey

To ask the Chief Executive if the Council can repaint the double yellow line that has faded badly at the bend at Oak Way, Greenpark, Clondalkin.

**REPLY:**  This is listed for renewal and works should be carried out within the next month, weather dependant.

**C/194/25 – Q14 Item ID: 86703 – Cherrywood Estate Upgraded Lights**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on when Cherrywood estate will get upgraded lights.

**REPLY:**  We are currently preparing a Service Request for Cherrywood Estate to send on to ESBN. This should be completed within the next couple of weeks.

However, there is a major issue with no movement at all on site from ESBN North Branch since October 2024. We are still waiting for them to finish Beech Park in Lucan, Woodfarm Acres in Palmerstown and to commence on St. John's Estate in Clondalkin. Once they have completed the work at these locations, Cherrywood Estate will be next.

**C/195/25 – Q15 Item ID: 86833 – St Cillian's National School Bluebell**

Proposed by Councillor D. Adelaide

To ask the Chief Executive if traffic calming at St Cillian's National School Bluebell falls under the remit of SDCC or DCC

**REPLY:**  The area in question, including St Cillian's National School in Bluebell, falls within the administrative boundary of South Dublin County Council (SDCC). As such, any matters relating to traffic calming in this location are under the remit of SDCC. The elected member is encouraged to discuss the matter in greater detail with the South Dublin County Council traffic department or the Road Safety Officer who has recently been appointed.

**C/196/25 – Q16 Item ID: 86874 – Bus Shelters**

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey

To ask the Chief Executive to outline how decisions on location for bus shelters will be decided following the transfer of responsibility from NTA to local authority.

**REPLY:**

Key Points:

* Decision-Making Involvement: Local authorities (such as SDCC, DCC, etc.) are now being consulted more closely on where shelters are needed. This includes taking account of local priorities, safety concerns, and pedestrian and land use contexts.
* Delivery and Ownership: The NTA continues to manage the procurement, delivery, and maintenance of bus shelters through their framework contracts with Bus shelter suppliers.

Summary Statement:

Local authorities are currently involved in identifying priority locations for bus shelters, while the National Transport Authority (NTA) remains responsible for the delivery, installation, and maintenance of the infrastructure. A full transfer of responsibility is being considered as part of future reforms but has not yet taken place.

**C/197/25 – H10 Item ID: 86859 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/198/25 – H11 Item ID: 86861 – Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads.**

(No Business)

**C/199/25 – C7 Item ID: 86846 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/200/25 – M7 Item ID: 86638 – Round Tower traffic study**

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

That this Area Committee requests that the appropriate section in SDCC urgently undertake a traffic - vehicle (heavy and other) impact study on our Historic Round Tower and act on any outcomes.

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

The Office of Public Works (OPW) are the designated managers of the Round Tower monument. The OPW have monitors on the structure which constantly monitor vibrations or structural movements.

In recent times, the OPW have not been in contact with SDCC to request any traffic study, any change in allowable traffic classifications on the road or any further protection works at the Tower.

It is not South Dublin County Councils place to interfere in the management of this structure.

If the OPW asked SDCC to undertake any traffic changes or additional traffic protections, SDCC would certainly comply with any instructions fully.

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

Mr. John Hegarty, Senior Engineer responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

**C/201/25 – M8 Item ID: 86691 – Cherrywood Villas name stone**

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

That this Area Committee agrees that the Cherrywood Villas name stone will be moved to the Cherrywood Villas (South) side of the Old Nangor Road. It's current location causes confusion in relation to the various estates on the north side of the Old Nangor Road.

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

The Traffic Section will assess the current location of the Cherrywood Villas name stone and examine the feasibility of relocating it to the Cherrywood Villas (South) side of the Old Nangor Road, as requested.

If an appropriate and safe location can be identified, arrangements will be made to relocate the name stone accordingly. Elected members will be consulted as part of this process to ensure local context and concerns are fully considered.

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

Mr. John Hegarty, Senior Engineer responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

**C/202/25 – M9 Item ID: 86691 – Green Isle Business Park off the Green Isle Road**

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

That this Area Committee, in order to facilitate pedestrian access to the creche, gym and cafe in the Green Isle Business Park off the Green Isle Road in Clondalkin, agrees that either the footpath from the Green Isle Hotel be extended or a pedestrian crossing created at the vehicle entrance to the Industrial Estate.

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

The Traffic Section has assessed the location at the entrance to the Green Isle Business Park off Green Isle Road. Unfortunately, due to space constraints, it is not feasible to install a footpath on south side of the Green Isle Road. The average width available is 1.4m wide. This is insufficient for a code compliant footpath. The existing development’s walls and boundary fences significantly limit the available space for such works.

Furthermore, the existing geometry of the location does not allow a pedestrian crossing to be installed that would meet current design and safety standards. A Compulsory Purchase Order would be required to acquire the necessary land for the infrastructure. There are stringent criteria which must be met for a CPO to be granted. A CPO is likely not to be granted due to landowner objections. The CPO process is very expensive to conduct and is only used where there is a strategically important need demonstrated by the Local Authority. The CPO process is usually reserved for very large and strategically important projects.

It is acknowledged that it would be a good idea to extend a footpath on safety grounds. However, in this particular instance there are too many constraints to overcome to provide a safe footpath link or pedestrian crossing.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors E. Ó Broin and W. Carey.

Mr. John Hegarty, Senior Engineer responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

**Libraries & Arts**

**C/203/25 – H12 Item ID: 86836 – Application for Arts grants.**

(No Business)

**C/204/25 – H13 Item ID: 86849 – Library News & Events**

The following report was presented by Ms. L. Corry, Senior Executive Librarian

[Library News & Events](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=86849&itemTxt=H-I13)

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

Ms. L. Corry, Senior Executive Librarian, responded to members queries and the report was **NOTED.**

**C/205/25 – H14 Item ID: 86855 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/206/25 – C8 Item ID: 86842 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**Economic Development**

**C/207/25 – Q17 Item ID: 86747 – Grand Canal Greenway Allocation**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin

To ask the Chief Executive if the two million euro announced recently by Minister O'Brien for the Grand Canal Greenway to Hazelhatch, is in addition to, or replacing the 1.6 million euro announced for the same project by Minister Eamon Ryan a number of years ago?

**REPLY:**  The recently announced allocation replaces the previous one which was not drawn down due to delays in the commencement of the project.

**C/208/25 – H15 Item ID: 86852 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/209/25 – C9 Item ID:86840 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/210/25 – M10 Item ID: 86523 – Grand Canal Greenway**

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan.

That this Area Committee agrees to inspect the lights, they are not working on the green way canal can we please repair them. Also is the CCTV working here? Can we please check that the bins are emptied regularly here also.

In the absence of Councillor T. Gilligan, the motion **FELL.**

**Performance & Change Management**

**C/211/25 – H16 Item ID: 86856 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/212/25 – C10 Item ID: 86843 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**Corporate Support**

**C/213/25 – H17 Item ID: 86851 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/214/25 – C11 Item ID: 86839 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/215/25 – M11 Item ID: 86643 – Letter to OPW re repair issues**

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

That this Area Committee writes to the OPW and ask them to examine the stone on the base of the Round Tower and the steps as there appears to be some damage to both and ask them to repair any issues.

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

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

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

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

**C/216/25 – M12 Item ID: 86881 – Kilcarbery Grange**

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey and seconded by Councillor S. O’Hara

That this Area Committee agrees that the manager should make representation to the developer of Kilcarbery Grange to improve the level of street lighting throughout the estate.

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

If the motion is agreed, a letter will issue to the developer of Kilcarbery Grange as outlined above.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors W. Carey and E. Ó Broin.

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

**C/217/25 – M13 Item ID: 86882 – Letter re lack of schools**

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons

That this Area Committee agrees that a primary school needs to be established adjacent to the Kilcarbery Grange estate as a matter of urgency and to write to the Department of Education expressing the concerns of this committee about the lack of a school that cannot be accessed by children in the area without the use of vehicle transport. It should be noted that by the end of 2026 we expect that approximately 1,500 new housing units will have been delivered within the immediate area, bordered by the R136 and Nangor Rd.

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

If the motion is agreed, a letter will issue to the Minister for Education as outlined above.

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

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

**C/218/25 – M14 Item ID: 86997 – Planning exemption**

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

That this Area Committee writes to the relevant Minister to request that insulation in the form of wrapping attached to the outside of a dwelling is made exempt from planning and development permission for all dwellings in the Clondalkin, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart and Brittas area.

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

If the motion is agreed, a letter will issue to the Minister outlining the above.

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

Ms. Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries.

## Councillor W. Carey called for, and the Members **AGREED** to a roll call vote on the managers’ report of which was as follows:

IN FAVOUR: 2 (TWO) S. O’Hara and F. Timmons

AGAINST: 3 (THREE) Councillors W. Carey, L. De Courcy and E. Ó Broin

ABSTAIN: 1 (ONE) Councillor D. Adelaide

The motion **FELL.**

### The meeting concluded at 4:50 P.M.

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