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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council May 2025 Rathfarnham / Templeogue / Firhouse / Bohernabreena Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 13th May 2025 through Microsoft 365 Teams and in Person in the Council Chambers.

## **Councillors Present**

Sarah Barnes

Yvonne Collins

Paddy Cosgrave

Alan Edge

Pamela Kearns

Roisin Mannion

Lynn McCrave

Ronan McMahon

David McManus

Emma Murphy

Justin Sinnott

## **Officials Present**

Senior Executive Officers Vivienne Hartnett, Amanda Mills

A/Senior Executive Officers Brenda Shannon, Fiona Hendley

Senior Engineers Gary Walsh, John Joe Hegarty

Senior Executive Engineer Andrew O’Mullane

Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer Brendan Redmond

Senior Executive Librarian Laura Joyce

Administrative Officer Susan Sinclair

Staff Officer Eimear O’Sullivan

Clerical Officers Vikki Cryan, Dylan Hayes

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Pamela Kearns presided.

### **RTFB/180/H1/0525 Item ID:87122 - Minutes**

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

It was proposed by Councillor R McMahon seconded by Councillor Y Collins and **RESOLVED** “That the recommendations contained in the minutes of 14th April 2025 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

[H1 Minutes of April 2025 RTFB ACM](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/Home/ViewReply/86143)

## **RTFB/181/0525 – Questions**

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

## **Housing**

**RTFB/182/H2/0525 Item ID:87148 - Housing Delivery Report**

The following report was presented by Vivienne Hartnett, Senior Executive Officer

[H2 Housing Delivery Report](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/Home/ViewReply/86128)

Following contributions from Councillors P Cosgrave, P Kearns, E Murphy, Y Collins, D McManus and J Sinnott, Vivienne Hartnett Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted**.

**RTFB/183/H3/0525 Item ID:87149 - Housing Allocations Report**

The following report was presented by Amanda Mills, Senior Executive Officer

**The Q1 2025 Allocations Report for the Rathfarnham, Templeogue, Firhouse, Bohernabreena area:**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Allocations** | **County wide Total** | **Rathfarnham Templeogue Firhouse Bohernabreena** |
| CBL-General | 142 | 1 |
| CBL-HAP | 81 | 2 |
| CBL-RAS Fixed T/F | - | - |
| Homeless | 62 | 2 |
| Medical | 25 | 5 |
| Age Friendly | 11 | 1 |
| Tenant in Situ | 11 | - |
| **Total** | **332** | **11** |
| Transfers | 12 | - |
| RAS NTQ | 14 | 1 |
| Priority – Welfare | 13 | 1 |
| **TOTALS** | **371** | **13** |

Following contributions from Councillors Y Collins, E Murphy, R Mannion and R McMahon, Amanda Mills Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted.**

**RTFB/184/H4/0525 Item ID:87150 - Quarterly Report on Anti-Social Behaviour**

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

Anti-Social Behaviour report up to 31st March 2025.

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| **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORTING & STATISTICS FOR RATHFARNHAM/TEMPLEOGUE/FIRHOUSE/BOHERNABREENA** | | | | | |
| **Incidents** | **1st Qtr 2025** | **2nd Qtr 2025** | **3rd Qtr 2024** | **4th Qtr 2025** | **2025 TOTAL** |
| **CATEGORY A** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Drugs Activity reported to SDCC | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **1** |
| Criminal Activity reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| Joyriding reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| Violence/intimidation/ harassment reported to SDCC | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **2** |
| **CATEGORY B** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Squatters/illegal occupiers reported to SDCC | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **4** |
| Vandalism reported to SDCC | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **1** |
| Physical condition of property reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| Physical condition of Garden reported to SDCC | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **1** |
| Racism reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| Vacant House reported to SDCC | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **6** |
| Neighbour Dispute (including parking) reported to SDCC | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **1** |
| **CATEGORY C** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Noise/disturbance reported to SDCC | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **2** |
| Pets/animal nuisance reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | **3** |
| Children Nuisance reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| Selling alcohol | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| **Total Incidents reported to SDCC** | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **18** |
| **Total Complaints reported to SDCC** | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **8** |
| **Total Actions taken by Allocations Support Unit Staff -     Main actions listed below** | 75 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **75** |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| House call / Inspection | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **2** |
| Demand for Possession Section 15 & 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| Abandonment notice served | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **2** |
| Surrenders Obtained (including Termination of Tenancy under Section 15) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| Warnings issued | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **4** |
| Interviews held (formal office and by phone) | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **12** |
| Pre-Tenancies (includes following up Tenancy Checks) | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **9** |
| Complaints received by WhatsApp | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |

### Following contributions from Councillor P Cosgrave, Fiona Hendley A/Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted.**

### **RTFB/185/H5/0525 Item ID:87140 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/186/C1/0525 Item ID:87127 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Community**

### **RTFB/187/H6/0525 Item ID:87134 - Deputations**

Deputations for Noting (No Business)

### **RTFB/188/H7/0525 Item ID:87136 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/189/C2/0525 Item ID:87124 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Transportation**

### **RTFB/190/Q1/0525 Item ID:87104 - Anne Devlin Park**

Proposed by Councillor P. Cosgrave

To ask the Manager to survey the road at Anne Devlin Park and list what repairs are needed to include in the road repair programme.

**REPLY:**

Anne Devlin Drive and Avenue are listed on this year’s RWP.

Anne Devlin Park will be inspected and listed for consideration on future programmes if required.

### **RTFB/191/H8/0525 Item ID:87147 - Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

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

**RTFB/192/H9/0525 Item ID:87151 - Templeville Road P2 and Glendown Road**

The following report was presented by Andrew O’Mullane Senior Executive Engineer

[Templeville Road P2 and Glendown Road Active Travel Scheme May 25](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/Home/ViewReply/86176)

Following contributions from Councillors Y Collins, R McMahon, P Kearns, P Cosgrave and L McCrave, Andrew O’Mullane Senior Executive Engineer Responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted**.

### **RTFB/193/H10/0525 Item ID:87145 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/194/C3/0525 Item ID:87132 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/195/M1/0525 Item ID:87241 – Whitehall Road Trial Safety Audit**

Proposed by Councillors P. Kearns & Y. Collins, Seconded by Councillor R. McMahon

That this Council furnishes a review of the trial agreed to be carried out of the cycle path at Whitehall Road, to include a comprehensive safety audit, an emissions report and the KPIs for the trial.

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

The design for the proposal of the Whitehall Road trial is now complete and the scheme is scheduled to go to tender end of May 2025. The proposal was represented to the Councillors at an earlier Area Committee Meeting and has been shown and shared with the Residents Association.

It is important to note that the trial is meant to refine the design proposal in operation as agreed at the approval of the Part 8 of the scheme. It will give us the opportunity to see what’s working and what’s not working and, in the process, adjust the design on the ground accordingly in consultation with all stakeholders. This trial was never meant to determine whether the active travel scheme will go ahead or not on Whitehall Road. It’s not an extension of the Part 8 process. It was agreed that the active travel scheme along Whitehall Road will go ahead but initially as a trial so that an assessment of the proposal can be made before some elements of permanent works are carried out.

It would not be correct to consider that KPIs will be the grounds on whether to keep the active travel scheme or not. Rather, the KPIs will be used to assess if any changes are required and will assist in refining the design on the ground. 'Before' traffic surveys have already been carried out, and these include junction counts, speed surveys queue lengths and delays, and parking surveys. When the scheme is in place 'after' traffic surveys will be carried out together with roadside surveys / interviews. Emissions were not considered in the before and after measurements as this scheme is not going to bring any more vehicular traffic on Whitehall Road, and if anything, the scheme is going to reduce vehicular traffic on Whitehall Road as some motorists will move to cycling and other more sustainable modes of transport as adequate and safe facilities will be provided.

Road Safety audits will be carried for the scheme at various stages of implementation. An independent stage 2 Road Safety Audit has already been carried out on the detailed design of the scheme. The safety audit report was shared with the resident’s association and can be made available upon request and is also attached. Stage 3 Road Safety audit of the scheme will be carried out upon completion of the scheme and will be followed 12months later with a road user quality audit (Stage 4).

[M1 (ii) Stage 2 Road Safety Audit](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/Home/ViewReply/86148)

Andrew O’Mullane Senior Executive Engineer Responded to queries raised by Councillors P Kearns, Y Collins, R McMahon, L McCrave and J Sinnott, and advised that the project will proceed as per the Part 8.

Members expressed dissatisfaction with the works and the Report, and on the proposition of Councillor Collins, the members unanimously **Agreed the Motion**.

### **RTFB/196/M2/0525 Item ID:86959 – Damaged Bollards Wellington Lane**

Proposed by Councillor J. Sinnott, Seconded by Councillor E. Murphy

This Committee notes the significant number of damaged bicycle bollards along Wellington Lane through to Wellington Road in Templeogue. Therefore, this Committee requests action be taken to repair damaged bollards both from a road safety and aesthetics perspective.

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

Bollards on Wellington Lane are inspected and repaired on a weekly basis. If there is an area of particular concern, please let us now and we will review.

Following contributions from Councillor J Sinnott, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **RTFB/197/M3/0525 Item ID:86998 – Footpath Improvement works**

Proposed by Councillor E. Murphy, Seconded by Councillor P. Kearns

To ask the Chief Executive to include the small arc of the Old Firhouse Road on the footpath improvement works and the road resurfacing scheme for this year.

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

This area will be inspected, and any necessary works will be listed for consideration in future roadwork programmes.

Following contributions from Councillor E Murphy, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **RTFB/198/M4/0525 Item ID:87240 – Footpath Repairs Rathfarnham**

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

That this Council carries out repairs at the footpath outside Number 52 Pinewood Park, Rathfarnham per photo attached as it has disintegrated very badly and is a significant trip hazard.

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

This location is with our contractor, and we have been informed it will be done before the end of the May.

[M4 Photo](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/Home/ViewReply/86068)

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

### **RTFB/199/M5/0525 Item ID:87215 – Pothole Repairs**

Proposed by Councillor J. Sinnott, Seconded by Councillor E. Murphy

This Committee notes with concern the increase in the number of potholes across the Rathfarnham Templeogue Firhouse and Bohernabreena area in recent months. This Committee requests that South Dublin County Council addresses the issue as a matter of urgency.

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

We are not receiving as many pothole requests as previous years but are actioning any that are received. If there is a particular area of concern, we can inspect and action.

Following Contributions from Councillors J Sinnott, P Cosgrave and Y Collins, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **RTFB/100/M6/0525 Item ID:87153 – Ballycullen Green**

Proposed by Councillor E. Murphy, Seconded by Councillor P. Kearns

That the Chief Executive reports to this area committee on the progress for Ballycullen Green to be taken in charge by South Dublin County Council.

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

South Dublin County Council have not received a Taking in Charge application for this estate.  Unless this application is received, SDCC cannot progress any checks and quality assessments within the estate as it is private property.

South Dublin County Council has made contact with the developer on this TIC item. The developer is keen to get this estate Taken in Charge. The developer has appointed an Engineering agent to complete all the tests and as constructed information required to take the estate in charge. He also has agreed to put sufficient resource on the project to fast track the completion of the TIC process for this estate. This is very welcomed news for South Dublin County Council.

Following Contributions from Councillor E Murphy, John Joe Hegarty Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

## **Planning**

### **RTFB/101/H11/0525 Item ID:87143 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/102/C4/0525 Item ID:87130 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Economic Development**

### **RTFB/103/H12/0525 Item ID:87138 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/104/C5/0525 Item ID:87126 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **RTFB/105/H13/0525 Item ID:87121 – Application for Arts Grants**

Application for Arts Grants (No Business)

### **RTFB/106/H14/0525 Item ID:87135 – Library News & Events**

The following report was presented by Laura Joyce, Senior Executive Librarian

Library News & Events

[H14 (i) RTFB Library Report May 2025](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/Home/ViewReply/86054)  
[H14 (ii) Library Event Stats](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/Home/ViewReply/86055)

Following contributions from Councillor R McMahon and P Kearns, Laura Joyce Senior Executive Librarian Responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted**.

### **RTFB/107/H15/0525 Item ID:87141 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/108/C6/0525 Item ID:87128 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Corporate Support**

### **RTFB/109/H16/0525 Item ID:87137 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/110/C7/0525 Item ID:87125 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/111/M7/0525 Item ID:87061 – Aranleigh Defibrillator**

Proposed by Councillors D. McManus & J. Sinnott, Seconded by Councillor R. McMahon

This Committee supports the Aranleigh Residents Association Grange Road - Rathfarnham) in their campaign to install a defibrillator within the estate. Can the executive articulate the full range of supports and options that are open to residents associations.

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

Defibrillators have been installed by the Council in County Hall, Tallaght in the Clondalkin Civic Offices and at Public Libraries.

Further defibrillators are provided throughout the County by a wide variety of groups and organisations including Community groups, sports clubs, shopping centres, individual pharmacies, and private commercial companies. The installation, upkeep and maintenance of defibrillators is the responsibility of the relevant committee, management, or company.

The Community Sport Facilities Fund (formerly the Sports Capital & Equipment Programme) operated by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport, and Media funds the purchase of AEDs by voluntary, not-for profit sports clubs and community groups. Funding is also available through the HSE’s national lottery grants schemes.

Following contributions from Councillor J Sinnott the Motion was **Agreed.**

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **RTFB/112/H17/0525 Item ID:87142 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/113/C8/0525 Item ID:87129 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Water & Drainage**

### **RTFB/114/Q2/0525 Item ID:87118 – Water Outages**

Proposed by Councillor R. Mannion

To ask the manager to provide any information available regarding the recurrent water outages in Knocklyon, with specific references to the ongoing issues being experienced by residents in Dargle Wood.

**REPLY:**

SDCC is aware that there was a water outage in the Knocklyon area over the Easter weekend from 20th to 22nd April which would have included Dargle Wood. We enquired into this matter with Uisce Éireann and they informed us:

*"Uisce Éireann acknowledge we didn't meet the service expectations we set for ourselves or for customers in relation to a localised burst in Knocklyon on April 20th. A number of customers were impacted following a burst watermain on Sunday the 20th April which resulted in low pressure and water interruptions in the area. A leak detection crew was mobilised to find the burst on Tuesday morning, April 22 and repair crew was then deployed with the repair completed by Tuesday evening. Following the repair, Uisce Éireann was made aware that some customers experienced airlocks in their households and deployed a plumber to further assist those householders and water returned to all properties.*

*Uisce Éireann understands how disruptive unplanned outages are and we regret the inconvenience caused to customers. A full review is ongoing in relation to the delay in dispatching crews to site to ensure such delays do not arise again."*

Uisce Éireann is the national water services authority responsible for all public drinking water supply and wastewater services. Members are reminded that Uisce Éireann have a dedicated elected representatives support desk that can be contacted at [localrepsupport@water.ie](mailto:localrepsupportdesk@water.ie) on any matters related to drinking water or wastewater.

### **RTFB/115/H18/0525 Item ID:87146 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/116/C9/0525 Item ID:87133 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Public Realm**

### **RTFB/117/Q3/0525 Item ID:87105 – Tree Planting Programme**

Proposed by Councillor P. Cosgrave

To ask the Manager to include in the tree planting programme the kerbside green areas along Anne Devlin Park. There are many green areas there without trees.

**REPLY:**

Anne Devlin Park will be listed for consideration for inclusion on an upcoming Tree Planting Programme. Prior to any areas being listed for planting they are assessed for suitability to ensure any planted trees can grow and develop working to the idea of ‘right tree, right place.’ While there are many green verges in Anne Devlin Park, there are also many covered by overhead lines as well as underground services which must be taken into consideration.

Following these assessments, any suitable spaces will be listed for planting.

### **RTFB/118/Q4/0525 Item ID:87216 – Footpath Repairs**

Proposed by Councillor E. Murphy

Can the Chief Executive please provide an update on the repair of the footpath running across the green from 165 Woodlawn Park Grove, Firhouse to the Ballycullen Road, just above Monalea Grove. This footpath was provided for in the programme of works previously.

**REPLY:**

An overlay of the footpath from 165 Woodlawn Park Grove, Firhouse to Ballycullen Road (just above Monalea Grove) is included in the Public Realm Improvement Works Programme for 2025. South Dublin County Council is currently in the process of appointing a contractor, with works expected to be completed in Q3 2025.

### **RTFB/119/Q5/0525 Item ID:87015 – Tree Maintenance Schedule**

Proposed by Councillor J. Sinnott

To ask the chief executive to outline any upcoming tree maintenance schedule for the Rathfarnham / Templeogue / Firhouse / Bohernabreena area.

**REPLY:**

A total of 55 locations are included in the current 3-year Tree Maintenance Programme in the Rathfarnham / Templeogue / Firhouse / Bohernabreena area. Of that total work at 41 of the locations has been completed, the remaining 14 locations are scheduled for completion during 2025.  The 14 locations scheduled for completion this year are listed below.

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| Beaufort Downs Estate |
| Dargle Wood Estate |
| Eden Estate |
| Ferncourt Estate |
| Glendale Park Templeogue |
| Glenmore Court |
| Marian Road/Estate |
| Mount Carmel Park |
| Oakdale Estate |
| Parklands Road/Estate |
| Rathlyon Estate |
| Wellington Park |
| Woodstock Park |
| Woodstown Estate |

### **RTFB/120/H19/0525 Item ID:87144 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/121/C10/0525 Item ID:87131 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/122/M8/0525 Item ID:87101 – Illegal Dumping**

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

The Council endeavours to arrange removal of dumped material within 48 hours where possible. This timeframe may not always be achievable however due to factors such as the volume and This Committee acknowledges the work of Council staff in responding to members requests for action on illegal dumping in a prompt manner. To address incidents of significant dumping or littering this Committee requests that the Council will endeavour to arrange waste removal within 48 hours of receiving a report of large-scale dumping or littering.

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

Reports of illegal dumping are in the first instance referred to and investigated by the Council’s Litter Warden Service. It is important that sufficient time is allowed for the litter warden investigation to take place, as where evidence is found among the dumped waste items then enforcement action can be pursued under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended. Following the litter warden investigation cases are then referred to the Public Realm Section for the removal of waste.

nature of the waste, site accessibility and the availability of resources or specialised equipment which may be required in some instances. Despite these operational constraints the removal of illegal dumping is prioritised, and every effort is made to ensure timely removal within a 48-hour time period to maintain clean and safe public spaces.

Following contributions from Councillor J Sinnott, Brendan Redmond Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

## **Environment**

### **RTFB/123/H20/0525 Item ID:87139 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/124/C11/0525 Item ID:87123 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

Meeting concluded at 16:30pm

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