## **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 21st May 2025.

### **COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

Councillor Darragh Adelaide Councillor William Joseph Carey

Councillor Linda de Courcy

Councillor Trevor Gilligan

Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

Councillor Shirley O’Hara

Councillor Francis Timmons

**Apologies:**

Cathaoirleach, Councillor Shirley O’Hara presided. Councillor Timmons took over the role of chair after the meeting started and chaired the remainder of the meeting.

### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Senior Executive Officer Ms. Sharon Conroy, Ms. Edel Clancy, Ms. Vivienne Hartnett, Ms. Amanda Mills, Ms. Laura Leonard

A/Senior Executive Officer Ms. Fiona Hendley

Senior Engineer Mr John Hegarty

A/Senior Engineer Mr Michael McAdam

Senior Parks Superintendent Ms. Suzanne Furlong

Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Mr. David Fennell

Senior Planner Ms. Hazel Craigie

Administrative Officer Ms. Fiona Campbell

Executive Librarian (Senior Librarian) Ms. Aoife Horan

A/Senior Staff Officer Ms. Mairead Murphy

Senior Staff Officer Mr. John Savage

A/Staff Officer Mr. Aaron Hartin

Assistant Staff Officer Ms. Róisín Ralph

Assistant Staff Officer Ms. Ciara O’Neil

Clerical Officer Ms. Jennifer Murphy

### **C/219/25 – H1 Item ID:87214 – Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting Held on 16th April 2025**

The minutes of the April 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 16th April which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

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It was proposed by Councillor S. O’Hara, seconded by Councillor F. Timmons, and **RESOLVED:**

“That the recommendations contained in the minutes of 16th April be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**C/220/25 – QUESTIONS**

Questions 1-12 were proposed by Councillor S. O’Hara and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:

“That pursuant to Standing Order 16, Questions 1 to 12 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**Housing**

**C/221/25 – Q1 Item ID:86956 – Nangor Mills Apartments**

Proposed by Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

To ask the Chief Executive what the delay has been in appointing an AHB to manage the apartment block at Nangor Mills and thus allocate the Social Housing apartments there?

**REPLY:**  The council has finalised the terms of the Service Level Agreement with an approved housing body (AHB) for the management of the apartment block at Nangor Mills. Final snagging items have been agreed and are currently being addressed. To minimise delays in occupancy, our Allocations Section has advertised the available units through Choice Based Letting, and the majority of nominations have already been issued to the relevant AHB.

**C/222/25 – H2 Item ID:87206 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/223/25 – H3 Item ID:87297 – Anti-Social Behaviour Report**

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

[Anti-social behaviour reports](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=86271)

The report was **NOTED.**

**C/224/25 – H4 Item ID:87298 – Housing Delivery Report**

The following report was presented by Ms. Vivianne Hartnett, Senior Executive Officer

[Housing Delivery Report](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=87298&itemTxt=H-I4)

A discussion followed with contributions by Councillors L. de Courcy, W. Carey, and T. Gilligan.

Ms. Vivianne Hartnett, Senior Executive Officer, responded to members queries and the report was **NOTED.**

**C/225/25 – H5 Item ID:87299 – Allocations Report**

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

[Allocations report](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=87298&itemTxt=H-I4)

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

Ms. Amanda Mills, Senior Executive Officer, responded to members queries and the report was **NOTED.**

**C/226/25 – C1 Item ID:87193 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**Community**

**C/227/25 – Q2 Item ID:87056 – Clondalkin Leisure Centre**

Proposed by Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of the dates or days of the year when Clondalkin Leisure Centre does not open?

**REPLY:**  Clondalkin Leisure Centre does not open on:

Easter Sunday

Christmas Eve - December 24th

Christmas Day - December 25th

St Stephen's Day - December 26th

**C/228/25 – H6 Item ID:87200 – Deputations for noting**

(No Business)

**C/229/25 – H7 Item ID:87202 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/230/25 – C2 Item ID:87190 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/231/25 – M1 Item ID: 87052 – Feile Bride**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor L. de Courcy.

That this Area Committee supports this motion in requesting the manager to commit to supporting and funding the Féile Bríde in Clondalkin so that it can become the flagship celebration of Brigid in our county.

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

Staff from various departments met with the organisers of Féile Bríde to discuss the festival and to explore possible involvement of SDCC.

While no department has resources to enable us to allocate any SDCC staff to work directly on this project we are happy to liaise and support the festival within our parameters.

County Promotions has said that they will continue to circulate any information regarding available grants and are available to help with submitting for any of these grants.

The Community Development team will continue to offer assistance through the Community Officer for the area and through our community grants scheme and we are committed to funding the event into the future comparable with grant funding we award to other festivals in SDCC.

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

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

**Transportation**

**C/232/25 – Q3 Item ID: 87058 – Stone from junction of New Nangor Rd & Ninth Lock Rd**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive would he look at the 'stone' from junction of New Nangor Rd & Ninth Lock Rd and remove it or fix it as its totally illegible?

**REPLY:**  The Traffic Section will review the condition of the stone at the junction of New Nangor Road and Ninth Lock Road. Following the inspection, a decision will be made as to whether remedial work can be done to the existing stone, or whether the stone would be best removed.

**C/233/25 – Q4 Item ID: 87113 – School Warden Scoil Chrónáin, Rathcoole**

Proposed by Councillor S. O’Hara

To ask the Chief Executive to approve a temporary assignment of a second traffic warden at Scoil Chrónain, Rathcoole. This measure is considered necessary to ensure the safety of students during school hours.

**REPLY:**  South Dublin County Council operates Road Safety systems throughout the county including the provision of school wardens and other engineering solutions to make the routes to school as safe as possible.

School Wardens are allocated at public roads, where school children cross,  and are not per se allocated to specific schools.

There is currently a school warden in place at the front of Scoil Chrónain and in consultation with the Principal of Scoil Chrónain, an inspection was recently undertaken by the Road Safety Office / Traffic Management office.

Following the inspection, the traffic team are reviewing what solutions might be provided at the back of the school, between the two school buildings, as it is understood that construction of a new school building is due to commence shortly by Dept. of Education.

A further update will be provided in due course.

It should also be noted that it is proving difficult to recruit and maintain sufficient School Warden numbers within SDCC, and this problem is being replicated across the country.  As a result, going forward it is becoming necessary for all stakeholders to consider alternative options to ensure that primary school children cross public roads safely to get to school.

**C/234/25 – Q5 Item ID: 87283 – Footpath Sacred Heart School**

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey

To ask the Chief Executive to outline plans for the repair and replacement of footpath along the front perimeter of Sacred Heart School in Greenpark.

**REPLY:**  Concrete footpath is in good condition here.

We intend to remove the tar verge and re-instate in grass during the summer. This will give more environmental benefits and also provide a better buffer between the carriageway and children on the footpath

**C/235/25 – Q6 Item ID: 87284 – Footpath Church View, Greenpark**

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey

To ask the Chief Executive if repairs to footpaths along Church View, Greenpark can be prioritised due to the dangerous nature of damage caused by overgrown tree roots etc.

**REPLY:**  Footpath works are scheduled for this year. Works are scheduled to be carried out by the end of June.

**C/236/25 – Q7 Item ID: 87300 – School Warden - St Mary's Saggart**

Proposed by Councillor S. O’Hara

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a school warden at St Mary's National School in Saggart. With increasing traffic in the area, concerns have been raised about the safety of pupils during school times.

**REPLY:**  South Dublin County Council operates Road Safety systems throughout the county including the provision of school wardens and other engineering solutions to make the routes to school as safe as possible.

School Wardens are allocated at public roads, where school children cross,  and are not per se allocated to specific schools.

In consultation with the Principal of St Mary's National School, an inspection was recently undertaken by the Road Safety Office / Traffic Management office when it was noted that a ‘Controlled Pedestrian Crossing’ is already in place outside the school on Garter Lane.

South Dublin County Council will refresh the current road markings on the main road (Garter Lane) and will arrange for the flashing amber signs to be repaired.

Based upon the above observations, the council cannot provide a School Warden.

Nonetheless, the principal was advised that the school can avail of the education services that are provided by both SDCC and the RSA as it is considered that education awareness for parents and students may be of assistance in promoting road safety awareness around the school.

It should also be noted that it is proving very difficult to recruit and maintain sufficient School Warden numbers within SDCC, and this problem is being replicated across the country.  As a result, going forward it is becoming necessary for all stakeholders to consider alternative options to ensure that primary school children cross public roads safely to get to school.

**C/237/25 – H8 Item ID:87211 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/238/25 – H9 Item ID:87213 – Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

(No Business)

**C/239/25 – C3 Item ID:87198 –** **Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/240/25 – M2 Item ID: 87059 –** [**Green Space Cherrywood Villas**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=85939)

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor E. Ó Broin and unanimously **AGREED** without debate to accept the Chief Executive’s report.

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 repair of this wall will be arranged.

**C/241/25 – M3 Item ID: 87066 – Resurfacing Boherboy Road**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin and seconded by Councillor F. Timons and unanimously **AGREED** without debate to accept the Chief Executive’s report.

This Area Committee agrees that the Boherboy Road in Saggart will receive a full resurfacing as part of the 2026 Roads Programme.

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

Location is listed for consideration for the 2026 RWP

**C/242/25 – M4 Item ID: 87067 – Active Travel**

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

This Area Committee agrees that to support Active Travel between the Grange View Estate in Deansrath, Clondalkin and (i) Kishogue Railway Station, (ii) Grange Castle Business Park, (iii) the Grand Canal Greenway, (iv) Kishogue Community College and (v) bus stops of the W4 bus route, that a new accessible pedestrian opening from the Grange View Road to the Outer Ring Road (R136) should be created at the location of the current informal off-road path which begins at the junction of Grange View Road and Grange View Wood.

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

As part of any Active Travel links, additional permeability will have to be created at several existing severance points along the route outlined above.  These proposed permeability links would need the support of the adjacent residential communities and business owners.  Public consultation on proposed permeability routes would need to be agreed through the planning process, either through the Part 8 or section 38 planning processes.  It must be borne in mind that gaining suitable permeability routes is subject to finding suitable levels and perhaps making openings in existing walls or hedging. Gaining agreement on these measures is often problematic.

SDCC support proposed permeability links to existing and additional bus stops and to the train station for onward journey connections. SDCC supports links to existing footpath and cycle links on the R136 and R113 roads, and future links to Grand canal and the Clonburris SDZ.

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

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

**Planning**

**C/243/25 – Q8 Item ID: 87273 – Content of Large Residential Development**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin

To ask the Chief Executive if there is a way for the general public to read or see the content of Large Residential Development (LRD) Opinions, on whether proposals constitute a reasonable basis for submitting a planning application?

**REPLY:**  Any member of the public can read or see the content of Large Residential Development (LRD) Opinion on whether proposals constitute a reasonable basis for submitting a planning application, once the related LRD Planning Application is lodged with the Planning Authority. It is not available unless/until this occurs.

**C/244/25 – Q9 Item ID: 87276 – Woodford Viewing Platform**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin

To ask the Chief Executive how NCBH15 Objective 3 from the County Development Plan regarding, the creation of a viewing platform in the vicinity of Woodford Hill, which is the highest point in Clondalkin, can be progressed?

**REPLY:**  The wording of NCBH15 Objective 3 is as follows ‘To seek to create a viewing platform in the vicinity of Woodford Hill to allow panoramic views from this which is the highest point in Clondalkin’

The progression of this objective is dependent on a number of factors including assessment and identification of a precise location and addressing land ownership issues once such a site has

been identified. The advancement of this objective will be incorporated into the Clondalkin Local Planning Framework (Local Area Plan) currently being prepared.

**C/245/25 – H10 Item ID: 87209 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/246/25 – C4 Item ID: 87196 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/247/25 – M5 Item ID: 87112 – Saggart Local Area Plan**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor L. de Courcy

That this Area Committee urgently requests that the council start work on the Saggart Local Area Plan as agreed in the County Development Plan and that the views of local Saggart groups and Saggart residents be sought as a matter of urgency.

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

The County Development Plan includes the following objective;

QDP14 Objective 5:

To prepare a Local Area Plan for Saggart.

The LAP for Saggart is not on the current work programme for 2025. The prioritisation of the work programme will be reviewed for 2026, having regard to the objectives in the adopted Development Plan and to the different requirements of the new 2024 Planning and Development Act. Regarding the new Act, the plan making section has not been commenced yet, but it has been indicated by the Department that it is due to be commenced in Q2 2024. Once commenced, there is no provision for LAPs until the next County Development Plan is adopted. Under the new Act, any LAPs which remain ‘live’ will expire with the expiration of the current County Development Plan 2022-2028.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, E. Ó Broin, L. de Courcy and T. Gilligan.

Mr. Hazel Craigie, Senior Planner responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

**C/248/25 – M6 Item ID: 87242 – Brittas Study - timing**

Proposed by Councillor L. de Courcy and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

That this area committee ask the South Dublin Planning Department to immediately move ahead with the Unique Planning Study for Brittas in light of the Unique Census Form which has been compiled and completed by local residents. This would include setting a date for a public consultation within the next 3 months.

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

The survey (‘unique census form’) attached to the motion is noted, as are the CSO small area 2016-2022 population comparisons and the planning application outcomes. The time and effort taken to compile the data and survey is acknowledged and appreciated.

A number of issues have been raised in the survey, road speed being one. In relation to road speed, the transport section of the Council has commenced examination of a preliminary design for road calming the N81 taking in an area either side of the junctions with McDonagh’s Lane, Aghfarrell Road and Shady Lane. It is understood it will include new bus shelters, safety improvements and traffic calming. This will be subject to public consultation in due course.

The Planning Department has continued to undertake background work to inform a study on Brittas. This includes liaison with Uisce Éireann who have indicated that they do not have any current plans to expand the existing well-water water supply.  Nor are there any foul water treatment works for Brittas on their programme.  A greater understanding of how this will limit the capacity for growth is required as part of the study.

Should there be some capacity, the extent to which potential growth may be accommodated, noting the current restrictive zoning, and the area within which this may be appropriate will be examined.

While background work can continue, priority has to be given to the required wider review of land capacity in the county in preparation for the housing targets for each county due to be released by the Minister in Q2 2025. The background work being carried out for QDP12 SLO1 needs to be considered within this context.

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

Mr. Hazel Craigie, Senior Planner responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED.**

**C/249/25 – M7 Item ID: 87243 – Brittas Study concerns**

Proposed by Councillor L. de Courcy and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

That this Area Committee while acknowledges the desire of SDCC 'To maintain and enhance the vitality of [Brittas]…' we are concerned that the delays to the promised Unique Planning Study are causing undue stress on families which have lived there for generations; and in some cases people are being forced to relocate due to the current planning policies which are not seen as being supportive of local families and their needs.

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

The attachments to the motion on planning application outcomes and population change between 2016 and 2022 are noted.  The areas included in the provided population figures, derived from small area statistics, indicate that the total population of the various included small areas in 2022 is 1,689, a decrease of 103 persons from 2016.

Reviewing CSO Census 2022, Brittas has a defined settlement area with a population of 166 for the area defined (Table: Usually resident population by birthplace or citizenship). This is a reduction from the 2016 Census where it was recorded as 179 persons. Any study will have to examine the appropriate boundary for Brittas and any related policy which emerges as part of the study.

It is acknowledged that the zoning which applies to the Brittas settlement and wider area is restrictive. This reflects that this is an area under strong urban influence for housing as described in criteria in the government’s Rural Housing Guidelines and in the National Planning Framework. The applicable HA-DM (High Amenity – Dublin Mountain) zoning is more restrictive than the RU(Rural) zoning in recognition of the sensitivity of the area at the foothills of the mountains in what is still a rural area.

However, the inclusion in the current County Development Plan of QDP12 SLO 1: To support Brittas as a sustainable community and village of outstanding natural beauty and to prepare a planning study and study boundary for Brittas Village etc. is acknowledged.

The Planning Department has continued to undertake background work to inform a study on Brittas. This includes liaison with Uisce Éireann who have indicated that they do not have any current plans to expand the existing well-water water supply.  Nor are there any foul water treatment works for Brittas on their programme.  A greater understanding of how this will limit the capacity for growth is required as part of the study.

Should there be some capacity, the extent to which potential growth may be accommodated and the area within which this may be appropriate will be examined.

While background work will continue, priority has to be given to the required wider review of land capacity in the county in preparation for the housing targets for each county due to be released by the Minister in Q2 2025. The background work being carried out for QDP12 SLO1 needs to be considered within this context.

A discussion followed with a contribution from Councillor L. de Courcy.

Mr. Hazel Craigie, Senior Planner responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED.**

**Economic Development**

**C/250/25 – Q10 Item ID: 87057 – Origami Monk**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive would he consider a request from Clondalkin Tidy Towns requesting that a sign/plaque/nameplate be placed at the Origami Monk that makes reference to the significance of paper making in Clondalkin and the Clondalkin Paper Mills?

**REPLY:**   The Arts Office is currently in discussion with Public Realm and LUPT regarding the landscaping of the site where the sculpture is located. Providing a plaque or information point will be part of this work.

**C/251/25 – Q11 Item ID: 87274 – Grand Canal**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin

To ask the Chief Executive how many times per week the bins along the Grand Canal Greenway in Clondalkin are emptied?

**REPLY:**   The bins along the Grand Canal are emptied weekly. There is provision in the contract to activate an increase in frequency if necessary.

**C/252/25 – H11 Item ID: 87204 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/253/25 – C5 Item ID: 87192 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/254/25 – M8 Item ID: 87076 – Corkagh Estate**

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

That this Area Committee requests SDCC look at the purchase of Corkagh Estate (https://www.daft.ie/for-sale/detached-house-corkagh-mill-house-and-farm-corkagh-mill-house-and-farm-corkagh-d22t667-grange-castle-co-dublin/6102694)

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

The Council had considered the purchase of this property but ultimately decided not to proceed. It is understood that the property is now sale agreed.

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

Mr. Laura Leonard, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED.**

**C/255/25 – M9 Item ID: 87111 – Purchase the Corkagh Estate**

Proposed by Councillor S. O’Hara

That this Area Committee calls on the Council to purchase the Corkagh Estate and transform it into a public amenity.

In the absence of Councillor S. O’Hara the motion **FELL**.

**C/256/25 – M10 Item ID: 87270 – Access to Round Tower**

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

This Area Committee agrees that the OPW should supply a mobile staircase that would allow tourist access to the Round Tower on a regular basis and can be stored nearby.

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

The Round Tower at Brú Chrónáin is under the auspices of the Office of Public Works (OPW) and this would be a matter for them. The Council has no role in the management and maintenance of this structure.

It should be noted that the Round Tower is a protected structure and national monument, with the views to and from the tower integral to its protected status. Allied to this, the surrounding garden and grounds form part of the curtilage of the protected structure, with any previous interventions within these grounds having been sensitively designed to ensure the protected status of the Round Tower has been safeguarded. There are no plans to erect any structures within these grounds to store mobile devices and the Council would have serious concerns with regard to same from an architectural conservation perspective, with the approach adopted by the Council to ensure that the protected status of the Round Tower is maintained at all times.

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

Mr. Mairead Murphy, A/Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED.**

**Libraries & Arts**

**C/257/25 – H12 Item ID: 87188 – Application for Arts grants.**

The following report was presented by Ms. A. Horan, Executive Librarian

[Application for Arts grants](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=86849&itemTxt=H-I13)

Report was NOTED.

**C/258/25 – H13 Item ID: 87201 – Library News & Events**

The following report was presented by Ms. A. Horan, Executive Librarian

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

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

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

**C/259/25 – H14 Item ID: 87207 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/260/25 – C6 Item ID: 87194 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/261/25 – M11 Item ID: 87077 – Joe Williams archive.**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor L. de Courcy

That this Area Committee requests SDCC Libraries look at the digitalisation of the Joe Williams archive and work on this with the Williams family in time for Joe Williams tenth anniversary in 2026.

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

Libraries will liaise with the custodians of the collection with a view to establishing the best way to proceed with the assessment of the overall collection and digitisation of selected items on our online digital archive, Source.

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

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

**Corporate Support**

**C/262/25 – H15 Item ID: 87203 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/263/25 – C7 Item ID: 87191 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/264/25 – M12 Item ID: 87040 – SDCC Arts Office**

Proposed by Councillor D. Adelaide.

That this Area Committee agrees to write to the Minister for Children emphasising the failure of the current funding model for childcare facilities, leaving parents in our area either without childcare or struggling to pay.

In the absence of Councillor D. Adelaide the motion **FELL**.

**C/265/25 – M13 Item ID: 87049 – School places for children with additional needs.**

Proposed by Councillor D. Adelaide.

That this Area Committee agrees to write to the Minister for Education demanding action on the lack of adequate school places for children with additional needs.

In the absence of Councillor D. Adelaide the motion **FELL**.

**C/266/25 – M14 Item ID: 87217 – Ban scooters from school grounds.**

Proposed by Councillor L. de Courcy and seconded by Councillor E. Ó Broin.

That this Area Committee agree to write to the principals of all secondary schools within this LEA asking them to ban scooters from school grounds for the safety of students, teachers and members of the public.

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

If this motion is agreed, a letter will issue to the principals of all secondary schools within this LEA as outlined above.

An amendment to the Motion was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons, seconded by Councillor W. Carey as follows:

That this Area Committee agree to write to the principals of all secondary schools within this LEA asking them to ban electric scooters from school grounds for the safety of students, teachers and members of the public.

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

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

**Performance & Change Management**

**C/267/25 – H16 Item ID: 87208 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/268/25 – C8 Item ID: 87195 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**Water & Drainage**

**C/269/25 – H17 Item ID: 87212 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/270/25 – C9 Item ID: 87199 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/271/25 – M15 Item ID: 87046 – Deansrath depot.**

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

That this Area Committee agrees that the manager should take action to ensure that noise levels from heavy machinery at Deansrath maintenance yard should be reduced and such works can only be carried out during a normal and acceptable timeframe and that materials such as sand, gravel and other aggregates shall be moved to alternative locations furthest from houses adjacent to the yard.

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

A reorganisation project for Deansrath Depot has commenced and will include examination and review of operations across a number of sections in the Depot.  Drinking Water and Wastewater operations have until now been the anchor tenant in the depot coupled with part of the Council's mechanical services section.  Water and Wastewater operations are now directly managed by Uisce Éireann who are based in Deansrath Depot as part of an SLA agreement.  All staff in Deansrath Depot have been instructed to make every effort to minimize disturbance to residents who live in the vicinity of the Depot.  Signs are in place to remind staff to keep noise to a minimum and keep the yard areas as clean as possible.  Operations in Deansrath usually take place within normal day working hours. However, Water & Waste Water Operations are a 24/7 service and they have to attend to emergencies after hours from time to time, usually to repair burst water mains which can occur at any time.

In November 2024 the Public Realm Operations depot at Grange closed and approximately 35 staff were relocated from there to Deansrath depot.  These staff are involved in cleansing, grass cutting, park maintenance, hedge cutting and tree maintenance works for the most part.  Public Realm staff cut the grass on the R136 and R148 on a fortnightly basis and this involves mobilising early at Deansrath depot on those mornings.  Staff are instructed to leave machinery ready to go first thing on those Saturdays mornings and that the movement of vehicles and machinery in a manner that causes noise such as reversing should be avoided.  The supervisors on duty have been instructed to monitor this to ensure staff compliance.

The transition to Irish Water has also led to the creation of the Natural Water Section which also operates from Deansrath depot however this section does not envisage the need to carry out late night or early morning operations in the depot.

The issue raised with regard to the storage of materials will be examined in detail when the design process for the depot upgrade commences later this year.  This process will require public consultation and Part 8 approval before upgrade works commence.  While it is not possible to remove materials storage areas until such time as those upgrade works are underway an examination of how these areas are currently being used will be carried out now to identify any measures that could be implemented to minimise disturbance to the neighbouring houses.

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

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

**Public Realm**

**C/272/25 – Q12 Item ID: 87285 – Lindisfarne Grove trees**

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey.

To ask the Chief Executive if council can prune the grove of trees at Lindisfarne Grove. These trees are placed between elderly residents accommodation and the height of these trees above the bungalow's is causing great stress for the residents here.

**REPLY:**  Lindisfarne Grove was last listed on the Council 2020-2022 Tree Maintenance Programme.  Works were conducted and completed on-site in January 2022. The works included crown reduction and crown lifting.

The trees in question have been inspected recently and further tree maintenance works have been identified. These works include crown reduction of the trees and removal of one tree. These works have been assigned to a contractor and will be prioritised accordingly.

**C/273/25 – H18 Item ID: 87210 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/274/25 – H19 Item ID: 87389 – Town and Village Renewal Scheme**

The following report was presented by Ms. Fiona Campbell, Administrative Officer.

[Town and Village Renewal Scheme](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=87389&itemTxt=H-I19%20&%20Events)

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

Ms. Fiona Campbell, Administrative Officer, responded to members queries and the report was **NOTED.**

**C/275/25 – C10 Item ID:87197– Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/276/25 – M16 Item ID: 86960 – Facilities and pavilions at Rathcoole Park.**

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan and seconded by Councillor F. Timons and unanimously **AGREED** without debate to accept the Chief Executive’s report.

That this Area Committee asks that the manager agrees to install toilets, facilities and pavilions at Rathcoole Park.

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

As previously reported to this area committee the preferred Land-Use and Movement Concept for the area incorporating the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028 was presented to Council at the May 2023 Council Meeting. The Housing Department is currently progressing a design with a view to a future planning proposal. The car parking arrangements for the new residential areas, the proposed pavillion and additional playing fields and the interaction with the existing park require consideration through the progression of the concept to a planning proposal.

The above proposal includes open space areas that will be considered in tandem with future plans for Rathcoole Park. Public Realm is engaging with the Housing Department through that process, ensuring proposals such as the proposal for the pavillion are integrated into the existing and proposed park uses.

**C/277/25 – M17 Item ID: 87286 – Sports Pavilion programme.**

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

This Area Committee agrees that the manager should expand the "Sports Pavilion" programme to provide community workspace and meeting room within communities where provision of large community centre may not be appropriate or necessary. These spaces to enable community groups to store equipment and act as a base for the positive works being carried out within these communities.

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

SDCC’s pavilion programme was agreed by the Council as part of its commitment to the health and well-being of its citizens. As clubs grow and develop, facilities such as changing rooms, and secure storage areas become essential to a club’s sustainability and success. A review of the pavilion programme was carried out and presented to the Council in April 2024. The review process identified a requirement for additional capital provision, which was approved for the 2025 budget. The programme will deliver sports changing rooms at 10 locations across the county, to facilitate groups using adjacent pitches / sport in parks as set out in the list below:

* Griffeen Valley Park (Part 8 approved)
* Corkagh Park ORR (Part 8 approved)
* Collinstown Park
* Kilnamanagh Open Space
* Dodder Valley Mt Carmel (Part 8 approved)
* Griffeen Valley / Arthur Griffith Park
* Tymon Park South
* Sean Walsh Park Artificial Pitch
* Kiltipper Park
* Willsbrook Park

The Part 8s for all the pavillions that still required planning permission (at Collinstown, Kilnamanagh, Sean Walsh Park, Arthur Griffith Park, Tymon Park South, Kiltipper & Willsbrook) were completed and passed by the Council in November and December 2024.

A framework tender for the modular buildings framework using Corkagh & Griffeen as the primary lcoations has recently completed. The detailed design and tender processes were extended due to required changes to the contract documents and requests from tenderers for additional time and that tender is now under assessment.  Once the manufacturers are appointed we will also progress the remaining locations with them as well. The pavillions are specifically planned and designed as changing rooms and are not planned or designed to be used as community rooms and would not be suitable for same. In addition they are located close to sports pitches in the main, which may not be ideally located for the use proposed. The budget agreed is sufficient for the sports pavillions currently underway.

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

Ms. Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent, responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED.**

**Environment**

**C/278/25 – H20 Item ID: 87205 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/279/25 – C11 Item ID: 87189 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/280/25 – M18 Item ID: 87271 – Illegal Dumping.**

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

That this Area Committee agrees to use all methods at its disposal to address this dumping black spot, with respect to dumping on the Bawnogue Road at Lindisfarne, and as follow up to Motion 6 from the October 2024 LEA, and the 13 reports (attached) of dumping in April 2025 alone.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated 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.

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 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.

The designated Litter Warden for this area is aware of a number of recent occurrences of illegal dumping at this location. The Litter Warden notes mainly bags of green waste and domestic waste have been dumped here.  It is noted that following the removal of dumped bags, further incidents of dumping has occurred. Residents have engaged with the Litter Warden and have requested the installation of CCTV for this location.

CCTV is appropriate where it is intended for deterring environmental pollution and aiding in the detection and prosecution of offences under the Waste Management Act 1996, as amended and the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended. CCTV can only be deployed for specific operational tasks in specific designated locations and not used for general patrol/ surveillance, i.e. a camera can only be focused on a discrete location and not a broad general area and automated number plate recognition and facial recognition devices are explicitly excluded.

To justify the necessity of implementing a CCTV Scheme for environmental enforcement issues at a specific location, and in accordance with the LGMA's codes of practice for the Operation of CCTV for the purposes of Prevention, Detection and Prosecution of Waste Offences and Litter Offences, SDCC have to prove the necessity based on:

* Relevant complaints received from the public
* Relevant enforcement actions taken and successful prosecutions
* Relevant recorded observations from the local authority

Before proposing a CCTV scheme, SDCC has to demonstrate, in accordance with the codes of practice, that less intrusive measures have been considered.

South Dublin has a listing of sites across the county in which less intrusive measures are being deployed and it is only where these less intrusive measures fail that a business case for the deployment of a CCTV scheme may be prepared for recommendation by the CCTV oversight board to the Chief Executive for authorisation. We currently have 4 business cases prepared for the oversight board.

There has already been an increase in Litter Patrols in the area, most recent inspection was last week with material removed.

Since the previous Motion in October 2024, South Dublin County Council has responded to the following relevant complaints received through the Environmental Complaint System within the wider Bawnogue area.

**November 2024 – Present**

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| Area | Reports Received | Fines Issued |
| Lindisfarne | 6 reports of illegal dumping | 1 fine issued |
| Deansrath Park | 1 report of illegal dumping | No evidence uncovered |
| Deansrath Road | 2 reports of illegal dumping | 1 fine issued |
| Bawnogue Road | 6 reports of illegal dumping | No evidence uncovered |

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

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

### The meeting concluded at 5:48 P.M.

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