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SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Clondalkin, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart and Brittas Area Committee Meeting Wed, 15 October 2025 held on Wednesday 15 October 2025

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Cathaoirleach, Councillor Francis Timmons
Councillor Darragh Adelaide
Councillor William Joseph Carey
Councillor Linda de Courcy
Councillor Trevor Gilligan
Councillor Eoin Ó Broin
Councillor Shirley O'Hara

Apologies:

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Senior Executive Officer	Ms. Sharon Conroy
Administrative Officer	Ms. Laura Abbey
Senior Executive Parks Superintendent	Mr. David Fennell
Administrative Officer	Mr. Joe Lumumba
Senior Planner	Mr. Colin Clarke
Senior Engineer	Mr. John Joe Hegarty
Senior Engineer	Mr. Gary Walsh
Executive Librarian (Senior Librarian)	Ms. Aoife Horan
Staff Officer	Ms. Roisin Ralph
Clerical Officer	Ms. Jennifer Murphy

C/411/25 - H1 Item ID: 88516 - Confirmation and re-affirmation of minutes of meeting held on 17th September 2025.

The minutes of the June meeting of the Clondalkin, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart and Brittas Area Committee meeting dealing with Planning, Transportation, Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Performance & Change Management, Corporate Support, Public Realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing and held on 17th September 2025 which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

[H-I \(1\) Minutes of 17th September 2025](#)

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

"That the recommendations contained in the minutes of 17th September 2025 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**"

C/412/25 – QUESTIONS

Questions 1-16 were proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor W. Carey:

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

Performance Change Management

C/413/25 - H2 Item ID: 88510 - New Works

(No Business)

C/414/25 - C1 Item ID: 88497 - Correspondence

(No Business)

Corporate Support

C/415/25 - H3 Item ID: 88505 - New Works

(No Business)

C/416/25 - C2 Item ID: 88493 - Correspondence

(No Business)

C/417/25 - M1 Item ID: 88423 - Cathaoirleach's Business - Acknowledge St Finian's National School

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor W. Carey and unanimously **AGREED without debate** to accept the Chief Executive's report.

That this Area Committee congratulate and acknowledge 200 years of St Finian's National School and the contribution of all teachers both past and present on the young people of Newcastle for the last 200 years.

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

If the motion is agreed, a letter will issue to St Finian's National school to congratulate them as outlined above.

C/418/25 - M2 Item ID: 88519 - Representative from NTA to go to Southwest Clondalkin Transport forum meeting

Proposed by Councillor D. Adelaide and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

That this Area Committee write to the National Transport Authority (NTA) requesting that they send a representative to the next 'South West Clondalkin Transport Forum Meeting'.

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

If the motion is agreed, a letter will issue to the National Transport Authority (NTA) requesting that they send a representative to the next South West Clondalkin Transport Forum Meeting.

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

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

C/419/25 - M3 Item ID: 88546 - Proposed closure of Junction 1A Naas road (n7)

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

That this Area Committee writes to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to express serious concern over the proposed closure of the Naas Road (N7) junction at Boot Road, Clondalkin (Junction 1A), and requests that this proposal be withdrawn, as the junction has been upgraded for safety purposes.

Amendment proposed by Councillor L. de Courcy and seconded by Councillor W. Carey

That this Area Committee writes to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to express serious concern over the proposed closure of the Naas Road (N7) junction at Boot Road, Clondalkin (Junction 1A), and requests that this proposal be withdrawn, *and we welcome the opportunity to engage with TII to enhance the safety of the exit.*

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors S. O'Hara, L. de Courcy, F. Timmons, W. Carey and T. Gilligan.

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

If the motion is agreed, a letter will issue to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) as outlined above.

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

C/420/25 - M4 Item ID: 88557 - Cathaoirleach's Business - 50th Anniversary of Nano Nagle school

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor L. de Courcy and unanimously **AGREED without debate** to accept the Chief Executive's report.

That this Area Committee write to the Principal, staff and board of Nano Nagle school to congratulate them on 50th anniversary of the school.

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

If the motion is agreed, a letter will issue to the Principal, staff and board of Nano Nagle school as outlined above.

C/421/25 - M5 Item ID: 88591 - Cathaoirleach's Business - Retired Active Men's Social (RAMS)

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

That this Area Committee congratulate the Retired Active Men's Social (RAMs) on fifteen years of success and also raising thousands for Charity.

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

If the motion is agreed, a letter will issue to the Retired Active Men's Social (RAMs) as outlined above.

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

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

Water & Drainage

C/422/25 - H4 Item ID: 88514 – New Works

(No Business)

C/423/25 - C3 Item ID: 88501 - Correspondence

(No Business)

Public Realm

C/424/25 - Q1 Item ID: 88323

Proposed by Councillor L. de Courcy

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the "Pizza Box bins", have they been used for empty pizza boxes, have other items also been placed in these bins?

REPLY:

The pizza bins on Main Street and Monastery Road would have approximately 40 pizza boxes removed from them each week. Other items that have been placed in the bins include bottles, cans and empty bags.

C/425/25 - Q2 Item ID: 88381

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive what is the delay in permitting Mini Forest preparation & planting, requests are months with SDCC?

REPLY:

Any request received for the planting of a mini woodland is assessed to determine if the proposal is appropriate in the first instance. Matters to consider include the ownership of the land, the location in proximity to other features, appropriateness of the site, presence of overhead and underground services, land zoning and proposed future use of the land. This process is unavoidable and can result in long lead in times before proposed sites are considered suitable.

C/426/25 - Q3 Item ID: 88441

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on what actions and progress SDCC has made on getting the Council owned heritage sites of Fairview Oil Mills and St. Cuthbert's Church back into public use - amenity.

REPLY:

Fairview Oil Mills

The first stage of works commenced on the Oil Mills in 2025 with the appointment of an Architectural Conservation Engineer who has undertaken and organised a number of surveys. The surveys include an Initial Inspection Report of the structure including a Photogrammetry Survey. The findings of the report have been used to compile a tender document to engage a specialist contractor to commence site clearance. It is hoped to have a contractor in place to commence this work in Q4. A Preliminary Ecological Assessment was also carried out, and works are being organised having regard to the findings of this report.

St Cuthberts Church

Works will commence in November on the church and the adjacent moated site in St Cuthbert's Park, as provided for in the approved Part VIII. These are protected heritage features, and the works will involve careful vegetation clearance and site stabilisation to allow detailed archaeological and structural assessment. The aim is to protect and

conserve the church and moat, while opening up key views of the church and enhancing their visibility and integration within the wider park landscape.

C/427/25 - Q4 Item ID: 88558

Proposed by Councillor S. O'Hara

To ask the Chief Executive what immediate and long-term measures are being taken by the council to address the growing issue of graffiti in Clondalkin, particularly in public spaces, parks, and near schools. Residents are increasingly frustrated by the lack of visible clean-up efforts and prevention strategies. Will the council commit to increasing resources for graffiti removal and implementing deterrents such as better lighting or community-based initiatives.

REPLY:

SDCC regularly receive reports of graffiti throughout Clondalkin. 57 sites were sent to the contractor in January which were all cleansed. Sites such as the 9th Lock Road and Sally Lane are frequently referred to various contractors/departments. Sites at Watery Lane and Lealand Grove were referred in July.

Recently a number of reports were referred to the probation services, ESB and Litter Warden to investigate and remove. Reports are referred as quickly as possible provided exact locations are received.

Once a report of graffiti is received with exact locations and accompanying photos they are referred to the relevant contractor/departments. We have added the online graffiti reporting form to the SDCC website [SDCC Forms - Graffiti Report](#) to streamline the process and it is proving effective so far. The form allows the public, residents groups and councillors to report graffiti online and to upload details of the location and photos of the graffiti to allow for quicker referral.

We have a contractor, the probation services, our depot staff, litter wardens, public lighting team and roads dept all working on graffiti. Utility boxes and some lamp posts are referred to the ESB but they can take some time investigating the reports.

There is a high rate of reoccurrence in Clondalkin so whilst we do work as quickly as possible to remove the graffiti, it often reappears quite quickly.

C/428/25 - Q5 Item ID: 88570

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey

To ask the Chief Executive if they can offer a date for completion of works in Corkagh park or alternatively a timetable and schedule for completion of different aspects of the project? It has become a cause of concern among local users of the park that the project delay is detrimental to full use of the park.

REPLY:

The café building in Corkagh Park is due to open within the next 2 weeks. The adjacent stage and plaza area will be completed in early November. The stage site will be cordoned off so it will not cause any hindrance to the operation of the café during this time. All carpark areas are fully open, however temporary gates are in place at the St. John's Carpark and the Outer Ring Road Carpark. The permanent iron gates will be installed before the end of this month. The replacement of signage and wayfinding in the park has been delayed due to SDCC's rebranding. Work is presently progressing on the redesign, and installation is due to commence in November.

C/429/25 - Q6 Item ID: 88577

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin

To ask the Chief Executive for a progress report on the apple trees that were planted as part of the 300K Have Your Say initiative for Clondalkin and on subsequent LEA motions calling for other fruit trees and bushes such as pears, plums, gooseberries and mulberries to be planted.

REPLY:

The Council planted 62 apple trees across four different locations in 2019. The locations are set out in the table below along with the status of the trees.

Location	Details	No of trees planted	No of trees present	Reason for missing trees
Corkagh Park	Between cycle track and dog run	35	33	Failed to establish
Clondalkin Park	In wildflower meadow near R113/St John's Estate	5	0	Vandalised
Monastery Gate Close	Open space near Mount Talbot	15	10	Failed to establish
Riversdale estate	Open space between Crescent & Park	7	0	Vandalised

The Corkagh Park orchard has been enhanced by the planting of additional trees by Clondalkin Tidy Towns in March 2023 under the Orchards in the Community/DCs for Bees scheme, which is an initiative to help save the declining bee population. Three apple varieties, a pear and a plum tree were planted.

The Monastery Gate Close orchard has been slower to establish but is growing well. Additional trees were planted at this location during the 2023/2024 planting

season to replace five trees that failed to establish. These included pear and plum varieties.

Gooseberries (*Ribes uva-crispa*) are a soft fruit bush that require a bit more maintenance than fruiting trees. Most varieties have prickly stems and would be more suitable to growing in an allotment or private garden where they can be pruned twice a year as required and their susceptibility for mildew can be monitored.

Mulberries (*Morus*) are a deciduous trees and shrubs native to Africa, Asia and North and South America. While frost hardy their tender unripened wood may be damaged by frost. They are more suited to town or coastal gardens.

C/430/25 - H5 Item ID: 88512 – New Works

(No Business)

C/431/25 - C4 Item ID: 88499 - Correspondence

(No Business)

C/432/25 - M6 Item ID: 88224 - To address vehicles at Corkagh park & lakes

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan.

That this Area Committee address vehicles, cars & vans through Corkagh park & the lakes.

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

C/433/25 - M7 Item ID: 88431 - Illegal dumping at lilliput Brideswell lane

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan.

That this Area Committee requests the manager address Lilliput Brideswell Lane, specifically the area outside the house opposite St. Brigid's Well. The lane is currently affected by illegal dumping, persistent littering, the presence of hazardous gas canisters, and graffiti defacing the utility box. Photographic evidence has been provided to support this request.

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

C/434/25 - M8 Item ID: 88575 - Knockmitten All-weather football pitch

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

That this Area Committee agrees to discuss the use of the new all-weather football pitch in Knockmitten which was officially opened on June 23rd.

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

At the time of the opening at Knockmitten on June 23rd, the project had not yet achieved substantial completion, as defined in the contract and industry practice. Substantial Completion signifies the stage at which the work is sufficiently complete in accordance

with the approved plans and specifications, such that the facility may be safely and lawfully used for its intended purpose. This certification must be formally issued by the project's design and construction professionals before occupancy or full operational use can occur.

Without the Certificate of Substantial Completion, certain critical systems—such as safety, mechanical, electrical, or accessibility components—may not yet have been fully tested, commissioned, or accepted. Commencing use of the facility prior to obtaining this certification would have exposed both SDCC (the owner) and the public to potential safety risks, regulatory noncompliance, and liability concerns.

The opening was therefore conducted primarily for demonstration and familiarization purposes, allowing stakeholders to preview the facility's features and identify any final adjustments or deficiencies prior to official turnover.

There were some outstanding items at Knockmitten artificial grass pitch following the opening in June. These included:

- Installation and securing of kicker boards surrounding the bottom of the fence of the facility
- Installation of access path to the maintenance gate
- Replacement of gate hinges at the basketball Muga
- Installation of permanent signage

These items have been addressed over the past few months, and we now have substantial completion achieved. Bookings for the artificial grass pitch at Knockmitten Park are managed through the Sportskey system. Public Realm have had discussions with Knockmitten United FC and have agreed terms and times of usage with the club. Similar to other SDCC artificial grass pitches, local clubs can apply for an allocation on the pitch, these time spots can be allocated to the club for the agreed amount of time, and all remaining spots will be available to book on a first come first served basis by all registered users.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors E. Ó Broin.

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

Environment

C/435/25 - H6 Item ID: 88507 - New Works

(No Business)

C/436/25 – C5 Item ID: 88491 - Correspondence

(No Business)

C/437/25 – M9 Item ID: 88432 - Issue of fine re. dog fouling

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan.

That this Area Committee requests the manager issue a fine re: the dog fouling witness report I submitted in July, happened blatantly outside a public school on a public pathway frequented by 100's of school going kids and parents daily.

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

C/438/25 – M10 Item ID: 88476 - Request for €10,000 interest free pre-credit facility for reliable tidy towns & community groups

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan.

That this Area Committee request the manager agree a €10,000 interest free, pre credit facility for a select number of reliable tidy towns and community groups in the Clondalkin LEA. Groups must provide transparency and value for money the current year, within reason to be accepted onto the program, the following year. €10K comprised of 10 community groups * €1K, to be eligible for the fund, groups can claim max 50% up to €1K.

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

C/439/25 - M11 Item ID: 88567 - Bulk waste collection prior to Halloween

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons and unanimously **AGREED without debate** to accept the Chief Executive's report.

That this Area Committee agrees that SDCC should provide a bulk waste collection programme prior to Halloween in conjunction with resident's associations seeking to tackle bonfires being erected.

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

Halloween is a time of celebration but regrettably, can also be a time of environmental and property damage. This has a significant impact on resources available to South Dublin County Council for the provision of facilities and amenities within the county. As with previous years, the Council is prioritising a safe Halloween in 2025, in an effort to reduce injury to individuals and damage to property and the environment.

The Council has already run initiatives such as the mattress amnesty and the hazardous liquid waste collections across the county during August and September in the lead up to Halloween.

The Council requests all businesses and householders to ensure that all material such as tyres, timber, pallets, bulky waste and other flammable waste, is to be securely stored and not made available for use as bonfire material. Over 200 letters have been issued to date to local businesses and further letters will be issued over the coming

week. Drones may also be used to carry out inspections and investigations where necessary, in relation to stockpiling of materials and waste.

Should residents associations become aware of locations where potential bonfire material is being stockpiled or of premises presenting their waste for bonfire material, please notify South Dublin County Council directly at 01-4149000 during office hours, or at 01-4574907 outside of office hours, or by email to publicrealm@sducoco.ie

C/440/25 - M12 Item ID: 88578 - Bawnogue road litter black spot

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

That this Area Committee agrees that more needs to be done to address the litter black spot on the Bawnogue Road between the vehicle entrance to Lindisfarne and the turn for the Lock View Road.

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

The Councils Litter Warden for the area has been in contact with a resident who has witnessed individuals disposing of material at various locations along this stretch of road. Following investigation, a number of addresses have been shared with our Waste Enforcement Officers who will carry out targeted inspections of the properties and how their waste is being disposed of. Any non-compliances identified under South Dublin's 2018 Household and Commercial Waste Bye-Laws and/or the Waste Management Act 2006 will be subject of enforcement actions.

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

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

Community

C/441/25 - Q7 Item ID: 88442

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on what actions and progress SDCC has made on getting the Council owned old swimming pool back into a community facility?

REPLY:

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

The first stage for any development plans for the old swimming pool, will be a requirement to complete an assessment of the condition of the old and to outline

options/costing for what may be possible. The Council will look to have this assessment commissioned upon completion of other capital projects that already been committed to within the Council Capital programme.

C/442/25 - H7 Item ID: 88502 - Deputations for Noting

(No Business)

C/443/25 - H8 Item ID: 88504 - New Works

(No Business)

C/444/25 - C6 Item ID: 88492 - Correspondence

(No Business)

C/445/25 - M13 Item ID: 88583 - Cathaoirleach's Business - Clondalkin men's shed

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

That this Area Committee request that SDCC work with Clondalkin Men's Shed in expanding the shed to Council property next to the current shed.

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

The Community Development Team will engage with Clondalkin Men's Shed to explore how the Council can best support the group. Regarding the potential expansion of the current facility into the adjoining Council property, it should be noted that these units are designated housing assets. The Housing Department currently has no plans to relinquish this property.

A discussion followed with contributions by Councillor F. Timmons, W. Carey, D. Adelaide and S. O'Hara.

Mr J. Lumumba, Administrative Officer, responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED**.

Housing

C/446/25 - Q8 Item ID: 88574

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin

To ask the Chief Executive where people on the social housing list ordinarily resident in the LEA, seek to enter SDCC homeless services, and such accommodation is not available in the LEA, what other locations are offered to them?

REPLY:

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) is provided by Dublin City Council as the lead statutory authority on the response to homelessness in Dublin and adopts a

shared service approach across the Dublin region on behalf of South Dublin County Council, Fingal County Council and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

Following a needs assessment for Emergency Accommodation, eligible applicants will be provided with a placement within the South Dublin administrative area where capacity permits. Should placements within the county be exhausted, the applicant will be directed to the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE) Freephone service or the Family Support Team to secure an alternative solution. These placements are generally located within Dublin City Centre or adjacent areas, based on confirmed availability

C/447/25 - H9 Item ID: 88508 - New Works

(No Business)

C/448/25 - C7 Item ID: 88495 - Correspondence

(No Business)

Planning

C/449/25 - Q9 Item ID: 88443

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the poor state of the old RIC Barracks on Old Nangor Rd and how SDCC will get owners of the property to clean it up and progress work, also can SDCC visit the site and have it examined and assure Cllrs the building is being "protected" under the relevant legislation?

[Q9 73acac47-b580-4af1-ac78-cd72005ce689](#)

[Q9 81b479f9-48bb-480f-8b4f-589e665205b8](#)

[Q9 888fae5b-34f1-4485-b04d-d83baf21d960](#)

REPLY:

This site is currently being monitored by the Derelict Sites section. A re-inspection of the site has been requested and any further action available under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 will be taken. Planning Enforcement have also visited the site on the 9th September 2025 and confirmed that any rubble had been removed and no further enforcement action was warranted at this point.

C/450/25 - Q10 Item ID: 88518

Proposed by Councillor L. de Courcy

To ask the Chief Executive why the large scale illegal development at Chianti Park in Brittas is being allowed to proceed without any planning permission sought when there

are so many serious health and safety concerns, including explosions and fires, on the site?

REPLY:

The Council has investigated the matter in accordance with the planning regime. This is now sub judice, and as such the Council is unable to comment further at this stage.

C/451/25 – H10 Item ID: 88511 - New Works

(No Business)

C/452/25 – C8 Item ID: 88498 - Correspondence

(No Business)

C/453/25 – M14 Item ID: 88563 - Cathaoirleach's Business - Liaise with landowners along Slí Mhór

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

That this Area Committee requests SDCC liaise effectively with relevant landowners along the Slí Mhór (Knockmeenagh Lane) to inform them of the important economic and tourist heritage of this pathway and to engender their respect for it so that further erosion or damage to it is prevented. Knockmeenagh Lane is part of the pre-Christian Slí Mhór, established well before 432AD. The route once led directly to St Brigid's Well where rare drinkable water was available for people and their animals in those times.

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

Knockmeenagh Lane has a long history in the settlement of Clondalkin. It is represented on old historic 6-inch maps, where it forms the boundary between the three townland boundaries of Clondalkin, Red Cow, and Bushelloaf townlands. The Lane would appear to be a spur off the ancient highway known as the Slí Mhór, which traversed Ireland from Dublin to Clarinbridge, County Galway. This roadway was also known as the Eiscir Riada. Stopping points, or short spurs, occurred along the main roadway, allowing travellers access villages and religious destinations along the route. The Slí Mhór passed through the Red Cow, up Monastery Road, and into the monastic settlement at the Round Tower site. Knockmeenagh Lane likely represents a short spur, or diversion, off this main route, taking travellers to the nearby well of St. Brigid before they proceeded to the monastery. Much of the eastern end of the lane is in private ownership. Options to raise awareness and engage with relevant landowners on the historic nature and cultural heritage value of this laneway can be considered under the County Heritage Plan.

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

Mr. Colin Clarke, Senior Planner responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED**.

Transportation

C/454/25 – Q11 Item ID: 88377

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive would the Council consider putting in a wheelchair space at the pedestrian entrance to Corkagh Park on Cherrywood Crescent and a shaded area to stop cars blocking the access from the road onto the path for wheelchairs and buggies?

REPLY:

The location at the pedestrian entrance to Corkagh Park on Cherrywood Crescent will be assessed for the provision of a dedicated disabled parking space, together with the introduction of double yellow line markings to prevent vehicles from obstructing access for wheelchairs and buggies.

C/455/25 – Q12 Item ID: 88378

Proposed by Councillor S. O'Hara

To ask the Chief Executive to consider repainting the disabled parking bay outside St Martin's National School, Brittas, in blue to improve its visibility and ensure it is identifiable to all road users.

REPLY:

This will be added to our road marking renewal list

C/456/25 – Q13 Item ID: 88433

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan

To ask the Chief Executive if the manager is happy with the works to date on the Bawnogue road upgrade scheme and to explain why we had to go back a 2nd time to make changes to the proposed works? Residents have stated the upgrades have since made the road more dangerous since there is less space to manoeuvre on the road.

REPLY:

We have no record of work having to be re-done on Bawnogue Road. If there was work re-done it was not upon request from SDCC so was possibly work being re-done by the contractor.

C/457/25 – Q14 Item ID: 88569

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey

To ask the Chief Executive if it is possible to introduce restrictions on times for heavy delivery vehicles that deliver goods to shops and business within housing estates or close to schools?

REPLY:

South Dublin County Council are in the process of reviewing the HGV restrictions in the County. Currently, there are time limited restrictions for a limited number of roads near schools in our county. In the new round of reviews, additional time limited restrictions near schools can be considered.

It would be a departure to consider time limited HGV restrictions for shop deliveries in housing developments. It could lead to most roads in the county having weight restrictions of some kind.

This departure to introduce time limited HGV restrictions for shop deliveries in housing estates would greatly increase the Gardaí resources required and complication to enforce such restrictions.

Each proposed weight restriction must be agreed between SDCC and an Garda Síochána before it can be put in place. It is very unlikely that the extension of time limited weight restrictions to shop deliveries in housing estates would get Garda agreement.

C/458/25 – H11 Item ID: 88513 - SDCC Winter Service Plan

The following report was presented by Mr. G. Walsh, Senior Engineer

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A discussion followed with contributions Councillor E. Ó Broin, T. Gilligan and S. O'Hara

Mr. G. Walsh, Senior Engineer, responded to members queries and the report was

NOTED.

C/459/25 – H12 Item ID: 88515 - Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads

(No Business)

C/460/25 – H13 Item ID: 88600 – New Works

(No Business)

C/461/25 – C9 Item ID: 88500 – Correspondence

(No Business)

C/462/25 – M15 Item ID: 88228 - Resurfacing of Nangor Rd – Taken with Motion 19

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

That this Area Committee agrees to ask the manager to address the Nangor Rd, at the double roundabout which has had lines repainted when the potholes haven't been filled in. It was thought that Gas Networks Ireland (GNI) were resurfacing the road after

digging it up. When will the road be resurfaced? The whole length of the Nangor road is in an awful state.

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

The road markings added to the roundabout were STOP lines as there was a number of concerns raised regarding these being faded.

The Nangor Road resurfacing works is currently on site.

C/463/25 – M19 Item ID: 88576 - Resurfacing works for the new Nangor Rd - Taken with Motion 15

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

That this Area Committee agrees to discuss the resurfacing works planned for the New Nangor Road.

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

Resurfacing works on the Nangor Road are currently ongoing.

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

Mr. G. Walsh, Senior Engineer, responded to the members queries, and the two motions were **AGREED**.

C/464/25 – M16 Item ID: 88379 – Castlelyon & Alymer view, access closure

Proposed by Councillor S. O'Hara and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons, unanimously **AGREED** without debate to accept the Chief Executive's report.

That this Area Committee consider closing the access between Castlelyon and Alymer View Green estate in Newcastle, as it is contributing to both road safety issues and antisocial behaviour.

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

The road layout for both the Castelyon estate and Aylmer estate are in accordance with their granted planning permissions.

Both estate road layouts are designed in accordance with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets, which supports low speed car access and promotes pedestrian and cycle safety.

Currently, both estates are not Taken in Charge (TIC) by the Council. Both estates are being progressed through the TIC process.

It is not the policy of South Dublin County Council to close permeability links in housing estates. Closing vehicle access links does lead to greater pressure on other junctions with increases in queue lengths at peak times.

I have surveyed both estates in relation to speed ramps and raised tables. Both estates have such measures in place.

However, if specific speeding issues are identified at locations, or if other road safety issues are identified, SDCC can further look at these areas when both estates are in the charge of the Council.

C/465/25 – M17 Item ID: 88444 - Construct bus stops on Hazelhatch Rd R405

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

That this Area Committee agrees to construct bus stops between on the Hazelhatch Road, R405, between the Grand Canal and Newcastle Village, to facilitate use of the W6 bus without delay.

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

The National Transport Authority and the bus service providers are responsible for providing new or additional bus stops on bus routes such as the W6.

South Dublin County Council has raised this issue with the National Transport Authority and the Bus Service providers. The NTA has agreed in principle that additional bus stops are required at the described location. The next steps are to identify exact locations for the bus stops, complete detailed designs for them and get final approval from the NTA to deliver them.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors E. Ó Broin.

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

C/466/25 – M18 Item ID: 88568 - Sacred Heart primary school to introduce the safe school street restrictions

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons, unanimously **AGREED** without debate to accept the Chief Executive's report.

That this Area Committee agrees that the manager should correspond with the principal of Sacred Heart Primary School, Sruleen Parish, Greenpark / St. John's with a view to introducing the safe school street restrictions.

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

The Road Safety Office & Traffic Management Office had an onsite meeting with the principal of Sacred Heart NS Sruleen, on Thursday 9th September last, to review concerns raised in relation to road safety at the school. Arrangements are being made to extend the double yellow lines in this vicinity.

Sacred Heart NS Sruleen will be included as a candidate school in the Safe School Zone Programme. The project lead will make contact with the principal after the current tranche of Safe School Zone works are completed.

Libraries Arts

C/467/25 – Q15 Item ID: 88571

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey

To ask the Chief Executive if they can look at the feasibility of establishing permanent satellite libraries in villages of Saggart, Newcastle, and Rathcoole?

REPLY:

SDCC Libraries current branch network consists of 6 full-time branches of varying size and age and one part-time branch in Palmerstown. In addition, our mobile library service operates across the county, serving a catchment population of around 10,000 people through the public stop timetable. The mobile library service also delivers housebound services and visits to schools, creches, nursing homes, and other facilities.

The following projects are current capital priorities in line with Our Library, Our Future: SDCC Libraries Development Plan 2023-2027, and the County Development Plan (2022-2028).

- Citywest [Saggart] – a 1,700 sq metre library is currently under construction
- Rathcoole – this project is at Initiation Stage
- Clondalkin Library – Access Improvement and Refurbishment Works (Detailed design stage)
- Adamstown (Pre-planning)

While there are no current plans for a library in Newcastle, preliminary planning work for future developments, i.e. analysis of our current network coverage, is ongoing. The process is led by the County Development Plan and influenced by the requirements to maintain and refurbish our current network. Other factors to be considered include; geographical area and population; location of next nearest library service; social impact; project complexity; potential for external funding; and range of ultimate cost.

C/468/25 – H14 Item ID: 88503 - Library News & Events

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

[H-I \(14\) ACM Events Report](#)

[H-I \(14\) Library Event Stats](#)

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

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

C/469/25 – H15 Item ID: 88509 - New Works

(No Business)

C/470/25 – C10 Item ID: 88496 - Correspondence

(No Business)

Economic Development

C/471/25 – Q16 Item ID: 88579

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on Motion 1 from the February 2025 LEA which sought assistance establishing the ownership structure of the Mill Ponds in Clondalkin.

REPLY:

As a general principle, the Council does not undertake title or ownership research on lands that are not in its ownership.

Carrying out such work can be complex and often requires specialist legal expertise and significant staff resources. It would not be appropriate to establish a precedent of conducting this work on behalf of third parties.

Information on land ownership is publicly available through the Property Registration Authority should any party wish to obtain it directly.

C/472/25 – H16 Item ID: 88506 - New Works

(No Business)

C/473/25 – C11 Item ID: 88494 - Correspondence

(No Business)

The meeting concluded at 4.43 P.M.

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