

## **COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS**

### **SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Clondalkin, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart and Brittas Area Committee Meeting Wed, 17 December 2025

#### **COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

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

#### **Apologies:**

Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

#### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Senior Executive Officer	Ms. Sharon Conroy
Senior Executive Officer	Ms. Edel Clancy
Senior Executive Parks Superintendent	Mr. David Fennell
Senior Executive Officer	Ms. Vivienne Hartnett
A/Senior Executive Officer	Ms. Fiona Hendley
Senior Executive Architect	Ms. Sinéad Collins
Senior Engineer	Mr. John Joe Hegarty
Executive Librarian (Senior Librarian)	Ms. Aoife Horan
Senior Staff Officer	Mr. John Savage
Staff Officer	Ms. Roisin Ralph
Assistant Staff Officer	Ms. Ciara O'Neill
Clerical Officer	Ms. Jennifer Murphy

#### **C/536/25 - H1 Item ID: 89219 - Confirmation and re-affirmation of minutes of meeting 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025.**

The minutes of the November 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 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025 which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

## H-I (1) Minutes of 19th November 2025

It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons, seconded by Councillor S. O'Hara and **RESOLVED:** "That the recommendations contained in the minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**."

### **C/537/25 – QUESTIONS**

Questions 1-17 were proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor W. Carey:

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

## **Community**

### **C/538/25 - Q1 Item ID: 89483**

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey

To ask the Chief executive for an update on plans for the re-use of the former Clondalkin swimming pool building.

### **REPLY:**

We are aware of requests from local community groups in relation to the availability of community space in the Clondalkin Village area and these requests and overall availability of Community Infrastructure for all Community Groups in the area is being examined and reviewed within the context of the formulation of the Local Area Plan.

The former swimming pool building beside Clondalkin Leisure Centre requires a detailed assessment of works required and assessment of best use of space. This needs to be completed in conjunction with a review of the Civic Centre and the Local Area Plan.

When this is complete and the use of the pool space has been decided on, the old pool will be added to the Capital Programme.

### **C/539/25 – H2 Item ID: 89203 - Deputations for Noting**

(No Business)

### **C/540/25 – H3 Item ID: 89205 - New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/541/25 - C1 Item ID: 89193 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/542/25 – M1 Item ID: 89147 – Report request for Clondalkin Swimming Pool.**

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

That this Area Committee agrees that the relevant manager should commit to producing a report discussing future use of the Clondalkin pool and a potential timeline for public consultation. This report is to be presented to councillors in a briefing.

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

If this motion is agreed a report can be presented to the ACM regarding possible use of the old pool.

The current building requires a detailed assessment of works required and assessment of best use of space. This needs to be completed in conjunction with a review of the Civic Centre and the Local Area Plan. When this is complete and potential use of the pool space identified, the old pool will be added to the Capital Programme and a report to this ACM provided.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors D. Adelaide, F. Timmons and W. Carey.

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

**C/543/25 – M2 Item ID: 89181 - Cathaoirleach's Business – Repaint yellow lines at Clondalkin Swimming Pool carpark.**

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 request that the yellow lines at Clondalkin swimming pool carpark are repainted?

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

If this motion is agreed the Community Department will arrange for the repainting of existing yellow lines.

## **Housing**

**C/544/25 – H4 Item ID: 89209 - New Works**

(No Business)

**C/545/25 - C2 Item ID: 89196 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/546/25 – H5 Item ID: 89482 – Draft Part 8 proposal Lock Road Traveller Accommodation**

The following report was presented by Ms. F. Hendley, Senior Executive Officer and Ms. Sinéad Collins, Senior Executive Architect.

**H-I (5) Draft Part 8 proposal Lock Road Traveller Accommodation**

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor. L. de Courcy.

Ms. F. Hendley, Senior Executive Officer and Ms. Sinéad Collins, Senior Executive Architect, responded to members queries and the report was **NOTED**.

**C/547/25 – M3 Item ID: 89485 – Ashwood Estate & New Canal Extension Site**

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

That this Area Committee calls upon SDCC to enter into meaningful engagement to resolve issues pertaining to boundary treatment between Ashwood Estate and the new Canal Extension site.

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

Since construction commenced in November 2023, The council and our contractor's project manager have engaged extensively with residents of Ashwood Road and Ashwood Drive whose homes adjoin the Canal Bank development. This engagement has included numerous site visits by council officials and the contractor, direct meetings with affected residents and extensive written and telephone correspondence to address concerns raised throughout the construction process.

As a result of these sustained efforts, a significant number of design changes and boundary improvements were agreed with residents and have now been delivered. These works include the installation of new post-and-panel fencing, which in some cases incorporated additional back garden space, as well as the raising of walls within the new development to enhance the privacy for residents in the existing houses. The new boundary fencing was installed along the line of the existing walls rather than adding further height to the original boundary walls. This approach was taken on the advice of our architects and engineering team, as increasing the height of older walls could have undermined their structural integrity. This was the most feasible option, providing the best achievable privacy without affecting structural or safety requirements.

At the request of residents, several trees along the shared boundary were also removed. Any remaining stumps have been treated to prevent regrowth and have been overlaid with stones to ensure a tidy and stable finish. With boundary treatments largely in place and landscaping works now close to completion, the visual outlook from the Ashwood

estate will continue to improve as the project transitions from construction to its finished state.

Throughout this process, a range of additional options—such as the introduction of hedging—were also explored in good faith. While some alternatives were not taken forward due to concerns expressed by residents, every reasonable effort was made to accommodate requests where feasible. It is also important to note that not all residents invited to discuss boundary treatments chose to engage with the local authority.

We will re-engage with residents whose boundary treatments remain outstanding to discuss and agree possible solutions. However, previously agreed and implemented measures will not be revisited. There are practical limits to what can be achieved within a residential development. While every reasonable and proportionate step has been taken to enhance privacy, it is not feasible—within the constraints of planning, engineering, and the established layout of both estates—to deliver an absolute level of privacy beyond what is typical or achievable in urban housing developments.

We will continue to engage constructively with residents to ensure that the final boundary arrangements are appropriate and consistent with planning and design standards, while balancing the needs of both existing and new residents.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor W. Carey.

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

## **Planning**

### **C/548/25 – Q2 Item ID: 89223**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive would they give an updated timeframe and detailed report on the County Development Plan agreed for Saggart Local Area Plan now known as Saggart Framework plan?

#### **REPLY:**

The County Development Plan 2022-2028 provides for a local area plan for Saggart;

QDP14 Objective 5:

To prepare a Local Area Plan for Saggart.

The LAP for Saggart is not on the current work programme. The workplan will be reviewed for 2026 having regard to the resources needed to finalise Variation no. 1: Clondalkin Local Planning Framework in Q1/Q2 next year, Variation no. 2 relating to the zoning of land to accommodate revised housing targets, to Variation for City Edge and to

the list of other objectives in the adopted Development Plan and preparation work that may need to be undertaking for a review of the County Development Plan.

**C/549/25 – Q3 Item ID: 89366**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that no LRD planning application was received for the site behind the Mill Shopping Centre in Clondalkin, within the six months period from SDCC issuing an LRD opinion on outline proposals presented at an LRD meeting?

**REPLY:**

The Planning Authority's Opinion Report regarding the LRD application at lands adjacent to The Mill Shopping Centre (SDCC Reg Ref LRDP001/25) was issued on 16/04/25. No Stage 3/final application with regard to same LRD has been received to date.

**C/550/25 – Q4 Item ID: 89366**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the number of enforcement notices/letters issued for developments in Rathcoole Village in the last year and what were the subjects of the enforcement notices?

**REPLY:**

Nine (9) Section 152 warning letters issued in the Rathcoole Village area for 2025. No enforcement Notices were issued for this period.

The subject of alleged unauthorised development was varied and included matter such as alleged non compliance with various conditions of planning, extension(s) / structures to the rear of premises, alleged construction of a car park and or carrying out works without the benefit of planning permission.

**C/551/25 – Q5 Item ID: 89491**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on planning enforcement case SDCC V Boherboy Properties Ltd, SJM Properties, Brigid Wall and Ann Connors?

**REPLY:**

The Council continues to vigorously pursue enforcement action in relation to this matter, and will not be commenting further as it remains in the legal system.

**C/552/25 – H6 Item ID: 89212 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/553/25 - C3 Item ID: 89199 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

**Transportation**

**C/554/25 – Q6 Item ID: 89101**

Proposed by Councillor S. O'Hara

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the traffic survey and subsequent traffic management plan for Saggart, Rathcoole, and Newcastle.

**REPLY:**

The objective to carry out a traffic study for Rathcoole, Newcastle and Saggart is in the County Development Plan 2022-2028.

I attach an extract of that objective below:

"SM6 SLO 1: To investigate the need to carry out a traffic and transport study for Rathcoole, Saggart and Newcastle and the surrounding areas following the publication of the GDA Strategy review to 2042 which will clarify the context within which the road network in the area will function and to include a review of HGV movement."

South Dublin County Council are pleased to say that progress is being made on the Traffic Plan for this project. The Council are working hard to scope the main deliverable for the Local Transport Plan which are outlined below:

**Overall Vision for the Transport Plan:**

The Transport Plan must look at the current baseline traffic trips generated in the study area. The current mode share - car, bus, walking and cycle trips generated. Particular focus on peak times of travel. Morning a.m. and evening p.m. peak times studies. Baseline capacity checks on the existing junctions in the study area. Current capacity shortfalls for all travel modes in the study area. Infrastructure gaps identified.

**Study Area Description:**

Rathcoole, Saggart, Greenogue and Newcastle areas including the existing and proposed transport network links required between these urban centres. Please note full Transport Plan will include other areas interest in the County.

**Initial Consultations:**

Allow for non statutory consultation with all stakeholders - resident and public workshops, elected member workshops, National Transport Authority, Transport Infrastructure Ireland, and Department of Transport workshops. It is also important that SDCC consult and work together with Fingal County Council on any adjacent Local Authority initiatives.

**Local Transport Plan Outputs:**

Identify the zoned areas for future growth, and calculate the increases in transport demand for all travel modes. Add these demand growths to the existing trips currently generated. Model the trips generated onto the existing transport network. Include the planned major projects like Bus connects, Cycle South Dublin and TII proposals into the model. Identify, the key gaps in infrastructure required. Calculate a phased timeline for delivery of each scheme. Have a low growth, medium growth and high growth suite of proposals. Develop a first draft list of proposals. Ensure that these proposals are aligned with known Environmental constraints. Appropriate Assessment and Screening reports. Map up the first draft of proposals ready for the second round of public consultations.

**Secondary Consultations:**

Carry out a public consultation process on the first draft of transport proposals. Shortlisting and refinement of proposals post round 2 of consultation.

Transport Plan Finalisation: Final Draft of Transport scheme proposals with estimated costs for each. A table of proposed schemes (projects) and a phased delivery timeframe for each. Final mapping of transport proposals.

**Final Transport Plan Agreement Adoption:**

Transport Plan adoption/agreement. Transport Plan monitoring and review: Interim Review / Final Review at end of Transport Plan term.

Termination of Transport Consultant contract, including phase completions.

The initial estimate to produce the Transport Plan is 18 months. It is important to note that the final Transport plan will also include a study of the Lucan area congestion issues and the western South Dublin Local Authority lands as part of the residential zoning review.

**C/555/25 – Q7 Item ID: 89102**

Proposed by Councillor S. O'Hara

To ask the Chief Executive to consider relining the road at Newlands Close, specifically by adding a yellow box between the Bank of Ireland and the Maldron Hotel. This improvement would enhance visibility and safety for all road users. Currently, the road markings at this junction have faded significantly, which reduces visibility.

**REPLY:**

Road markings at this location will be renewed



**C/556/25 – Q8 Item ID: 89513**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive would they give an updated timeframe and detailed report on the County Development Plan agreed traffic survey and plan for Saggart, Newcastle and Rathcoole.

**REPLY:**

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### **C/557/25 – H7 Item ID: 89214 – New Works**

(No Business)

### **C/558/25 – H8 Item ID: 89216 - Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

(No Business)

### **C/559/25 - C4 Item ID: 89201 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **C/560/25 – M4 Item ID: 89127 – Bus Shelters**

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

That This Area Committee request that SDCC install bus shelters at:

- Rathcoole bus stop near bank stop 3445
- Scoil Chrónáin stop 3446
- Avoca stop 3449
- Saggart stop around from Luas stop 3426
- Citywest stop 3432 and across the road, stop 3438.

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

The bus stops referenced in this motion, namely stops 3445, 3446, 3449, 3426, 3432 and 3438, are now included on the list for consideration under the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme.

All bus stop improvement works, including the provision of shelters, are subject to assessment and approval by the National Transport Authority, having regard to passenger demand, usage levels, site constraints and available funding. While South Dublin County Council supports the delivery of improved bus stop facilities, the approval and provision of bus shelters rests with the National Transport Authority.

**C/561/25 – M5 Item ID: 89139 – Review of current transport arrangements**

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

That this Area Committee request on behalf of the Parents and Caregivers Association, of Rathcoole Educate Together National School, for an immediate review of the current transport arrangements and extend the school bus service to include all students from Tallaght, Citywest and Saggart attending Rathcoole Educate Together National School at the current temporary school location in Newcastle.

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

School Transport is the responsibility of the Department of Education and Youth, while the service is operated by Bus Éireann on its behalf. Bus Éireann manages the routes, applications, and ticketing for the School Transport Scheme, which primarily covers:

Primary and post-primary students who live a certain distance from their nearest suitable school (3.2 km for primary, 4.8 km for post-primary).

Children with special educational needs (SEN), who receive free transport.

If the motion is agreed, a letter will issue to Bus Éireann.

**C/562/25 – M6 Item ID: 89435 – Burgage Green and Parsons Court, Newcastle**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin.

That this Area Committee agrees to discuss the functioning of the recently completed permeability route between Burgage Green and Parsons Court in Newcastle with respect to sight lines, gate design, and proximity to the bin shed doors.

In the absence of Councillor E. Ó Broin, the motion **FELL**.

**C/563/25 – M7 Item ID: 89488 – Junction at Fonthill Road and Cherrywood Grove**

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 council should address the traffic priority issue that exists at the junction of Fonthill Rd and Cherrywood Grove to and bring clarity to the issue that will improve safety here.

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

The Traffic Section has reviewed the traffic priority arrangements at the junction of Fonthill Road and Cherrywood Grove. To improve clarity and safety, additional regulatory signage for No Right Turn will be installed for traffic exiting onto Fonthill Road.

In addition, further road safety measures are planned for the mini-roundabout at Fonthill Road and Cherrywood Avenue. These works are programmed to be implemented in Q1 2026 and will be aimed at improving overall safety and addressing the issues raised.

**C/564/25 – M8 Item ID: 89490 – Taken in Charge**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin.

That this Area Committee agrees that SDCC should take in charge the pedestrian lane that currently links Woodford Walk and Knockmitten Park, along the Camac River at the Áras na Cluaine Apartment Block.

In the absence of Councillor E. Ó Broin, the motion **FELL**.

**C/565/25 – M9 Item ID: 89565 – Cherrywood Villas Name Stone**

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

That this Area Committee agree to move the Cherrywood Villas name stone to the correct side of the road to redress the mistake Google Maps is making in naming the entire road Cherrywood Villas when in fact it is a continuation of the Old Nangor Road.

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

This item was on the November ACM. The decision on the item was deferred until the December ACM meeting in order that more information on the public consultation was

circulated. The information on the Public consultation was circulated to the members on the 3 December 2025. The detail of the public consultation is outlined below

Letters were issued to the following addresses:

Cherrywood Villas No's 1, 1a, 1b, 2, 2a, 3-7, 7a, 8, 8a, 9, 9a, 10-18, 10a, 11a, 12a, 13-27, 27a, 28, 28a, 29, 29a, 30, 30a, 31, 31a, 32, 32a, 33, 33a, 34, 34a, and 35 – 42

The letters were also sent to the residents of Nangor Crescent & Bawnogue Cottages on foot of a request from a local councillor.

Below are the results of the submissions received:

There were 12no. submissions received regarding the moving of the Cherrywood Stone.

There are 6no. in favour of Option One (New location on other side of road.)

There are 5no. in favour of Option 2 (Keep the Stone where it is now located)

One submission is unclear.

In relation to the Google Maps misnaming of the road, this will be followed up with Google.

In relation to the naming stone, the Council will carry out what is finally agreed by the members in this motion.

A discussion followed with contributions by Councillor L. de Courcy and W. Carey.

Mr. J. Hegarty, Senior Engineer, responded to the members queries.

Councillor L. de Courcy called for, and the Members **AGREED** to a roll call vote on the managers' report of which was as follows:

IN FAVOUR: 4 (FOUR) Councillors D. Adelaide, W. Carey, L. De Courcy and S. O'Hara

AGAINST: 1 (ONE) Councillor F. Timmons

ABSTAIN: 2 (TWO) Councillors T. Gilligan and E Ó Broin – Both not present.

The motion was **AGREED**.

## **Libraries Arts**

### **C/566/25 – H9 Item ID: 89204 - Library News & Events**

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

[H-I \(9\) ACM Events Report](#)

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

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

**C/567/25 – H10 Item ID: 89210 - New Works**

(No Business)

**C/568/25 – H11 Item ID: 89218 - Application for Arts Grants**

(No Business)

**C/569/25 – C5 Item ID: 89197 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/570/25 – M10 Item ID: 89362 – Peamount Healthcare**

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

That this Area Committee ask SDCC arts office to Work with Peamount Healthcare to develop a living history record through pictures and stories of the residents of the intellectual disability section of Peamount Healthcare.

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

If this motion is passed, SDCC Libraries and Arts will investigate the possibility of developing this collection with Peamount Healthcare.

A discussion followed with contributions by Councillor F. Timmons.

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

## **Economic Development**

**C/571/25 – H12 Item ID: 89207 - New Works**

(No Business)

**C/572/25 - C6 Item ID: 89195 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/573/25 – M11 Item ID: 89088 – Grand Canal Greenway**

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

That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to examine the feasibility for installing and managing CCTV along the Grand Canal Greenway in the Clondalkin LEA, and to report back to this Committee.

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

The Canal Greenway is located on the Grand Canal towpath, which is owned and managed by Waterways Ireland, and while SDCC operates the greenway under licence, the Council does not own the land and therefore cannot install CCTV without the landowner's explicit consent, agreed governance arrangements and the necessary planning permission. In addition, public-space CCTV is subject to strict data-protection requirements, including a mandatory Data Protection Impact Assessment, demonstration of necessity and proportionality, and adherence to the national CCTV Code of Practice. The presence of people living along this stretch of the canal further heightens privacy expectations and increases the legal threshold for any surveillance measure. For these reasons, CCTV on this section of the greenway would require a robust justification, detailed compliance assessment and agreement with Waterways Ireland before it could be considered. An initial assessment will be completed and the matter raised with Waterways Ireland.

### **Performance & Change Management**

#### **C/574/25 – H13 Item ID: 89211 - New Works**

(No Business)

#### **C/575/25 - C7 Item ID: 89198 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

### **Corporate Support**

#### **C/576/25 – H15 Item ID: 89206 - New Works**

(No Business)

#### **C/577/25 – C8 Item ID: 89194 - Correspondence**

M88880 - Correspondence email from Newcastle Tidy Towns, Committee member.

M87570 – Correspondence letter from Chairperson, B.O.M, t. Joseph's Boys' School.

#### **C/578/25 – M12 Item ID: 89048 – Request plaque**

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

That this Area Committee write to the HSE requesting a plaque to honour Dr Josephine Clarke and her husband Liam Clarke in the Rathcoole Day Care Centre.

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

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

**C/579/25 – M13 Item ID: 89095 – Luas Capacity**

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

That this Area Committee write to the The National Transport Authority (NTA) requesting increased capacity on the Luas redline.

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

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

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor D. Adelaide, F. Timmons, W. Carey and T. Gilligan.

Ms. Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer, responded to the members queries, and the two motions were **AGREED**.

**C/580/25 – M14 Item ID: 89352 – Requesting services for the Primary Healthcare Centre, Citywest**

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

That this Area Committee write to the HSE to request drugs, alcohol and dental services are included in the new Primary Healthcare Centre at Citywest to meet the growing local needs of Saggart, Rathcoole, Newcastle and Citywest.

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

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

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor F. Timmons, W. Carey, S. O'Hara.

Ms. Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer, responded to the members queries, and the two motions were **AGREED**.

**C/581/25 – M15 Item ID: 89353 - Primary Healthcare Centre**

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

That this Area Committee write to the HSE and Tusla to request the uncommitted 12,500 sq ft space available at the New Primary Health Care Centre is used to meet the growing community needs in Saggart, Rathcoole, Newcastle and Citywest.

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

If the motion is agreed, a letter will issue to the HSE and Túsła as outlined above.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor F. Timmons.



Ms. Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer, responded to the members queries, and the two motions were **AGREED**.

**C/582/25 – M16 Item ID: 89434 – ESB and Uisce Éireann**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin.

That this Area Committee agrees to write to both the ESB and Uisce Éireann encouraging them to liaise to ensure fresh drinking water supply to the Athgoe and Highdown Hill areas or Newcastle.

In the absence of Councillor E. Ó Broin, the motion **FELL**.

**C/583/25 – M17 Item ID: 89484 - Santa Cycle**

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 offers congratulations to the Laurels Cycle Crew on the success of this year's Santa Cycle and their fund raising efforts throughout the year.

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

If the motion is agreed, a letter will issue to the Laurels Cycle Crew as outlined above.

**C/584/25 – M18 Item ID: 89492 – Christmas Markets**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin.

That this Area Committee congratulates the SDCC team that organised the Christmas Market and choirs around the Christmas Tree lighting in Clondalkin.

In the absence of Councillor E. Ó Broin, the motion **FELL**.

**Environment**

**C/585/25 – Q9 Item ID: 89387**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on dereliction notices in Rathcoole Village, what they pertain to and their state of play.

**REPLY:**

Under Section 3 of Derelict Site Act 1990, South Dublin County Council monitors sites in the county that may meet the criteria of a 'derelict site' which are not entered on the register until such time as investigations are completed and a determination made that the site is derelict.

There are currently 4 sites in Rathcoole Village on the Derelict Sites Register. SDCC regularly engages with the registered owners of all sites on the Derelict Sites Register.

SDCC can provide the following update on the four Rathcoole sites on the Derelict Sites Register:

1 site has been granted planning permission for demolition from An Coimisiún Pleanála. This planning permission is subject to a number of conditions, which must be met before demolition can proceed.

1 site was sold privately and has a current planning application.

1 site is due to be made available for purchase but is subject to legal complexities with the administration of the estate.

The remaining site will be considering for compulsory purchase, should it remain in a state of dereliction.

#### **C/586/25 – H15 Item ID: 89208 - New Works**

(No Business)

#### **C/587/25 – C9 Item ID: 89192 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

#### **C/588/25 – M19 Item ID: 89363 – Vape Shops**

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 request that SDCC call into vape shops around village and remind them of their duties under the litter act and ask them for a plan to respond to used vapes outside their shops.

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

SDCC Litter Wardens regularly engage with business owners, including vape shops and other commercial premises, throughout the county, reminding them of their obligations under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 and the Council's Litter Management Plan.

Businesses are responsible for keeping the front of their premises and the adjoining area, up to 100 metres, free of litter. The Litter Management Plan is scheduled for review in early 2026 and vape-related litter will be examined as part of this review in the same manner as all other forms of litter.

### **Water & Drainage**

#### **C/589/25 – Q10 Item ID: 89486**

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey

To ask the Chief executive what measures can be considered to improve safety and access at the point of overflow on the Camac at Clondalkin Commons.

**REPLY:**

The area that flooded recently at the Community Pitches in Clondalkin Commons has been referred to the Camac Flood Alleviation Team.

This scheme is looking at the modelling of the Camac River and will identify the areas along the Camac that require protection works.

**C/590/25 – Q11 Item ID: 89493**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin

To ask the Chief Executive where the surface water drainage that descends into road gulleys in the Bawnogue and Deansrath area ends up, given that the area is not close to any river?

**REPLY:**

All the Surface Water Drainage at Deansrath and most of the drainage at Bawnogue travels North West to the North East corner of Grange Castle Business Park.

From there, the surface water outfalls into a tributary of the Griffeen River.

If further information is required, please email [servicemaps@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:servicemaps@sdublincoco.ie)

**C/591/25 – H16 Item ID: 89215 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/592/25 – C10 Item ID: 59202 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/593/25 – M20 Item ID: 89475 – Surface Water**

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

That this Area Committee address the drain blockage located on the road outside the local GP's practice Saggart. we are increasingly concerned that the standing water will freeze, creating a serious risk of injury to pedestrians and road users.

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

The issue on the public footpath of the water trough overflowing has recently been resolved by Natural Water operations. A decorative grating was installed on the water trough, and this prevents the pipework getting blocked from rubbish and overflowing.

The private issue of water runoff from the surgery car park is a matter for the property owner. It is the property owners responsibility to prevent surface water runoff from their property onto the public footpath. Natural Water will contact the property owner and explain their responsibilities in this regard.

## **Public Realm**

### **C/594/25 – Q12 Item ID: 89142**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive how SDCC will address the growing shortage of all-weather sports facilities in Clondalkin, to meet population growth and needs of residents?

#### **REPLY:**

Recognising the challenges relating to population growth and provision of sports pitches; South Dublin County Council commissioned a Sport Pitch Strategy (SPS) in 2020 to provide the Council with a clear evidence base and set of recommendations for future outdoor sports facility development across the district over the coming years. An SPS is a strategic assessment that provides an analysis of supply and demand for playing pitches (grass and artificial) in the local authority. The strategy and the evidence upon which it is based is delivered using insight from specific Governing Bodies of Sport, national guidance and local stakeholder input. The strategy focused on the following sports: Soccer, GAA, Rugby Union, Hockey, Cricket and Athletics.

Meeting pitch demand requires actions on a number of fronts and the SPS defined 5 main actions for the council to deliver; the actions are set out below as follows:

#### **Increase maintenance of existing pitches to improve match play equivalents:**

Following adoption of the strategy the Council has provided additional revenue budget to support these actions. A significant annual pitch maintenance budget covers regular fortnightly maintenance and includes a sum of for engagement of specialist contractors to do minor drainage improvements as well as goal mouth repairs and replacement of goal posts. SDCC manage regular grass cutting of pitches by direct labour.

The Council's Public Realm Section has also in the past 5 to 7 years carried out major pitch upgrades including installing drainage systems on pitches in Tymon Park (4), Jobstown Park (1), Butler McGee Park (1), Clondalkin Park (1) and Ballymount Park (1). These schemes have been funded through a combination of sports capital funding as well as council own capital and revenue resources, with other funding where available.

A further 14 pitches have received sports capital funding, (including the successful grant of 10 new pitch upgrades as part of the 2024 allocation announced last year); with plans to progress these on a phased basis to decrease impacts on clubs' access to pitches. Pitch upgrades are currently underway in Griffeen Valley Park, Glenaulin Park and Jobstown Park (2) with an additional upgrade being delivered as part of St. Cuthbert's Park redevelopment. A further 2 pitches in Tymon Park are scheduled for upgrading before the end of the year. The installation of such drainage schemes will

improve waterlogging and playability issues on those pitches which require this level of intervention.

**Develop a revised allocation policy; including pitch sharing and multipurpose use of facilities where appropriate:**

In 2021, the Council introduced a new online Pitch Allocation and Booking system which went live for the 2021/2022 playing season. The South Dublin County Council's Annual Allocation of Pitches/Sporting Facilities – Policy and Conditions can be found at [www.sdcc.ie/bookapitch](http://www.sdcc.ie/bookapitch). Once clubs are allocated pitches via the online system they are given access to “Pitch Manager” software which enables the club to manage and record all activity on the pitches allocated to them.

The information allows SDCC gather valuable key data to better manage and maintain pitches against a scenario of growing demand. It will also help identify any pitches that are underused and provide more availability for pitch sharing etc.

**Reserve ability to change the configuration of pitches:**

This ability is built into the allocation policies, and pitches are swapped out as required/if appropriate. Flexibility in configuration/layout is provided as much as possible at the planning and design stage to future proof pitches to allow for changes as required.

**Provide new grass pitches to meet capacity issues:**

New grass pitches have been recently delivered as set out below and new pitches are also planned as part of developments:

- Dodder Valley Mt Carmel: (1 athletics track, 1 soccer pitch: Construction completed)
- Adamstown SDZ parks: (1 cricket pitch complete at Airlie, 1 GAA-sized pitch complete at Tandy's Lane Park)
- Firhouse/Ballycullen area (1 GAA sized pitch-provided via development)
- Rathcoole park: provision of a larger GAA sized pitch in conjunction with IW works-complete.
- Newcastle LAP area (1 small sized pitch-provided via development-built and to be transferred to council in short term)
- Fortunestown area (2 pitches via development- built. and 1 No. additional pitch planned for Carrigmore Park-Part 8 passed)
- Kiltipper Park Phase 2 (1 GAA sized pitch, 2 soccer sized pitches under construction)
- Rathcoole area in conjunction with GAA (TBC.)
- Clonburris SDZ parks (5 grass soccer sized pitches planned)

**Provide Artificial Grass Pitches to augment long term capacity and meet training need:**

At present; a council approved and funded 3G Artificial Grass Pitch Programme, based on the recommendations from the SPS, is agreed and underway. 2 artificial grass pitches have been delivered (at Airlie Park and Sean Walsh Park) as part of this programme of delivery, the other 3 required locations are in the west and east of the county and the new Strategic Development Zone area at Clonburris plans to provide 1 GAA sized / multi-sport Artificial Grass Pitch and 1 soccer sized / multi-sport Artificial Grass Pitch within the SDZ area.

The SPS defined future locations of additional floodlit artificial grass pitches, as it provides evidence based upon local team usage and future team generation rates that would be the predominant users of the facility. The SPS demonstrates that there is a need to provide AGP's as a vital asset to the local community in terms of a training and match-play facility for clubs, teams and others. The delivery of the SPS is reviewed on a regular basis and implementation is reported and discussed at the relevant SPC. Artificial grass pitches can support far more matches and training sessions compared to regular grass pitches and the sports pitch strategy recommends the provision of at least 5 all weather pitches across the county to allow for an even distribution and facilitate use county-wide as set out above.

Seperate to above there has been a recent delivery of a soccer sized 3G pitch at Knockmitten, along with a Multi Use Games Area. These works were funded by the Community Recognition Fund provided by the Department of Rural and Community Development. This fund supports the development of community infrastructure and facilities for the entire community in recognition of the contribution being made in the area in welcoming and hosting new arrivals from Ukraine and other countries.

**C/595/25 – Q13 Item ID: 89188**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive the timeline and quantity of solar bins planned for the Clondalkin , Newcastle , Rathcoole , Saggart and Brittas local electoral areas (LEA)?

**REPLY:**

The current plan for the rollout of solar compactor bins is to install them in a number of villages across the county in the first instance. The locations where they are being installed initially are Clondalkin Village, Lucan Village, Tallaght Village and Rathfarnham Village. The next phase will see bins installed in other village locations/urban centres.

It is proposed to install 20 solar compactor bins in Clondalkin Village. These will replace existing bins which will be removed as part of the process. Installation will take place in January/February 2026.

**C/596/25 – Q14 Item ID: 89281**

Proposed by Councillor S. O'Hara

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an expected timeline for the installation of new smart solar-powered compactor bins in Rathcoole, Newcastle, Saggart, and Brittas, given the strong public demand for these facilities, to include Rathcoole Park.

**REPLY:**

The current plan for the rollout of solar compactor bins is to install them in a number of villages across the county in the first instance. The locations where they are being installed initially are Clondalkin Village, Lucan Village, Tallaght Village and Rathfarnham Village. The next phase will see bins installed in other village locations/urban centres.

There is no timeline currently available for the provision of solar compactor bins in parks.

**C/597/25 – Q15 Item ID: 89290**

Proposed by Councillor L. de Courcy

To ask the Chief executive what was the cost of the small wall built at the junction of Monastery Road and Knockmeenagh Lane?

**REPLY:**

The wall and raised bed that was constructed at the junction of Monastery Road and Knockmeenagh Lane is primarily on private property apart from a small section near Monastery Road. The construction of the wall was organised by Clondalkin Tidy Towns with the consent of the landowner. SDCC provided funding towards this project in the sum of €8,172.

**C/598/25 – Q16 Item ID: 89364**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin

To ask the Chief Executive to list the opening times of the all-weather football pitches at Knockmitten and Clondalkin Leisure Centre.

**REPLY:**

Knockmitten Pitch is open 365 days a year from 9:00am - 10:00pm. You can see availability here: [Knockmitten Park](#)

Clondalkin Leisure Centre is opening during the following times:

- Monday to Friday 7:00am – 9:15pm
- Saturday 9:00am - 5:00pm
- Sunday 10:00am - 3:00pm

There are slots available for bookings, but availability changes on a daily basis, so it is best to consult with the centre directly or book online.

**C/599/25 – Q17 Item ID: 89365**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin

To ask the Chief Executive if there are any available hourly slots on the all-weather football pitches at Knockmitten or Clondalkin Leisure Centre?

**REPLY:**

There are slots available currently to book at Knockmitten Park. Approximately 22 hours per week have been allocated to local clubs throughout the evenings and weekends but all other spots are available to be booked on a first come, first served basis to registered customers on the Sportskey system. You can check out the availability here: [Knockmitten Park](#)

To encourage use over the Christmas period, SDCC is currently offering a 50% off promotion, from Dec 15 – Jan 16<sup>th</sup> using the code “**WINTER25**”

In relation to Clondalkin Leisure Centre, there are slots available for bookings, but availability changes on a daily basis, so it is best to consult with the centre directly or book online.

**C/560/25 – H17 Item ID: 89213 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/561/25 – C11 Item ID: 89200 - Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/562/25 – M21 Item ID: 89221 – Mini Forests**

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

That this Area Committee commit to allocate funds, circa €10-€20K, to plant 10 mini forests in the Clondalkin area in 2026.

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

Ground preparation works commence this month on a new mini woodland site in Corkagh Park in the vicinity of the pitches beside the R136. This project will be progress in 2026 with planting to take place later in the year.

The proposal to provide further mini woodlands will be listed for consideration for inclusion in the draft Public Realm Improvements Works Programme 2026. As there are already two mini woodlands in Corkagh Park and one in Dunawley estate, the project



will be listed for the LEA as opposed to the Clondalkin area only, to maximise the potential for the identification of suitable sites.

**C/563/25 – M22 Item ID: 89354 – Biodiversity project**

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

That this Area Committee request that the council assist Cherrywood Residents Association with a biodiversity project next year in Cherrywood Estate. This would be Along the hedge elevated strip that used as a dumping ground to be levelled off and provide some topsoil, to allow for seed meadow flowers for biodiversity! The Project would take place in March/April 2026.

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

The development of biodiversity project in the Cherrywood area would be a welcome addition to the locality. Contact will be made with the Cherrywood Residents Association to review the proposal and to provide advice and assistance to help bring the proposal to fruition.

The meeting concluded at 4.08 p.m.

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