

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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council December 2025 Lucan / Palmerstown / North Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025 through Microsoft 365 Teams and in Person in the Council Chambers. Today's Area Committee Meeting was webcast as the Council has extended webcasting to all Area Committee meetings from January 2023. The extension of webcasting Area Committee meetings demonstrates our commitment to promoting transparency and supporting understanding and participation in local democracy.

**Councillors Present**

Caroline Brady  
Vicki Casserly  
Helen Farrell  
Niamh Fennell  
Alan Hayes  
Madeleine Johansson  
Liona O'Toole  
Joanna Tuffy

**Officials Present**

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| Director Of Services                   | Tommy Kavanagh                   |
| Senior Executive Officer               | Sharon Conroy                    |
| A/Senior Executive Officers            | Paul Fusco, Sinead Geoghegan     |
| Senior Engineers                       | John Hegarty, Gary Walsh         |
| A/Senior Engineer                      | Lorcan Brennan                   |
| Senior Executive Parks Superintendents | David Fennell, Laurence Colleran |
| Senior Executive Engineer              | Farhan Nasiem                    |
| Senior Executive Librarian             | Rosena Hand                      |
| T/Assistant Arts Officer               | Richie O'Sullivan                |
| Staff Officer                          | Eimear O'Sullivan                |
| Assistant Staff Officer                | Vikki Cryan                      |
| Clerical Officers                      | Rebecca Brennan, Dylan Hayes     |

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Caroline Brady presided

### **LPNC/653/H1/1225 Item ID:89403 – Minutes**

Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of November 2025 Lucan Palmerstown North Clondalkin ACM dealing with business relating to Transportation, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries, Corporate, Performance & Change Management, Environment, Water & Drainage, Public Realm, Housing, Community.

It was proposed by Councillor C Brady and seconded by Councillor A Hayes and RESOLVED: “That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025 be ADOPTED and APPROVED.”

[H1 Minutes of November 2025 LPNC ACM](#)

### **LPNC/654/1225 - Questions**

It was proposed by Councillor C Brady and seconded by Councillor N Fennell and RESOLVED “That pursuant to Standing Order No.13 that Questions 1 - 20 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**”.

## **Community**

### **LPNC/655/H2/1225 Item ID:89415 – Deputations for Noting**

Deputations for Noting (No Business)

### **LPNC/656/H3/1225 Item ID:89417 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/657/C1/1225 Item ID:89405 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/658/M1/1225 Item ID:89462 – Winter Lights Request**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady, seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

#### **Cathaoirleach's Business**

That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to develop and deliver a family-friendly light show in Lucan, similar in concept to Dublin City Council's Winter Lights event, with a strong focus on affordability and sustainability, including the use of low-carbon solutions and energy-efficient LED lighting, to ensure the event is accessible and environmentally responsible.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

Developing a light show for Lucan similar to Dublin City Council's Winter Lights would require a considerable amount of planning and resources to deliver. Scale of the event, the locations of the lighting installations, the availability of sources of metered electricity to safely support large scale lighting installations, and the engagement of an event controller are some of the items that would have to be considered. Securing temporary power alternatives (generators, cabling,) introduce additional environmental challenges. There may be limitations on the use of locations, and these would need to be addressed with property owners. No provision has been made in the 2026 budget for an event of this nature. The idea may be considered in future years as part of a county wide events strategy and if resources are made available.

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

## **Housing**

### **LPNC/659/Q1/1225 Item ID:89461 - Housing Maintenance**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the Chief Executive to provide, in tabular format, the number of 1) requests received and 2) requests outstanding in the Local Electoral Area by location for (a) window and door replacements and (b) measures such as insulation and other works aimed at improving energy efficiency and reducing heating costs for tenants.

#### **REPLY:**

The Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme (EERP) is due to run until 2030 with the aim of funding the retrofit of social homes requiring insulation and energy upgrade works. The locations for the EERP programme are determined by our technical team based on existing Building Energy Rating & building type with the project spread across our existing Housing Stock.

The council has commenced periodic property inspections, whereby properties will be inspected on a 5-year cycle. The findings of the surveys will feed into an ongoing multi-annual Stock Investment Programme which will include the Windows and Doors Programme.

The table below provides an update on the progress of the Windows and Doors Programme within the Lucan / Palmerstown / North Clondalkin LEA to date.

| Area             | Pre-tender & Contractor stage | Completed  | Total      |
|------------------|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Lucan            | 10                            | 15         | 25         |
| Palmerstown      | 30                            | 98         | 128        |
| North Clondalkin | 8                             | 83         | 91         |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>48</b>                     | <b>196</b> | <b>244</b> |

**LPNC/660/Q2/1225 Item ID:89377 – Social Housing Car Parking**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

To ask the Chief Executive if a report can be provided outlining for the past five years, the number of new Council houses constructed within the Lucan area and to include in that report: 1. The number of car parking spaces provided in association with these new developments 2. A comparison between the number of housing units built and the number of car parking spaces available and 3. A general breakdown of the household composition (e.g. single occupants, couples, families with children) for those houses allocated during that period.

**REPLY:**

Please see the table below outlining the number of social housing units and associated parking delivered in the Lucan / Palmerstown / North Clondalkin LEA from 2022 to 2025, which comprises a mix of one, two, three, and four-bedroom properties. The parking figures refer to designated spaces per unit, with some schemes also providing additional non-designated parking.

|                                | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|--------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Lucan                          |      |      |      |      |
| New build Social Homes         | 51   | 49   | 115  | 80   |
| Associated Car Parking         | 63   | 53   | 78   | 43   |
|                                |      |      |      |      |
| Palmerstown / North Clondalkin |      |      |      |      |
| New build Social Homes         | 38   | 153  | 49   | 0    |
| Associated Car Parking         | 38   | 109  | 49   | 0    |

The table below shows accommodation sizes for each property type:

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Single person or Couple (Certain 1-bed units may be designated for older persons only)              | 1-bed |
| Lone Parent or Couple with 1 or 2 children of the same gender regardless of age                     | 2-bed |
| Lone Parent or Couple with 2 children of opposite gender Lone Parent or Couple with 3 or 4 children | 3-bed |
| Lone Parent or Couple with 5 or more children   | 4-bed |

**LPNC/661/H4/1225 Item ID:89421 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**LPNC/662/C2/1225 Item ID:89408 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## Planning

**LPNC/663/Q3/1225 Item ID:89474 - Adamstown Train Station Parking**

Proposed by Councillor J. Tuffy

In relation to Parking spaces outside Adamstown Train Station - could one be made available for the staff member manning the station to park?

**REPLY:**

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the proposal to dedicate a car parking space adjacent to the Adamstown Train Station for an Irish Rail employee. The existing five car spaces are designated mobility-impaired parking spaces and retaining accessible parking here is essential for supporting mobility-impaired commuters and residents who rely on appropriate access to rail services.

Policies contained within the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022–2028 reinforce the Council’s commitment to universal access and the principles of universal design across public spaces, transport infrastructure, and facilities and the removal of a space would conflict with these policies, as well as national and regional policies. While we understand the intention behind the request, accessibility requirements and compliance with national, regional and local accessibility guidelines and

policies is of the utmost importance in respect to meeting our accessibility obligations.

It is our understanding that the lands in question are under private ownership of one of the landowners within Adamstown. It is noted that the road is not currently taken in charge, and therefore enforcing the space for designated mobility impaired users only is limited at present. However, it is anticipated that the road will be taken in charge in the future, at which point proper regulation of the spaces will be fully within the Council's remit.

Irish Rail could consider engaging with the owners of Block F/multi storey car park, which is in close proximity to the train station, regarding the provision of a suitable car parking arrangement for the staff member concerned; however, this issue currently lies solely between the relevant parties.

Kind regards,

Colin Clarke

A/ Senior Planner

**LPNC/664/H5/1225 Item ID:89424 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**LPNC/665/C3/1225 Item ID:89411 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Transportation**

**LPNC/666/Q4/1225 Item ID:89444 - Speed Ramp Reinstatement**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the timeline for road reinstatement following recent works on Newcastle Road (R120) from Finnstown towards Adamstown and Hillcrest (Ref. 1898463), on Old Celbridge Road (R835) where speed ramps were removed (Ref. 1897819), and on Dodsboro Road (Ref. 1901638).

**REPLY:**

All roadworks listed above are scheduled for permanent reinstatement in Q1 of 2026.

Following discussions at November's ACM we have reminded contractors that temporary re-instatements need to be fit for purpose, monitored on a routine basis and any issues rectified immediately. Our road inspectors will also be inspecting this on a more regular basis, but we welcome any specific concerns you may have.

**LPNC/667/Q5/1225 Item ID:89449 – Traffic Lights St. Josephs College**

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To ask the Manager when the traffic lights at St. Joseph's College, Lucan are likely to be turned on.

**REPLY:**

The pedestrian crossings at St. Joseph's College, Lucan were installed by the developer as part of the associated road works. The traffic lights are currently awaiting connection to the ESB electricity supply before they can be brought into operation.

South Dublin County Council has issued a reminder to the developer seeking an update on the ESB connection and confirmation of the expected date when the crossings will be fully operational.

**LPNC/668/Q6/1225 Item ID:89443 – Directional Sign for Palmerstown**

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes

To ask the Manager when the missing directional sign for Palmerstown Village will be replaced on the R148 at Kennelsfort Road junction. Previous items 1890412 & RMCC/25053072 relate to the same unresolved matter.

**REPLY:**

This sign was removed to our depot following a road collision. The engineer will arrange to have it re-installed

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**LPNC/669/H6/1225 Item ID:89428 – Declaration of Roads to be TIC**

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

**LPNC/670/H7/1225 Item ID:89426 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

## **LPNC/671/C4/1225 Item ID:89413 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **LPNC/672/M2/1225 Item ID:89467 – Road Works Status Report Request**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady, seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

### **Cathaoirleach's Business**

That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to deliver, as a headed item at each monthly meeting during 2026, a status report on road works within the Local Electoral Area. The report should set out, for that month, (a) works completed, (b) works in progress with expected completion dates, and (c) road opening licences or works scheduled to commence in the coming month.

### **The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

The Council has outlined our approach to publicising roadworks in the full Council Motion ID: 89148.

The content of that motion is:

"The Road Management Office (RMO) administer the two road network management tools detailed below on behalf of all Local Authorities:

**Pavement/Road Asset Management:** The MapRoad Pavement Management System (PMS) – with desktop, web, and mobile components – is used to record and manage the condition, extent, and history of the road network.

**Roadworks/Road Licensing:** The MapRoad Roadworks Licensing System (MRL) is used for managing applications/licences for roadworks, particularly excavations or other work by utilities or contractors.

South Dublin County Council have contacted the Road Management Office in relation to public access to real-time information on roadworks on the public road network.

The RMO have indicated that the Department of Transport has tasked the RMO to develop a communication portal with real time information on Transport Infrastructure Ireland and Local Authority Roadworks on the road network. The RMO have said that they will examine the feasibility of further developing the proposed Portal system to publicise all roadworks on the network. This means to add information to the planned

communication portal on third party utility works and other contractors carrying out work on public roads.

The development of any portal will take some time. The RMO said they will be tackling this item over the course of 2026. SDCC will provide updates on any developments as they become available."

**End of Motion:**

The Council does not propose to bring a headed item on roadworks to each monthly meeting. It is hoped that the information requested will be available to the public on a portal webpage in due course.

The Council acknowledges that there is a huge amount of utility and construction works on our roads. This is an indication of delivery of much needed residential and economic development in our County. SDCC will continue to co-ordinate roadworks through careful timing of projects, and ongoing inspections of roadworks by our roadworks inspectors to ensure that traffic management plans are being properly administered.

Following Contributions from Councillors C Brady and L O'Toole, John Hegarty Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

**LPNC/673/M3/1225 Item ID:89371 - Letter to Minister for Transport**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

That this area committee agrees to write to the Minister for Transport Darragh O'Brien to express our anger and disappointment with the decision to delay the Dart+ SouthWest programme for 4 years until 2030. The Dart+ is essential for both existing communities in Clondalkin and Lucan as well as for new communities in Adamstown and Clonburris, where new housing developments were given planning permission on the basis of the planned roll-out of Dart+ Southwest in the area.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

If this motion is passed, a letter in this regard will be issued to the Darragh O'Brien Minister for Transport on behalf of the Local Area Committee. The response, when received, will be circulated to the Members.

Following Contributions from Councillors M Johansson, L O'Toole, J Tuffy and C Brady, Paul Fusco A/Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

**LPNC/674/M4/1225 Item ID:89376 – Footpath Repair**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to urgently address the condition of the footpaths in the Castlegate area of Adamstown which have been acknowledged by Council engineers as being in need of major repair. While it has been stated that the full rectification of these footpaths would consume the entire county-wide footpath repair budget this situation is not acceptable given that Castlegate represents the main entrance and gateway into the Adamstown Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) one of the first of its kind in the country. This Committee therefore requests that additional funding be sought outside of the standard footpath repair budget including through capital works or other available sources to allow a full and proper upgrade of the footpaths in this area. The current condition poses a serious risk to pedestrians and undermines efforts to promote walking and cycling within Adamstown. It is essential that this issue now be prioritised and progressed as a standalone project, rather than deferred indefinitely due to budget constraints.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

This location is being proposed for the 2026 footpath programme.

Following Contributions from Councillors L O'Toole, V Casserly, J Tuffy and C Brady, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

**LPNC/675/M5/1225 Item ID:89446 – Civil Works Framework Request**

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly, seconded by Councillor L O'Toole

This committee calls on the Manager to examine the feasibility of developing a framework where civil works are ongoing in the Lucan area, and council projects, that a roadmap is created to ensure adequate traffic management in the overarching area to avoid current situations of traffic chaos within the area.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

SDCC are to the forefront of managing roadworks and we are the only county with a process to try amalgamate and align works by multiple parties on our road network and we do this through our TO process. This will reduce the number of works on the network and also potentially deliver more efficiency within the work sites that do proceed.

Every construction project on the public road requires a Road Opening Licence. For small scale work on local secondary/tertiary roads a T3 licence is appropriate but for larger/more disruptive work a T2 licence is required. SDCC assess and condition every T2 application in order to minimise disruption to the public. Common conditions include reduced working hours of 10am - 4pm or only permitting night/weekend work. There is also a condition that will prevent sites working in close proximity to each other if they have an overly disruptive effect on traffic flow.

We are aware that there is a large volume of work on the county road network and co-ordinating/managing this is a challenging task. What we do think will assist the public is providing more information on where roadworks are currently ongoing. We are engaging with the RMO on this and seeing if it is possible to create this information point and how best to deliver it.

Following Contributions from Councillors V Casserly, L O'Toole and C Brady, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/676/M6/1225 Item ID:89452 - Lucan Village Street Signs**

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

To call on the Manager to install street name signage within all the roads and lanes in the Lucan village area, based on local information gathered by Society for Old Lucan.

#### **The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

The Council installs street name signage on Public Roads in accordance with the Official Roads Schedule.

**Road Schedule:** The Road Schedule has been in existence since the inception of the Irish State and any new streets that have been added have gone through the street naming process whereby, during the planning stage, street names are assigned to individual streets.

In relation to public roads naming and signage, the Council must comply with the street names contained in the Road Schedule.

Private lanes that are not public roads are not on the road schedule. These lanes are not managed or administered by the Council.

**Taking In Charge:** When developments or new roads are Taken into Charge / Taken into Maintenance of the Council, the relevant street names are written into the Road Schedule, and they are given a unique Road Identification number. An example would be R835, Lucan Road. Taken in Charge February 1952.

**Changing a placename:** There is prescribed statutory process for managing a request to change a name on a road or placename. However, newly commenced provisions under the amended Part 18 of the 2001 Act require updated Regulations to be made for the holding of plebiscites to change placenames and so, until these new Regulations have been made, no plebiscite can take place.

**New Residential Developments:** Planning conditions appended to grant of permissions provide for Naming and Numbering of new residential developments. While the responsibility for proposing naming and numbering schemes for new developments rests with the developer, the Council advises developers of requirements and approves the eventual scheme. The use of the Irish language exclusively is encouraged. Checks are done to ensure no duplication of road names, and at time of approval, developers are requested to ensure that any new signage erected is compliant with regulation at every stage of the process as it is necessary for the Council to ensure that any official signage erected or causes to be erected in its jurisdiction is compliant with regulations.

Full details on the Council's naming and numbering process is available here. [Naming and Numbering - SDCC](#)

**County Signage Strategy and Budget Implications:** The County Signage Strategy provides for a range of new signage under the categories of town centres, villages, district centres, parks and key transport modes, with a view to brand and design consistency across the county. It is intended to roll out this strategy across the county, on a phased basis, commencing with Tallaght.

There is no existing financial provision for a signage replacement programme specific to Lucan.

Following Contributions from Councillors H Farrell and V Casserly, John Hegarty Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was **Noted**.

**LPNC/677/M7/1225 Item ID:89463 – Footpath Installation Request**

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

To request a footpath be installed along the desire line outside house 1 Palmerstown Court, Kennelsfort Road Upper.

[IMG 5185](#)

[IMG 5186](#)

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

There is currently a good quality footpath already provided at this location.

The regularisation of this desire line would provide a second footpath to run parallel to an existing footpath that is 5m away.

In this instance I don't believe the benefit gained by regularising this desire line justifies the environmental and financial costs that would be incurred.

I would support the re-alignment of the footpath whenever the existing footpath requires replacement in the future

Following Contributions from Councillor A Hayes, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

**LPNC/678/M8/1225 Item ID:89456 – Road Traffic Layout**

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

This committee calls on the manager to examine in collaboration with Fingal County Council and improved road traffic layout at the Weir Bridge to and from the direction of Laraghon to explore alternative options to traffic light system and improve ongoing movement of traffic which amounts to gridlock with the current set up

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

South Dublin County Council Traffic Section will engage with Fingal County Council to review the operation of the existing traffic signal arrangement at Weir Bridge.

Initial assessments indicate that the traffic signals are operating at or close to junction capacity. Delays currently being experienced are understood to be largely attributable to exceptional traffic volumes in the area during peak periods, rather than an operational fault with the signal system.

In reviewing the arrangement, both authorities will also have regard to road safety requirements, bridge geometry, pedestrian and cyclist movements, and the cross-boundary nature of the junction, all of which place constraints on the removal or alteration of the existing signal control.

SDCC will liaise with Fingal County Council to identify whether any operational or traffic management improvements can be made within the constraints of the existing layout.

Following Contributions from Councillor V Casserly, Farhan Nasiem Senior Executive Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

**LPNC/679/M9/1225 Item ID:89468 – Letter to Irish Rail & NTA**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

That South Dublin County Council write to Irish Rail and the National Transport Authority to request the introduction of extended-hour and ultimately 24-hour rail services at Adamstown and Kishoge Railway Stations in recognition of the rapidly growing population increased shift-work patterns and repeated requests raised with elected members, particularly from healthcare and other essential workers who require early-morning and late-night travel options. Noting that a 24-hour bus service already operates from Adamstown Railway Station there is clear evidence of night-time travel demand and an established user base and extended rail services at both Adamstown and Kishoge would further support sustainable, safe and reliable public transport for residents across Lucan and surrounding areas. Furthermore, that the Council request an expansion of train capacity through the provision of additional carriages on existing services serving Adamstown and Kishoge, in response to concerns regarding overcrowding and to ensure both stations can accommodate present and future commuter numbers.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

If this motion is passed, a letter in this regard will be issued to the National Transport Authority (NTA) and Irish Rail on behalf of the Local Area Committee. The response, when received, will be circulated to the Members.

Following Contributions from Councillors L O'Toole, M Johansson, C Brady and H Farrell, John Hegarty Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

**Libraries & Arts**

**LPNC/680/Q7/1225 Item ID:89464 – Public Library PC Stats**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on (a) the current availability and usage levels of public PCs in libraries within the Local Electoral Area in tabular format by Library, and (b) the digital literacy workshops delivered in Lucan Library over the past 12 months, including whether these workshops were over- or under-subscribed.

**REPLY:**

Lucan Library provides a broad range of PCs for adults, teenagers and children and is committed to improving Digital Literacy.

| <b>Number of PCs</b>  | <b><i>Usage of PCs</i></b>  | <b>Average Length of Sessions</b>                              | <b>Digital Literacy Classes</b>  | <b>Attendance</b>  |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adults 6</li><li>• Junior 6</li><li>• Tablets 6</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 841 sessions</li><li>• 1/11/25 - 30/11/25</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 31.6 minutes</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>DDLETB</b></li><li>• April 1st (6 weeks)</li><li>• October 30th (6 weeks)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10 booked. Almost full attendance weekly at both programmes.</li></ul> |

### **LPNC/681/H8/1225 Item ID:89416 – Library News & Events**

This report was presented by Rosena Hand Senior Executive Librarian

Library News & Events

[Hl.8 Library Event Stats](#)

[Hl.8 LPNC report December](#)

Following Contributions from Councillors J Tuffy, L O’Toole, M Johansson and A Hayes, Rosena Hand Senior Executive Librarian Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

### **LPNC/682/H9/1225 Item ID:89506 – Arts Programme Report**

This report was presented by Richie O’Sullivan T/Assistant Arts Officer

[Arts Office Report](#)

Following Contributions from Councillors M Johansson, L O’Toole and C Brady, Richie O’Sullivan Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

### **LPNC/683/H10/1225 Item ID:89422 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/684/C5/1225 Item ID:89409 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/685/M10/1225 Item ID:89466 – Storytelling Initiatives**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady, seconded by Councillor N. Fennell

#### **Cathaoirleach's Business**

That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to establish a storytelling and reminiscence hub within local libraries, where older residents could share their life stories and experiences, and students from local schools assist in recording and compiling these stories for posterity. The initiative could include making the stories available digitally, with QR codes in libraries and public spaces to allow residents to listen to or read the stories easily, fostering intergenerational connections and preserving local heritage.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

SDCC libraries is committed to preserving our local heritage for future generations.

We recognise the value of engaging with older residents in the community and preserving their life stories so that younger generations can listen/read through their stories, we have several ongoing projects focussing on stories from the older generation. Time Capsule is one such project. The bespoke legacy project for South Dublin Libraries is a storytelling project developed by Peter Varga (Humans of Dublin) in partnership with North Clondalkin Library and the Heritage Officer of SDCC. It consists of professionally produced audio-interviews paired with signature environmental portraits that preserve a person's memory, voice and presence for future generations. An exhibition is planned for early 2026.

In addition, we also hold Schools Folklore Collection in our local studies collection. (Irish Folklore Commission 1937-1938) which contains folktales, proverbs, customs and beliefs to games and past times passed down from the older generation. . Schools from Rathfarnham, Lucan, Newcastle, Tallaght and the Clondalkin area are covered.

We will continue to engage in intergenerational projects going forward with a focus on preserving life stories and skills for future generations.

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

**LPNC/686/M11/1225 Item ID:89465 – Artists Collective**

Proposed by Councillor J. Tuffy, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

That the Arts Section of the Council will facilitate the setting up of a local artists collective in Lucan including helping to organise a first meeting, and find a venue for the meeting in Lucan, and reaching out to working artists in the area similar to the type of collective outlined at this link

<https://visualartists.ie/how-to-manual/setting-up-an-artist-group> .

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

The Arts Office will be engaging with artists in the county, including the Lucan area, in the coming months as we prepare for a new Arts Strategy in 2026. This process will engage with artists to examine the requirements of artists in the area regarding workspaces and infrastructure, networking, and support requirements. We aim to facilitate conversations and build

relationships that will help inform the strategy and strengthen the local arts community.

The collective model is an artist-led, structured group, with a shared identity or artform, ongoing collaboration and specific goals in creating work. Further discussion is required regarding the setting up of a collective in the area which are conversations which will be facilitated as part of the Arts Strategy engagements. There are significant considerations regarding the creation of a collective such as business model/structure, governance, financial management, and the collective's vision and mission. The creation of an informal network may be best suited for the area to allow artists to connect and share ideas. The Arts Office is committed to facilitating networking and engagement in the county to encourage wider participation and make it easier for artists to engage in ways that suit them.

Following Contributions from Councillors J Tuffy, L O'Toole and A Hayes, Richie O'Sullivan T/Assistant Arts Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

## **Economic Development**

### **LPNC/687/Q8/1225 Item ID:89460 – Lucan House & Demesne Update**

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To ask for a full update on the rollout of the Lucan House and Demesne plans for the public, with expected timelines, stages and summary of works required along the way.

#### **REPLY:**

Subject to the successful completion of the procurement process and the submission and approval of the Part 8 planning application, the first phase of works is expected to commence on site by Q3/4 2026. These works will focus on enabling improvements to the outdoor elements as set out in the Masterplan, including landscaping, the amphitheatre, recreational features throughout the grounds, and car/bicycle parking. In addition, fit-out works for the main house and lodges at Black Gate will be undertaken. These enhancements are designed to allow the public to enjoy the grounds and the new amenities offered as work continues on the delivery of the Masterplan. Following this, renovation of the basement of the main house, the bath house, the boat house and the stables and outbuildings together with the construction the bridge, and the West Lawn pavilion will be

scheduled between 2027/2028. Please note that all timelines remain subject to the outcomes of the procurement and planning process.

**LPNC/688/Q9/1225 Item ID:89473 – Old Master Schoolhouse**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

Can the Chief Executive provide an update on the status of the Old Master Schoolhouse project in Lucan Village noting that it remains within the planning process and advise whether engagement can now take place with the recently identified contact who may be able to support progress on this matter? I am happy to provide further information to facilitate that engagement if it would assist in advancing the project.

**REPLY:**

There is no further update from the April 2025 correspondence provided to this Committee on this matter. Unexpected legal complexities were encountered with the estate of the Vendor since the Council agreed heads of terms for the property and these matters are outside the Council's control. No new information has been brought to the Council's attention with regard to this matter in addressing the aforementioned legal complexities but should any new information emerge, the Council will be happy to explore further.

Notwithstanding the above, it should be noted that since agreeing Heads of Terms with the vendor for this property, the Council has subsequently acquired Lucan House and developed a masterplan for same, which will provide for an extensive range of tourism, recreational cultural and hospitality facilities for the area. The Council will be focusing on the development of this masterplan in the Lucan area in the years ahead.

**LPNC/689/H11/1225 Item ID:89419 – Outdoor Market Report**

This report was presented by Paul Fusco A/Senior Executive Officer

[Outdoor Market Report](#)

Following Contributions from Councillors J Tuffy, L O'Toole and C Brady, Paul Fusco A/Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

**LPNC/690/C6/1225 Item ID:89407 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

**LPNC/691/M12/1225 Item ID:89436 – Memorial Space Lucan Demesne**

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

To call on the Chief Executive to meet with Jonathan Cully of Society for Old Lucan (SOL) in order to begin project plans for a suitable garden space and /or memorial in Lucan Demesne, dedicated to the memory of all 71 Lucanian's currently known to have lost their lives due to conflict, no matter what conflict or era, political or religious persuasion.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

The development and delivery of the Masterplan must follow the formal procurement and statutory process. This process is currently underway, and it is anticipated that a suitably qualified architect-led design team will be appointment in early Q1 of 2026 after which the preparation of detailed design work can properly begin for the Part 8 planning process. Given these required steps, a meeting at this time would be premature, as the design team has not yet been procured and no detailed design work has commenced. However, the Executive will endeavour to meet with Mr. Jonathan Cully at an appropriate point following the procurement of the architect-led design team when the design process is underway and there is a clear framework within which such a space could be explored.

Following Contributions from Councillors H Farrell, J Tuffy, A Hayes and C Brady, Sinead Geoghegan A/Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

**LPNC/692/M13/1225 Item ID:89458 – Lucan House Signage**

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

This Committee requests the Manager to arrange for the installation of an external sign for Lucan House. A sign was historically in place during its use as an embassy, and reinstating appropriate signage would restore a sense of pride, reflect the heritage of the building, and enhance its presence as an important landmark in our village and county

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

The delivery of the Lucan Demesne Masterplan is already underway, and the next key step is the appointment of an architect-led design team. Once

appointed, this team will be tasked with developing a coordinated approach to interpretation, signage, and wayfinding across the entire Demesne, working in collaboration with a specialised interpretation consultant. Given this process, installing signage at this stage would be premature. Any new signage or interpretative elements within the Demesne, including at Lucan House, should be developed as part of a cohesive, integrated design and branding strategy that ensures consistency, enhances the visitor experience, and contributes to a distinct and unified sense of place. A such, appropriate signage for Lucan House can be fully considered within this Masterplan-led design process once the architect team is in place.

Following Contributions from Councillors V Casserly and H Farrell, Sinead Geoghegan A/Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **LPNC/693/H12/1225 Item ID:89423 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/694/C7/1225 Item ID:89410 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/695/M14/1225 Item ID:89375 - Online Dashboard Request**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

That this Committee requests that the Chief Executive consider the development of a public-facing online dashboard to provide regular updates on major projects and works underway in the Lucan area including transport, parks, housing and community infrastructure schemes. Given the volume of projects currently in progress and planned for Lucan a clear and accessible dashboard would greatly improve transparency, communication and public understanding of timelines and progress. Such a model could be piloted in the Lucan area and if successful, extended countywide as part of the Council's Digital Transformation and Customer Service objectives.

### **The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

As referenced in recent capital programme updates at full Council meetings, we are presently progressing the development of a Capital Projects Monitoring Dashboard to enhance transparency and complement existing capital project updates. This new tool will provide a geographical

view of major works across the county, covering areas such as transport, housing, parks, and community infrastructure. It is being designed to offer staff, elected members and in due course the public a clear, accessible picture of project timelines and moment in time delivery status.

Backend systems to capture project updates have been developed throughout 2025 in collaboration with project leads and management and is at present in active use. Work on the mapping dashboard and georeferencing interface will advance in Q1 2026, with an initial internal deployment planned for Q2 2026. Subject to successful testing and governance approval, the dashboard may be published for elected members consumption and the wider public thereafter.

Elected members will continue to receive regular updates through established channels, alongside progress reports on dashboard development. This initiative reinforces the Council's commitment to openness and informed decision-making.

Following Contributions from Councillors L O'Toole and C Brady, Tommy Kavanagh Director of Digital Services Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

## **Corporate Support**

### **LPNC/696/Q10/1225 Item ID:88265 - Liffey Valley SAAO**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

When can the next Liffey Valley Monitoring Committee meeting be scheduled? At the last meeting it was agreed that we would review and adjust committee membership as the Fingal membership did not align with ours. Could we please get an update on progress with reconstituting the membership and confirm a date for the next meeting

#### **REPLY:**

Currently SDCC membership of the Liffey Valley Special Amenity Area Order Committee (LVSAAO) exceeds that of Fingal membership, and there was an unofficial agreement at the January 2025 meeting (coordinated by Fingal) that SDCC would realign membership with that of Fingal. To do this will require consideration at an OP&F meeting and approval at Co Co meeting.

However, in advance, it is desirable to understand next steps and interest in continuing with the committee and so, to this end SDCC (on behalf of the membership of this AC) has made recent contact with Fingal Co Co.

**LPNC/697/H13/1225 Item ID:89418 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**LPNC/698/C8/1225 Item ID:89406 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Environment**

**LPNC/699/Q11/1225 Item ID:89442 - School Master House**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the Chief Executive whether Protected Structure Ref. 036 — the former Tram Depot and Power Station (known locally as the Schoolmaster's House) in Lucan — has been considered for inclusion on the Vacant or Derelict Sites Register, and if eligible should it be so listed.

**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.

SDCC has opened a derelict site casefile in relation to the supplied address. An inspection has been scheduled by the Senior Clerk of Works. Should the inspection report be endorsed as derelict, SDCC will take all available action under the provisions of the Derelict Sites Act 1990.

**LPNC/700/Q12/1225 Item ID:89447 - Lucan Village Update**

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To call on the Manager to provide a detailed update on the works currently underway in Lucan Village, including the Green, the Promenade, and the Demesne, along with progress information, planned works remaining and overall costs to date

**REPLY:**

Lucan Demesne

Traffic management is now removed from the surrounding roadway, and the footpath and pedestrian signals are in operation. The new parking areas are complete for some time and open. The remaining work at the demesne comprises of the gate and fence to the park, seating and other furniture. This area will be opened on completion of these remaining works and is anticipated to be end of February 2026.

#### Promenade, Liffey Weir

Access to the promenade is restricted until works are completed. The steps including a widened stepped plaza area adjacent to the Lucan Bridge is under construction. This area will be opened on completion of these works anticipated to be end of February 2026.

#### Village Green

Traffic management required for the crossings at the north and south ends of the Village Green is now removed from the roadway. Also, the traffic signal equipment at Lucan Road Adamstown Road has been replaced and pedestrians are accommodated on permanent completed paved areas. There will be no on road traffic management during December to minimise disruption to residents and businesses. Traffic management required to complete the footpath at Kenny's Pub and the Dispensary Lane pedestrian crossing and bus stop will be held until the new year.

The Village Green requires the completion of paving, public lighting, benches, river wall, glass riverside parapet, landscaping, trees and band stand.

A section of the Village Green is opened for the Christmas tree and lights from the 12<sup>th</sup> December.

Early 2026 works comprise of the installation of new public lighting and removal of existing poles and lights, build-out at Main Street (Kenny's) and pedestrian crossing/bus stop at Dispensary Lane (5 weeks, post-Christmas, with traffic management); bandstand installation (including lighting); night-time tarmacking at junctions (for repair following ESB and PL ducting).

#### Timeline for completion

The contractor has advised that works will be completed the handover process completed by mid-March 2026. The ongoing project delays stem from contractor resourcing issues, ESB utility rerouting, unforeseen

underground obstacles, environmental restrictions on river works, traffic management restrictions and added public realm enhancements. SDCC is committed to reducing the construction impact of the project on pedestrian movements and traffic as much as practical and remains fully committed to delivering these public realm upgrade projects as quickly and efficiently as possible, ensuring the highest standards for the Lucan community.

We appreciate your continued support and patience as we work towards completion.

**LPNC/701/Q13/1225 Item ID:89291 - Lucan Village**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

Recent heavy rainfall (weekend 14th/15th) saw water levels rise significantly at both the Liffey and Griffeen Rivers in Lucan, and above some of the new infrastructure, submerging the entire Weir Promenade and some building materials here and at the Village Green - To now ask the manager to detail any impacts that this might have on project completion works and timeline and if a statement can be made on the matter.

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**REPLY:**

The Lucan Village Green and the Promenade at the Liffey Weir are situated in next to the Griffeen and Liffey Rivers, both of which are subject to periodic fluctuations in water levels. The design of the works have incorporated provisions to accommodate occasional flooding events.

During a recent heavy rain, the Griffeen River experienced a short-duration flood at the Village Green Amphitheatre. This event did not adversely affect the ongoing works. The release of water from the Leixlip Dam resulted in inundation of the Promenade area. To safeguard the works from unintended pedestrian access, temporary fencing had been installed. A section of this fencing was displaced by floodwaters and subsequently reinstated. In addition, all machinery was relocated away from the water to prevent potential damage.

## **LPNC/702/Q14/1225 Item ID:89440 – List of Historic Landfills**

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes

To ask the Manager to provide a comprehensive list of all historic landfills within the areas of this combined ACM to include but not limited to: -  
Locations - Whether on the national register or not - Which of them have certificate of authorisation applications submitted to the EPA and what retrospective control measures have been introduced - Has landfill leachate been identified in any location - Has SDCC the resources it needs to take remedial action at these sites

### **REPLY:**

A national list of historical landfill sites is maintained by the National Waste Collection Permit Office. The National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy 2024-2030, provides a standardised approach for local authorities to address the issues associated with historic landfill sites. The plan takes into consideration the Waste Management (Certification of Historic Unlicensed Recovery and Disposal Activity) Regulations 2008, where a local authority must undertake an environmental risk assessment (ERA) of their Closed Landfills (in accordance with the EPA Code of Practice), identify any required remediation works and subsequently apply to the EPA for a Certificate of Authorisation (CoA). SDCC is committed to the plan and in doing so are working closely with are colleagues in the Eastern-Midland Regional Waste Management Planning Office.

The historic landfill sites are recorded under the following headings.

**Closed Landfill Sites** (Section 22) - landfill site operated by a local authority for the recovery or disposal of waste without a waste licence on any date between 15th July 1977 and 27th March 1997.

- Waterstown, Palmerstown, Dublin 20 is the only site described as a Closed Landfill listed in the Lucan / Palmerstown / North Clondalkin Area. A retrospective certificate of authorisation (H0424-01) is being processed by the EPA. As part of the process, a Tier 3 assessment has been undertaken of the site to establish the level of risk and appropriate monitoring. The works are subject to EPA approval and reporting.

**Pre 1977 Landfill** - landfill site operated for the recovery or disposal of waste prior to 15th July 1977.

- There are no sites listed in the Lucan / Palmerstown / North Clondalkin Area

Delivery of the remediation work is coordinated through the Regional Waste Management Planning Offices. Project plans are in place for necessary ground water monitoring. The plans will be constantly reviewed and amended as required subject to the monitoring findings.

**LPNC/703/Q15/1225 Item ID:89469 - Esker Scheme**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

Can the Chief Executive provide an update on the Esker embankment plans and outline the next steps in the process, particularly in relation to public involvement, interaction or consultation associated with the project?

**REPLY:**

The ecology walkover, bat survey and arboriculture surveys have been completed. Further investigation is required to complete the contaminated ground survey which will take place in the new year. When environmental screening is complete the Project Lead will start contacting residents to discuss the scheme and take their concerns into account when preliminary design is undertaken.

**LPNC/704/H14/1225 Item ID:89420 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**LPNC/705/C9/1225 Item ID:89404 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

**LPNC/706/M15/1225 Item ID:89441 - Vacant & Derelict Site Register**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady, seconded by Councillor L. O'Toole

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to present, as a headed item at the January 2026 Local Area Committee meeting, up-to-date information on all properties listed on the Vacant and Derelict Sites Register within our area, and to outline the resources and processes in place to ensure alignment with the national strategy objective of Securing Additional Supply by Ending Dereliction and Vacancy under Delivering Homes, Building Communities 2025-2030.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

SDCC will bring a headed item to the January 2026 Local Area Committee meeting on Derelict Sites and vacant homes. The Climate Action directorate will report on derelict sites within the area, with Housing directorate contributing input in respect of vacant homes. The report will provide up-to-date information on properties listed on the Vacant and Derelict Sites Register and outline the resources and processes in place to ensure alignment with the national strategy objective of securing additional supply by addressing dereliction and vacancy under Delivering Homes, Building Communities 2025–2030.

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

**LPNC/707/M16/1225 Item ID:89379 – Trust Agreement for GVP Clubs**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

That this Committee notes that the Trust Agreement for the clubhouse at Griffeen Valley Park remains outstanding and requires finalisation by the three clubs involved.

Accordingly this Committee requests that the Chief Executive provide

- (a) a clear update on the current status of the Trust Agreement
- (b) a detailed outline of the steps required from the clubs to bring it to conclusion and
- (c) the process that will immediately follow its submission including the preparation and progression of a new licence agreement.

This Committee also wishes to indicate its strong view that once the governance pathway is complete the future upgrade of the clubhouse must be prioritised as part of the Council's planning for forthcoming capital programmes

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

The Trust Agreement is an agreement between the three clubs and is to be finalised and presented to the Council. Upon receipt of the agreed Trust Agreement, the Council will commence the process of putting a new or renewed lease in place between the Council and the three clubs. This process will be progressed in accordance with the Council's standard legal and governance procedures.

The Trust Agreement is currently with the clubs for signing and it is hoped that the signed agreement will be received by the Council in the coming week.

On receipt of the required documentation, the Council will prepare a draft lease agreement in consultation with Legal Services and relevant departments. The proposed lease will be progressed through the Council's internal approval, governance, and statutory processes as required. Subject to approval, the lease agreement will then be executed between the Council and the parties involved.

Following Contributions from Councillors L O'Toole, V Casserly and C Brady, Sharon Conroy Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

## **Water & Drainage**

### **LPNC/708/H15/1225 Item ID:89427 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/709/C10/1225 Item ID:89414 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/710/M17/1225 Item ID:89459 - Lucan Demesne Water Testing**

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

To call on the Manager to test the water source in Lucan Demesne that runs under the road at the end of Tandy's Lane, by the "Bath House" in Lucan Demesne, joining the River Liffey to the North, and to report back on the water quality, any contamination, and chemical composition, bearing in mind that this may possibly be the original "spa" discovered during the 18th century, despite another spa water found near the Spa Hotel and a second in what is now the park beside Sarsfield Park.

#### **The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

The water quality inspector will sample this surface water at Lucan Demesne in the coming days. The water quality will be assessed once the results are returned from the laboratory.

Following Contributions from Councillor H Farrell, Lorcan Brennan A/Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

## Public Realm

### **LPNC/711/Q16/1225 Item ID:89445 – Pavillion Programme**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the current status and confirmed timetable for the delivery of the Part 8 sports changing room pavilions, given that the previous indication was Q1 2026. The update should include, for each Part 8 project, the status, expected delivery timeframe, and key milestones in bringing each project to completion.

#### **REPLY:**

SDCC's pavilion programme was agreed by the Council across the county as part of its commitment to the health and well-being of its citizens. To support active recreation in local communities, and to support the growth and development of sports clubs and groups facilities such as changing rooms, and secure storage areas ensure access to recreation, sustainability of service delivery and enable 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, including in the Tallaght area, to facilitate groups using adjacent pitches / sport in parks as set out in the list below:

- Griffeen Valley Park
- Corkagh Park ORR
- Collinstown Park
- Kilnamanagh Open Space
- Dodder Valley Mt Carmel
- Griffeen Valley / Arthur Griffith Park
- Tymon Park South
- Sean Walsh Park Artificial Pitch
- Kiltipper Park
- Willsbrook Park

The Part 8s for all the pavilions 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 locations has been completed and a design and build contractor is appointed. The detailed design and tender processes were extended due to required changes to the contract documents and requests from tenderers for additional time. The appointment of the successful contractor was subject to the resolution of challenges, which were required to be dealt with in line with appropriate procurement processes and procedures. All challenges were resolved allowing the official signing of contracts at the end of August 2025. The first 2 units, at Griffeen Valley Park and Corkagh Park are programmed for delivery in early Q1 of 2026 with progress to the remaining 8 locations during 2026. A detailed programme for the remaining locations will be available once the contract is extended to the 8 remaining locations (post successful delivery of Griffeen Valley Park and Corkagh pavillions).

**LPNC/712/Q17/1225 Item ID:89450 – Apprenticeship Opportunities**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the Chief Executive what apprenticeship opportunities currently exist or are planned, particularly in relation to bridge and gate construction, and what succession planning measures are in place to ensure continuity of this work currently undertaken in-house and which is much praised and admired in the community for the unique value it adds to our parks.

**REPLY:**

In 2025 SDCC has recruited two Civil Engineering apprentices and are finalising the details to release a competition for two Motor Mechanic apprentices.

A number of craft apprenticeships were explored in 2025, however SDCC were not in a position to meet the standard requirements as set out by SOLAS in the areas such as Steel Fabrication, Heavy Vehicle Mechanics & Plastering – such requirements are needed to provide a full and comprehensive experience for the apprentice.

Learning & Development are engaging with the Education Training Board to explore opportunities for a Brick & Stone laying apprenticeship in 2026, subject to standard requirements being met.

It is envisaged that a further 5 apprenticeships will be explored in 2026 in a wide variety of disciplines which may include opportunities in Horticulture, Civil Engineering and other emerging professional apprenticeship areas.

**LPNC/713/Q18/1225 Item ID:89453 - Weston Hockey Pitch**

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly

To ask the manager for an update on works to Weston Hockey Pitch

**REPLY:**

SDCC continues to maintain Weston hockey Pitch as per the terms of the lease. Recent works involved the removal of a thin layer of fine silt which had risen to the top of the playing surface following heavy rains. As advised at the deputation meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025, the pitch has exceeded its intended lifespan, having been in place since 2007. It is now at the point where ongoing maintenance is starting to become unsustainable. To assist in this matter, it would be of benefit if Weston Hockey Club could pursue the upgrade of the facility for which a Sports Capital Grant has been provisionally approved.

**LPNC/714/Q19/1225 Item ID:89454 - Dog Waste Bins**

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To ask the Manager if there is any update on the provision of designated dog-waste bins in the SDCC public realm as per other local authority areas such as DLR?

**REPLY:**

Every bin provided by the Council, of which there are approximately 900 around the county both on-street and in public parks, is available for the disposal of light litter including dog waste which has been properly bagged. This is considered to be the best approach. A review of the litter bin service was carried out under the remit of the Environment, Climate and Public Realm SPC in 2017. The review examined many aspects of the litter bin service including the issue of dog litter specific bins and the need to provide dispensers for dog waste disposal bags. The review concluded that the provision of dog litter specific bins would require a major change to the existing collection operation. The current policy as determined through the SPC review is that dog litter specific bins are not required when standard

litter bins can accept this waste. The Council currently does not provide this type of bin and has no plans to change this policy at the present time.

**LPNC/715/Q20/1225 Item ID:89470 - Griffeen Park Car Park Extension**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

Can the Chief Executive provide an update on the review of the proposed car park extension at Griffeen Park (Hayden's Lane), which was to be carried out following the multiple motions agreed on this issue and advise on the outcome of that review? In particular, can details be provided on whether the extension and the provision of adequate replacement storage facilities were examined noting that it had been agreed that once the old storage was removed a new facility of sufficient size would be provided to accommodate the needs of local clubs including junior parkrun and Griffeen parkrun. I would also appreciate clarification on whether the proposed goalpost storage cages are being treated as a standalone solution as these would not be adequate for the other club requirements identified.

**REPLY:**

As previously committed to, an assessment to determine the need to extend the car park has commenced. A full understanding of car park use will be apparent once the GAA pitch nearest the car park is back in play. We will be in a position to make a decision once all relevant information has been gathered and reviewed. At that stage the Councillors will be updated.

Improvement works that have taken place in the vicinity of Haydens Lane car park this year include the provision of a storage compound, new internal boundary gates and fence, and landscape improvements in the vicinity. These works are a culmination of various commitments to enhance the former model car racing area. The next phase in this process is the removal of the old model car storage containers, the steps and the viewing platform. Before this is considered further, the Parkrun organisers will be contacted regarding storage facility requirements.

**LPNC/716/H16/1225 Item ID:89425 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**LPNC/717/C11/1225 Item ID:89412 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

**LPNC/718/M18/1225 Item ID:89378 – Teenspace at Griffeen Valley Park**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

That this Committee requests that the Chief Executive provide details of the planned building and upgrade works referenced in the recent reply regarding the Teen Space at Griffeen Valley Park including timelines, scope and further requests that the proposed coffee dock be delivered in tandem with these works rather than deferred until a higher footfall is achieved noting that increased footfall will arise from the delivery of such amenities rather than from delay. Additionally, that the Chief Executive outline the plans for the surface area between the two recently installed yellow goalposts at the Teen Space and confirm whether this area will be resurfaced to make it suitable for ball sports and recreational play.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

The building and upgrade works referenced in the previous response related to upgrades at Lucan Harriers athletics track, upgrade works at the hockey pitches and works at Lucan Community College which will require access through the car park. It is not possible to give timelines for those 3 projects at the moment as 2 of the projects are not being managed by SDCC. The third project is at a preliminary design stage only. It would also not be possible to run the projects in tandem with constructing a coffee dock as the works are very different in nature and involve sports specialist contractors rather than building construction contractors.

The proposed addition of a coffee shop to the teenspace at Griffeen Valley Park is still part of the current teenspace programme. However, to date there has not been any response or interest in attracting any party to provide or run it. In addition, the proposal has been subject to an informal negotiated procedure, again without success or interest.

The yellow goal posts at the teenspace were installed in May 2023. There are grass free patches in the centre of the goals, but the playing surface is in good condition and is suitable for use. Therefore, there are no proposals for resurfacing works.

Following Contributions from Councillor L O'Toole, Laurence Colleran Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/719/M19/1225 Item ID:89448 – Esker Cemetery Footpaths**

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive and the relevant Director of Services to make provision in the Programme of Works for the installation and upgrade of footpaths within Old Esker Cemetery. Improved pathways are essential to ensure safe, dignified, and accessible movement for all visitors, particularly older people and persons with disabilities, in line with our obligations under the Equal Status Act, the Disability Act 2005 & the UNCRPD Given the cemetery's significance to the local community, the Committee requests that this work be prioritised and delivered in a manner that enhances universal access and preserves the character of this historic site.

#### **The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

The upgrade of paths in Old Esker Cemetery will be listed for consideration for inclusion in the Draft Public Realm Improvement Works Programme 2026. The draft IWP will be presented for the attention of the Elected Members at the Area Committee meeting in January 2026.

Following Contributions from Councillor V Casserly, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/720/M20/1225 Item ID:89455 – Public Lighting**

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

To request SDCC Public Realm and Public Lighting sections cooperate to install public lighting in the vicinity of the pathway connecting Woodfarm Acres Estate to Kennelsfort Road Upper outside the ESNB station.

#### **The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

The provision of public lighting along the path linking The Dingle to Kennelsfort Road Upper will be listed for consideration in the draft Public Realm Improvement Works Programme (IWP) for 2026. The draft IWP will be presented for the attention of the Elected Members at the Area Committee meeting in January 2026.

The lane outside the ESNB station is not in charge and it is not possible to install public lighting at this location. Nevertheless, there are already 4 lamp standards located beside this lane within the ESNB compound. The

maintenance and control of these lamp standards is the responsibility of ESNB. Contact will be with ESNB to request that these be turned on during the hours of darkness as has been the case in the past.

Following Contributions from Councillor A Hayes, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

**LPNC/721/M21/1225 Item ID:89457 - Airlie Heights Boundary**

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

Due to the recent damage to the pitches at Airlie Heights, Lucan, calling on the Manager to install barriers to prevent future occurrences of this nature and protect the investment in this valuable community resource.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

The provision of open space boundary treatment along the road at the rear of the Lucan United clubhouse will be listed for consideration in the draft Public Realm Improvement Works Programme (IWP) for 2026. The draft IWP will be presented for the attention of the Elected Members at the Area Committee meeting in January 2026.

Following Contributions from Councillors L O'Toole, A Hayes, C Brady and H Farrell, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

Meeting Concluded at 17:45

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