

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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council March 2026 Rathfarnham / Templeogue / Firhouse / Bohernabreena Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 through Microsoft 365 Teams and in person in the Council Chambers.

**Councillors Present**

Sarah Barnes  
Yvonne Collins  
Paddy Cosgrave  
Alan Edge  
Brian Lawlor  
Roisin Mannion  
Lynn McCrave  
Emma Murphy  
Justin Sinnott

**Officials Present**

Senior Executive Officer	Mary Maguire,
Senior Engineers	Gary Walsh, Damien McNulty
Senior Planner	Stephen Willoughby
Administrative Officer	Susan Sinclair
Executive Librarian	Mark Ward
Staff Officer	Eimear O’Sullivan
Assistant Staff Officer	Vikki Cryan
Clerical Officers	Dylan Hayes, Rebecca Brennan

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Alan Edge presided.

**RTFB/89/H1/O326 Item ID:90397 – Minutes**

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Minutes of Rathfarnham / Templeogue / Firhouse / Bohernabreena Area Committee dealing with Corporate, Performance & Change Management, Public Realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Transportation, Planning, Economic Development, and Libraries & Arts held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 which have been circulated, were submitted, and **APPROVED** as true record and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor A Edge and seconded by Councillor P Cosgrave and **RESOLVED** “That the recommendations contained in the minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

[H1 Minutes of February 2026 RTFB](#)

### **RTFB/90/O326 – Questions**

It was proposed by Councillor A Edge, seconded by Councillor Y Collins, and **RESOLVED** “That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 that Questions 1 – 4 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

## **Corporate Support**

### **RTFB/91/H2/O326 Item ID:90412 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/92/C1/O326 Item ID:90400 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **RTFB/93/H3/O326 Item ID:90417 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/94/C2/O326 Item ID:90404 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Environment**

### **RTFB/95/Q1/O326 Item ID:90396 – Old Tanning Factory Update**

Proposed by Councillor A. Edge

To ask for an update on works being carried out at derelict Old Tanning Factory in Bohernabreena.

#### **REPLY:**

Under Section 3 of Derelict Site Act 1990, SDCC 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.

This particular location in question is not currently listed on the Derelict Sites Register. While investigations are ongoing with sites not currently listed on the Register, SDCC is unable to provide specific information but can inform that we are engaging with the owner under the provisions of the Derelict Sites Act.

When a report of a potential derelict site is received, a new file is opened, and an inspection is carried out by the Senior Clerk of Works. The Senior

Clerk of Works completes an inspection report. An ownership check is carried out and once finalised, a Section 11 Notice is served where in the opinion of the local authority it is necessary to do so, to prevent land situated in their functional area from becoming or continuing to be a derelict site.

A Section 11 Notice:

- specifies the measures which the local authority consider to be necessary in order to prevent the land from becoming or continuing to be a derelict site,
- direct the person on whom the notice is being served to take such measures as may be specified in the notice, and
- specify a period (being not less than one month from the effective date of the notice) within which such measures are to be taken

Not all reports received are added to the Derelict Sites Register. Following inspection, reported sites may be deemed non-derelict by the Senior Clerk of Works/Senior Architect or require further monitoring. Alternatively, actions are often taken on the property by the registered owners, in response to the serving of Notices, to avoid being entered onto the derelict sites register.

SDCC maintains regular communication with registered owners of properties subject to investigation under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 and actively monitors the progress of works required to be carried out to prevent continuing dereliction. Should required works not develop as stated, SDCC continues to take all actions available under the Derelict Sites Act 1990.

**RTFB/96/H4/0326 Item ID:90414 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**RTFB/97/C3/0326 Item ID:90398 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## Water & Drainage

### **RTFB/98/Q2/O326 Item ID:90349 – Storm Measures**

Proposed by Councillor J. Sinnott

To ask the Chief Executive what additional measures are being undertaken by South Dublin County Council to address the impact of heavy rainfall and storms in the Rathfarnham/Tempelogue/Firhouse/Bohernabreena areas.

#### **REPLY:**

The National Catchment-based Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Programme was a comprehensive national study initiated by the Office of Public Works (OPW) in collaboration with Local Authorities and supported by external consultants. This programme identified and mapped both existing and potential flood risks in specific areas that were considered to be at significant risk from flooding, referred to as Areas for Further Assessment (AFAs). As part of its remit, the CFRAM Programme produced detailed flood risk maps and identified a range of structural and non-structural measures to manage the assessed risks within each AFA at a national scale. The outcomes and recommended management strategies were compiled into a series of 29 'Flood Risk Management Plans' published in 2018.

The OPW and South Dublin County Council (SDCC) are working together to implement the schemes arising from the CFRAM Programme, in line with the recommendations outlined in the 'Flood Risk Management Plans'. Several flood alleviation schemes (FAS) are currently underway.

- The River Poddle Flood Alleviation Scheme (FAS) is presently at the construction stage. Significant components of this scheme have been completed, including the development of a new attenuation area in Tymon Park. This new infrastructure proved effective during Storm Chandra, helping to mitigate downstream impacts and resulting in substantially lower water flows into the Kimmage and Harolds Cross areas.
- The Whitechurch Stream FAS is also currently under construction.
- The River Camac FAS is at the design stage.

Several additional schemes are being considered for future implementation which include the following that are relevant to Rathfarnham, Tempelogue, Bohernabreena and Firhouse areas:

- Future phases of the River Dodder scheme: Phase 3 will cover Clonskeagh to Orwell Road, with Phase 4 planned for the SDCC area
- Owendoher FAS
- Shinkeen FAS
- Chapelizod FAS (from Lucan to Chapelizod), a project being led by Dublin City Council under a Framework for Consultancy Services
- Griffeen FAS.

Regular updates on both current and planned flood alleviation schemes are provided to the Environment, Public Realm, and Climate Change Strategic Policy Committee (SPC). In addition, these schemes are included in SDCC's Capital Programme updates, which are shared with Councillors.

Further details regarding ongoing, completed, and future flood relief schemes managed by the OPW can be accessed online at [www.floodinfo.ie/scheme-info](http://www.floodinfo.ie/scheme-info)

To enhance the ongoing monitoring of flood risk throughout the county, SDCC's Natural Water division is exploring the installation of additional river level gauges at key strategic locations along local rivers. These gauges may be further upgraded through the integration of still cameras and alarms on the river screens to provide real-time data and alerts.

Met Eireann has announced ongoing work to develop a more localised weather warning system, set to replace county-wide alerts by the end of the year. This new system aims to deliver more targeted emergency preparedness, focusing on those most at risk. Local Authorities and the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management will contribute to the development of this approach.

#### **RTEB/99/H5/O326 Item ID:90421 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

#### **RTEB/100/C4/O326 Item ID:90408 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Public Realm**

### **RTFB/101/Q3/0326 Item ID:90221 – Ballycullen Road Roundabout**

Proposed by Councillor E. Murphy

At the ACM in January the Public Realm programme for 2026 included an upgrade to the roundabout at Woodstown/ Ballycullen Road. Could the Council provide detail on the following please? 1. Can a drawing be provided on what is intended for the roundabout? 2. Provide a report on how the works will provide for safer crossings here 3. When are the works are likely to take place and the expected duration of the works?

#### **REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council intends to upgrade the roundabout at Woodstown / Ballycullen Road as part of the 2026 Public Realm Improvement Works Programme. The works will involve improved landscaping, including pollinator-friendly planting to enhance the appearance of the roundabout.

A detailed drawing is not available at this stage as a landscape contractor is currently being procured. Once appointed and the design is finalised, the layout will be shared with Elected Members.

The proposed works relate to landscaping only. In relation to the pedestrian crossings and the completion of the recent Active Travel Scheme it is proposed to improved delineation at the pedestrian central ghost islands on the Ballycullen Road arms of the roundabout, this may be flexi-bollards or bolt-down islands.

Subject to procurement, works are expected to take place after the bird nesting season, likely in Q3/Q4 2026, the duration of works will be confirmed once the contractor is in place.

### **RTFB/102/H6/0326 Item ID:90419 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/103/C5/0326 Item ID:90406 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/104/M1/0326 Item ID:90220 – Dodder Valley Park Request for Boundary**

Proposed by Councillor E. Murphy, seconded by Councillor A. Edge

That the Chief Executive acts on previous motions to this ACM which seek a natural low level boundary to the running track in Dodder Valley Park.

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

The Public Realm team have reviewed the motion proposed. The suggested introducing a natural low-level boundary, such as hedging, has previously been discussed with representatives of Brother Pearse Running Club. It was agreed that installing a defined hedge boundary in this location could unintentionally create an informal dog run and reduce the current level of passive surveillance for park users.

The Council proposes to shape and define the running track through tree planting, while maintaining passive surveillance and open sightlines across the park.

Following contributions from Councillors E Murphy and Y Collins, Damien McNulty Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

**RTEB/105/M2/O326 Item ID:90344 - Hedge Cutting**

Proposed by Councillor P. Cosgrave, seconded by Councillor P. Kearns

That the Manager have the brier hedge at the backwall of (Address Provided in Osprey Park, Templeogue D6) cut back which are growing over the wall into their garden. The hedge is in the grounds of Tymon Park. Also, could the trees be trimmed as well. The briars are growing up the lower branches of the trees.

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

The briars along the rear boundary wall have been cut back and removed.

The trees in this area will be inspected, and any necessary pruning works will be carried out.

Following contributions from Councillors P Cosgrave, P Kearns and L McCrave, the Managers Report was **Noted.**

**RTEB/106/M3/O326 Item ID:90355 - Tree Removal Request**

Proposed by Councillor P. Cosgrave, seconded by Councillor A. Edge

That the Manager have the large trees on both sides of Whitechurch Abbey at Grange Park Rathfarnham removed. Also, the trees at the rear of

(Address Provided in Grange Park). The leaves that shredded from these trees caused the flood drain at the junction of Whitechurch Abbey/Grange Park to be blocked during the recent flooding. At present twigs and small branches from these trees are blocking the flood drain. The trees could be replaced with smaller trees that shred less leaves.

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

South Dublin County Council manages in excess of 80,000 street trees across the County in accordance with the *Living with Trees Policy*. Tree removal is undertaken only where there is clear arboricultural justification, such as structural defect, disease, safety risk or essential infrastructure conflict.

The eight trees at the entrance to Whitechurch Abbey from Grange Park have been inspected and are in good condition. No arboricultural works are required. The trees to the rear of No. 38 Grange Park have also been inspected and requires no works. The largest tree in this location is within private ownership.

The flooding experienced in the Grange Park area in late January 2026 occurred during a period of exceptional and sustained rainfall within the Whitechurch Stream catchment, following a prolonged wet period when ground conditions were already saturated. This resulted in significantly elevated water levels in local watercourses and widespread flooding across parts of Dublin.

Tree removal would not have prevented this event. Mature trees form an integral part of the Council's green infrastructure network and play a measurable role in surface water management by intercepting rainfall, increasing infiltration and absorbing water through their root systems, thereby reducing surface runoff.

In relation to the cleansing of debris on road edges and maintenance of the drainage infrastructure, the council street sweeping programme includes mechanical sweeping once every three months for this area. Additional sweeping is provided as the need arises, in particular to clear leaves from roads and footpaths during the months of September to December. The schedule for street sweeping is available to be viewed on line at [SDCC Route List - SDCC](#)

Following contributions from Councillors P Cosgrave, Y Collins, R Mannion, A Edge and P Kearns, Damien McNulty Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was **Noted**.

## **Housing**

### **RTEB/107/H7/0326 Item ID:90415 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTEB/108/C6/0326 Item ID:90402 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Community**

### **RTEB/109/Q4/0326 Item ID:90352 - Community Development Grants**

Proposed by Councillor J. Sinnott

To ask the Chief Executive what steps are taken to promote Community Development Grants and to encourage new applications in the Rathfarnham / Templeogue / Firhouse / Bohernabreena area?

#### **REPLY:**

The Community Development Grants 2026 are now live and are promoted across all SDCC social media platforms and in all Community Centres to ensure local promotion. The PPN also promoted to all on their register.

To support applicants, the Community Development team have been delivering a series of workshops for both new and existing groups. These workshops provided guidance on:

- The recent amendments to the application process
- The different funding streams available
- How to complete and submit a strong application

Workshops have been delivered both in person and online to ensure accessibility for all groups.

Dates, times, and locations have been advertised across SDCC social media platforms and in all Community Centres.

Date	Time	Location	LEA
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	7-8.30pm	Firhouse CC	Firhouse-Bohernbreena

3 <sup>rd</sup> March	7-8pm	Adamstown CC	Lucan
4 <sup>th</sup> March	7-8.30pm	Online	ALL
9 <sup>th</sup> March	7-9pm	Jobstown CC	Tallaght South
10 <sup>th</sup> March	6.30 – 8.30pm	Quarryvale	Clondalkin

Further information on Community Development Grants and the application forms can be found here [Community Grants](#) and the Community Grants Booklet is available here [Community Grants Booklet](#)

For any queries relating to the Community Development Grants, workshops, or funding opportunities, please contact the team at [community@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:community@sdublincoco.ie)

**RTFB/110/H8/0326 Item ID:90409 – Deputations for Noting**

Deputations for Noting: Knocklyon Network

[H8 Knocklyon Network Jan 2026](#)

This report was **Noted**.

**RTFB/111/H9/0326 Item ID:90411 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**RTFB/112/C7/0326 Item ID:90399 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Transportation**

**RTFB/113/H10/0326 Item ID:90422 – Roads to be Taken in Charge**

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

**RTFB/114/H11/0326 Item ID:90420 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**RTFB/115/C8/0326 Item ID:90407 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

**RTFB/116/M4/0326 Item ID:90290 – Pothole Repair**

Proposed by Councillor J. Sinnott, seconded by Councillor A. Edge

This Committee notes in the aftermath of heavy rains the number of potholes in the Rathfarnham / Templeogue / Firhouse / Bohernabreena area

have increased substantially. This Committee requests the Council to prioritise resources in relation to pothole repairs and road upgrading.

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

In 2026 SDCC allocated €700,000 to the repair of potholes.

Since late January SDCC has been prioritising the repair of road defects that have emerged following the persistent rain. Some of the worst locations for potholes are listed for full resurfacing as part of this year RWP so we are trying to balance out the short term emergency repairs with the long term solution that is currently at tender preparations.

Following contributions from Councillors J Sinnott, Y Collins, E Murphy, P Kearns, A Edge, R McMahon, L McCrave, P Cosgrave, S Barnes and R Mannion, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and Managers Report was **Noted**.

**RTEB/117/M5/O326 Item ID:90433 – Main Street, Rathfarnham Works**

Proposed by Councillor Y. Collins, seconded by Councillor A. Edge

That this Council furnishes clarity on how long the upcoming works by Uisce Eireann on the Main Street, Rathfarnham Village will take, what impact the works will have on parking and traders, and what measures will be put in place to alleviate same

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

A meeting is scheduled with Uisce Eireann on March 9th to get a clear programme timeline from them.

**This Motion was taken in conjunction with Motion 7**

Following contributions from Councillors Y Collins, L McCrave, J Sinnott and P Cosgrave, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was Noted.

**RTEB/118/M6/O326 Item ID:90331 – Pothole Repair**

Proposed by Councillor J. Sinnott, seconded by Councillor A. Edge

This Committee requests that Barton Drive (Grange Road - Rathfarnham) road up to the shops is included in the next works programme for upgrading and that interim works are undertaken to repair potholes and damage to the road following the recent heavy rains.

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

Pothole repairs are planned to be carried out here in the coming days.

It is listed as a scheme for consideration for the 2027 RWP

Following contributions from Councillors J Sinnott, Y Collins and L McCrave, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

**RTFB/119/M7/O326 Item ID:90434 – Footpath Repair**

Proposed by Councillor Y. Collins, seconded by Councillor A. Edge

That this Council carries out necessary repairs to the road and footpaths on Main Street Rathfarnham as soon as possible after Uisce Eireann has completed its work as conditions are now hazardous and, in the interim, notifies the appropriate 3rd party of the need for the immediate repair of the service cover/utility cover as per attached photo

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

The attached image has been forwarded to the relevant utility for priority repair

[M7 \(ii\) Main Street Rathfarnham Feb26](#)

**This Motion was taken in conjunction with Motion 5**

Following contributions from Councillors Y Collins, L McCrave, J Sinnott and P Cosgrave, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was **Noted**.

## **Planning**

**RTFB/120/H12/O326 Item ID:90494 – City Edge – Variation to CDP**

This report was presented by Stephen Willoughby Senior Planner

City Edge - Variation to CDP

[H12 City Edge Update March 2026](#)

Following contributions from Councillor R McMahan, Stephen Willoughby Senior Planner Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

**RTFB/121/H13/0326 Item ID:90418 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**RTFB/122/C9/0326 Item ID:90405 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

**Economic Development**

**RTFB/123/H14/0326 Item ID:90413 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**RTFB/124/C10/0326 Item ID:90401 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

**Libraries & Arts**

**RTFB/125/H15/0326 Item ID:90410 - Library News & Events**

This report was presented by Mark Ward Executive Librarian

Library News & Events

[H15 \(i\) Library Report RTFB ACM March](#)

[H15 \(ii\) Library Event Stats RTFB March](#)

Following contributions from Councillors L McCrave, A Edge and R McMahon, Mark Ward Executive Librarian Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

**RTFB/126H16/0326 Item ID:90416 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**RTFB/127/C11/0326 Item ID:90403 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

Meeting concluded at 16:02.

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**An Cathaoirleach**