

COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS
SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of South Dublin County Council March 2026 Lucan / Palmerstown / North Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 24th March 2026 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
Tanya McDonald
Glen Moore
Liona O'Toole
Joanna Tuffy

Officials Present

A/Senior Executive Officers	Paul Fusco
Senior Executive Officer	Mary Maguire, Vivienne Hartnett
Senior Engineer	Julienne Helbert, Gary Walsh, John Hegarty, Damien McNulty
A/Senior Community Officer	Aoife Troy
Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer	Damien Wildes
Senior Executive Parks Superintendent	David Fennell
Senior Executive Engineer	Andrew O'Mullane
Senior Executive Librarian	Rosena Hand
Staff Officer	Eimear O'Sullivan
Assistant Staff Officer	Vikki Cryan
Sound Recording Technician	Gerry Horan
Clerical Officers	Rebecca Brennan, Dylan Hayes

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Caroline Brady presided.

LPNC/140/H1/0326 Item ID:90529 – Minutes

Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting of February 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 H Farrell and RESOLVED: “That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the 24th February 2026 be ADOPTED and APPROVED.”

[H1 Minutes of February 2026 LPNC ACM](#)

LPNC/141/0326 – 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 – 19 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**”.

Corporate Support

LPNC/142/H2/0326 Item ID:90518 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/143/C1/0326 Item ID:90506 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

LPNC/144/M1/0326 Item ID:90558 – HSE Public Health Nurses

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

That the area committee agrees to write to the HSE and Department of Health to request an update on the provision of public health nurse services in the North Clondalkin/Lucan area, and to ask for them to provide information to councillors regarding the numbers of babies and children that have so far not received their check-ups from 2020-2025, and that councillors demand that every effort is made to ensure that these services are re-instated.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

If this Motion is passed letters will be sent to the HSE and the Department of Health in this regard.

Following contributions from Councillors M Johansson, C Brady and L O’Toole, the Motion was **Agreed**.

LPNC/145/M2/0326 Item ID:90563 – Grand Canal Abandoned Boats

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

That this Council writes to Waterways Ireland regarding a number of boats that appear to be abandoned along the Grand Canal between the 12th Lock and the Hazelhatch Bridge heading towards Kildare. Since the opening of the 12th Lock greenway and canal walkway the area has seen a significant increase in users including cyclists, walkers, runners, families and children. While this investment has created a very positive recreational amenity it has been noted that several boats along this stretch appear to have been left unattended for some time. Unlike abandoned vehicles on roads which can be removed under the Litter Warden Act there does not appear to be a clear public process for dealing with abandoned boats. Accordingly, the Council should request that Waterways Ireland outline the current procedure for identifying and removing abandoned boats and confirm whether there are any plans to address the boats currently located along this section of the canal in order to protect the visual amenity of this well-used recreational route. In addition, given the significant increase in public use of this section of the canal since the walkway opened the Council should also ask whether Waterways Ireland has carried out a recent audit of the lifebuoys along this stretch and whether additional lifebuoys are planned as it appears more may now be required for safety purposes.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

If this Motion is passed a letter will be sent to Waterways Ireland in this regard.

Following contributions from Councillors L O'Toole, T McDonald and G Moore, Paul Fusco A/Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

LPNC/146/M3/0326 Item ID:90579 - LVSAAO

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

That this Committee requests that the Chief Executive facilitate the scheduling of a meeting of the Liffey Valley Special Amenity Area Order (LVSAAO) Monitoring Committee as soon as possible noting that it has now been over a year since the last meeting was held in January 2025 and that no meetings took place during the previous council term. Given the importance of this Monitoring Committee and the purpose for which it was originally established to oversee and protect the Liffey Valley Special Amenity Area it is essential that the Committee meets regularly to ensure appropriate oversight and engagement between the relevant local authorities. While it is acknowledged that discussions are ongoing regarding the realignment of membership between South Dublin County Council and Fingal County Council this issue should not impede the Committee from meeting in the interim given the importance of the matters it was established to monitor. The report should therefore also outline the next steps and timeline for reconvening

the Committee so that the work of the Monitoring Committee can resume without further delay.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

The last LVSAO meeting took place in Fingal on 30 January 2025. It has been very recently established that FCC intended to convene another meeting in early in Q2/2026 with focus on determining suitable membership (incl numbers) and Terms of Reference which will determine what the committee is meant to do and how it will operate.

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

Performance & Change Management

LPNC/147/H3/0326 Item ID:90523 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/148/C2/0326 Item ID:90510 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

Environment

LPNC/149/Q1/0326 Item ID:90607 – Lucan Village Works Update

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly

To ask the manager for an update on completion date for Lucan Village Enhancement Scheme

[Q1 Lucan Village Enhancement Scheme 11th March 2026](#)

REPLY:

Lucan Village Enhancement Scheme update

Village Green-

- 95% complete
- Completion Mid-April 2026
- Works to complete*
 - o Riverside painted metal and glass parapet
 - o Bandstand and lighting
 - o Grass sodding placed in pavers, 80% complete

- o Landscaping along river wall, 30% complete
- o River wall construction, 75% complete

Lucan Demesne

Overall 97% complete

Completion in Mid-April 2026

works to complete

- Installation of cantilever feature seating
- Railing along park
- Railing at Irish Water compound

Liffey Promenade

- Access steps from Lucan Bridge to the promenade now under construction
- Promenade works are 50% complete. The construction of the steps is the focus of remaining works.

Lucan Bridge

To complement the village schemes, Lucan Bridge will receive periodic restoration and maintenance works by TRIUR Construction Limited, to commence in March 2026

LPNC/150/Q2/0326 Item ID:90557 – Public EV Charging Facilities

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of locations identified for the installation of public EV charging facilities in the ACM area?

REPLY:

SDCC, in conjunction with the other Dublin Local Authorities have a 10-year concession framework agreement in place, where ePower has been appointed for the design, installation and operation of destination EV charge points across the entire county of Dublin. An initial 50 projects will be installed within the Dublin region, of which 15 sites have been identified in the SDCC region, following an assessment of the availability of power supply. The initial sites are predominately in carparks of public parks and amenities operated by SDCC, allowing users access to fast charging at destinations. Installation of EV charging sites is set to begin March/April 2026.

The proposed sites within this ACM are:

- North Clondalkin Library, Liscarne Close, Rowlagh, Dublin
- Corkagh Park, Clondalkin, Dublin

- Lucan Swimming Pool (Griffeen Valley Park, Esker South, Lucan, Dublin, Co. Dublin)
- Hermitage Park, Ballyowen Road, Lucan, Dublin
- Adamstown (Castlegate Rise), Adamstown, Lucan, Dublin
- Bawnogue Shopping Centre, Bawnogue Road, Dublin
- Tandy's Lane, Adamstown Park, Dublin

The other proposed sites comprise:

- Tallaght Leisure Centre, Fortunestown Way, Tallaght
- Clondalkin Leisure Centre, Old Nangar Road, Clondalkin, Dublin
- Tallaght Stadium, Whitestown Way, Oldbawn, Dublin
- Dodder Valley Old Bawn Pavillion, Tallaght, Dublin
- SDCC County Hall, Tallaght.
- Bushy Park Carpark, Dodder View Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin
- Dodder Valley Car Park, R114, Templeogue, Dublin
- Rosemount Ballyroan, Car park in front of Supervalu, Rathfarnham, Dublin

SDCC will continue to work to identify suitable locations in its ownership for EV charging and accelerate the delivery where power supply is available, and demand requires it; in line with the Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy and ZEV Guidelines. Further procurement competitions are planned to allow for the appointment of Neighbourhood EV charge point operator(s) (7-22kw) for areas of shared parking within housing developments that are in the charge of the council.

Other avenues for the successful delivery of the convenient, energy-efficient, and cost-effective EV charging infrastructure include the Shared Island Sports Club EV Charging Scheme and within new developments.

For new developments, as part of the statutory planning process, the council's standard planning conditions for parking associated with apartments and multi-dwellings unit requires a minimum of 20% of the car parking spaces to allow for potential electric vehicle charging on occupation of the development.

For existing developments, where management companies are present, grants are available through the SEAI for apartment blocks or multi-unit developments. The grant is designed for bulk installation of chargers at a single location, and supports cabling, infrastructure, labour and construction. Owners, management companies, housing bodies, LAs and commercial and private landlords can apply.

Current public EV charging locations are provided by private suppliers and, as such, SDCC does not have a live register of these public EV charging locations. These may be in service stations, car parks of shopping centres, hotels, sports clubs, or in privately owned residential developments, for example. For the most

up-to-date information in this area, it is recommended to refer to EV charging maps.

LPNC/151/Q3/O326 Item ID:90585 – Dog Licence Statistics

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

Can the Chief Executive confirm how many dog licences have been issued in the Lucan area over the past five years and provide a year-by-year breakdown to indicate whether there has been an increase in the number of licences issued during that period?

REPLY:

A dog licence is a legal requirement for dog owners. Dog licences can be purchased at any Post Office or online at www.licences.ie

Annual licences are available at a cost of €20 while lifetime licences are available at a cost of €140.

The total amount of dog licences issued throughout the administrative areas, over the past five years, is as follows:

Year	Number of Dog Licences
2021	8,172
2022	7,791
2023	7,248
2024	6,677
2025	5,967

The NDRS (National Dog Register System) does not facilitate the running of reports by individual area.

Dog owners that do not have a licence for their dogs, are liable to an on-the-spot fine from an SDCC Dog Warden of €150.

SDCC is committed to promoting responsible dog ownership throughout the administrative area. For more, please see [responsible-dog-ownership11.pdf](#)

LPNC/152/H4/O326 Item ID:90520 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/153/C3/O326 Item ID:90504 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

LPNC/154/M4/Q326 Item ID:90587 – EV Charging Infrastructure

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

Cathaoirleach's Business

That, following the recent agreement signed by the four Dublin local authorities with ePower, the Chief Executive report to this Committee with an outline plan for the rollout of EV charging infrastructure in the Lucan Electoral Area.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

SDCC, in conjunction with the other Dublin Local Authorities have a 10-year concession framework agreement in place, where ePower has been appointed for the design, installation and operation of destination EV charge points across the entire county of Dublin. An initial 50 projects will be installed within the Dublin region, of which 15 sites have been identified in the SDCC region, following an assessment of the availability of power supply. The initial sites are predominately in carparks of public parks and amenities operated by SDCC, allowing users access to fast charging at destinations.

The proposed sites within Lucan LEA are:

- Tandy's Lane, Adamstown Park, Dublin
- Hermitage Park, Ballyowen Road, Lucan, Dublin
- Adamstown (Castlegate Rise), Adamstown, Lucan, Dublin
- Lucan Swimming Pool (Griffeen Valley Park, Esker South, Lucan, Dublin, Co. Dublin

The other proposed sites comprise:

- North Clondalkin Library, Liscarne Close, Rowlagh, Dublin
- Corkagh Park (Clondalkin Leisure Centre), St. John's Wood Car Park, Clondalkin, Dublin
- Bawnogue Shopping Centre, Bawnogue Road, Dublin
- Tallaght Leisure Centre, Fortunestown Way, Tallaght
- Clondalkin Leisure Centre, Old Nangar Road, Clondalkin, Dublin
- Tallaght Stadium, Whitestown Way, Oldbawn, Dublin
- Dodder Valley Old Bawn Pavillion, Tallaght, Dublin
- SDCC County Hall, Tallaght.
- Bushy Park Carpark, Dodder View Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin
- Dodder Valley Car Park, R114, Templeogue, Dublin
- Rosemount Ballyroan, Car park in front of Supervalu, Rathfarnham, Dublin

Works to install the public EV charging infrastructure commenced the week of the 16th March 2026, at Tandy’s Lane, Adamstown Park. Works will start at Dodder Valley, Old Bawn Pavillion the week of the 23rd March.

Installation works take roughly 5 - 8 working days and once initial installation works are completed, an ESB connection will be required, which is predicted to take in the region of 2 – 4 months.

Sites are being delivered based on resolving site constraints and obtaining all required permission for each specific location. For example:

- The four Dublin Local Authorities have recently secured capital funding from ZEVI/TII to finance these installations in full. A design approval process will follow with the funding agency, to determine how best to meet the Universal Design Guidelines for EV charging infrastructure in Ireland.
- We are currently engaged with ESN to secure the power supplies required to power these fast chargers. ESB connection timelines are outside our control.
- Sites may require road opening licences and/or completion of an SWA1 Form (legal deed of wayleave) where ESB cable passes through private property
- Coordination with ongoing/planned projects or works.

Locations listed are subject to change as they are heavily dependant on availability of required power supplies and also agreement on universal designs with the funding authority.

Following contributions from Councillors C Brady and M Johansson, Juliene Helbert Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

LPNC/155/M5/0326 Item ID:90305 – Lucan Village Landscaping

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

To request the Manager to ensure that Lucan Village Green is planted with a generous number of semi mature trees this Spring (aligned as closely as possible with the architect's original designs shown to the public during the consultation process) both to replace the recently felled trees in number, and to uphold the intended vision for the new green, enhancing the area's environmental quality through increased tree cover.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

The landscaping design of Lucan Village Green will deliver a high-quality public space that reflects the design for a well-landscaped public realm space. The planting provides for large number individual plants and variety of plants across the enhancement project. The planting has been designed by the scheme architect utilising an expert landscape architect. The following trees, eight in total, are to be provided:

BETULA PUBESCENS (DOWNY BIRCH) or BETULA UTILIS VAR. JACQUEMONTII (HIMALAYAN BIRCH) – mature height more than 10 metres

- at the South Bridge

- Adjacent to the large amphitheatre
 - Adjacent to the small amphitheatre
- EUONYMUS EUROPAEUS "RED CASCADE" (SPINDLE TREE) – mature height 3 metres
- At the north end or the wall along Dispensary Lane
- ABIES KOREANA (KOREAN FIR) – mature height 12 to 15 metres
- At the south end or the wall along Dispensary Lane
- AMELANCHIER CANADENSIS (SNOWY MESPIBUS) – mature height 8 to 9 metres
- Adjacent to the bandstand
 - Adjacent to the wall along Dispensary Lane
 - Adjacent to the wall along Dispensary Lane

The existing sycamore tree at north end of green is retained.

The seven trees on Main Street are retained, and ducting is installed to these trees for the provision of festive lighting on the Main Street.

The architect has specified young trees which will establish over time and are more resilient to the replanting process, the horticultural specialist contractor is retained for two years following completion of the works to maintain planting across the Lucan enhancement project and replace plants should any fails during that time.

Following contributions from Councillors H Farrell, L O'Toole and C Brady, Andrew O'Mullane Senior Executive Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was **Noted**.

LPNC/156/M6/0326 Item ID:90501 – Recycling Centre

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

"This committee, in keeping with its own target of providing glass recycling facilities within 1km of residential properties, now agrees to examine suitable locations at or near to the Crossings, Adamstown, and in the proximity / near to Lidl, Shackleton for the installation of additional Bring Banks for glass collection."

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

As per the objectives of the SDCC Community Based Recycling Strategy, in order to meet demand, there are ongoing efforts to increase the number of bring banks sites throughout the county.

In identifying suitable locations, the council reviews council owned land for compliance with the relevant siting criteria for new bring bank sites. As part of this review, priority is given to areas where there is a deficit or lack of capacity of

recycling facilities / bring banks, and in areas of population growth such as Adamstown.

Within the area of Adamstown, SDCC has installed bottle and aluminium can recycle banks in Tandy's Lane Park, operational since July 2023. Additional facilities are being considered for Airlie Park for installation in 2026. The provision of facilities in both Tandy's and Airlie Park ensure the target of providing glass recycling facilities within a 1km radius of residential properties in the Adamstown Area is achieved.

From review of available SDCC owned lands in the proximity of the Crossings and Shackleton, no sites were identified suitable for glass recycling facilities. As opportunities arise, SDCC will work with local retailers, business owners and clubs for possible location of recycling facilities on third party lands.

Following contributions from Councillor N Fennell, Damien McNulty Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was **Noted**.

LPNC/157/M7/O326 Item ID:90582 – Canal Urban Loop Greenway

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

That this Committee requests the Chief Executive to confirm when the proposed public consultation will take place in relation to the boardwalk element of the Canal Urban Loop Greenway and to outline the mechanism by which this consultation will be carried out including how residents, local groups and stakeholders will be informed and given the opportunity to engage with the proposals.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

The Grand Canal to Lucan Urban Greenway (also referred to as the Canal Loop) received Part 8 planning approval in September 2022. A subsequent non-statutory public survey was carried out in Spring 2025 to gather feedback on potential amendments to the proposed boardwalk design.

The project team is currently working to resolve outstanding land-ownership matters relating to lands located south of the proposed boardwalk area.

Once this stage is complete, the project will proceed to a Section 38 process, which will include a further non-statutory public consultation. This process will consider whether the findings of the 2025 survey should be incorporated into the scheme. The project team will continue to engage proactively with the public throughout the development of the project.

Following contributions from Councillor L O'Toole, Andrew O'Mullane Senior Executive Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

LPNC/158/M8/0326 Item ID:90604 - Illegal Dumping

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

That the Manager identify, over the past six months, the specific locations within Lucan Village, the Griffeen Valley Park corridor and surrounding laneways where illegal dumping and littering have been occurring, and outline the current enforcement actions, CCTV options and community clean up supports available, with a view to addressing recurring dumping hotspots.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

Enforcement and licensing sections will review reports of illegal dumping in the areas mentioned. In adherence to the LGMA's codes of practice for the use of CCTV for the prevention, detection and prosecution of litter and waste offences, the use of CCTV should be considered as a last resort, other measures should be deployed in the first instance. These measures will continue to be deployed in conjunction with our colleagues in the Public Realm section and reviewed to determine their effectiveness.

Should these measures not address the issue, then a business case for CCTV may be prepared in the future.

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

Water & Drainage

LPNC/159/H5/0326 Item ID:90527 - New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/160/C4/0326 Item ID:90514 - Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

Public Realm

LPNC/161/Q4/0326 Item ID:90599 - SDCC Playing Pitch Drainage

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the Chief Executive to provide pitch drainage and carrying capacity data for SDCC managed playing pitches within the Lucan Area Committee boundary.

REPLY:

All pitches within the ACM area have an aspect of drainage work carried out on them. This can be from the basic aeration tasks of slitting and shockwaving to the more extensive works that include the installation of a piped drainage system. Pitches that have piped drainage system include pitch 24 in Glenaulin

Park, pitches 5 and 13 in Griffeen Valley Park and pitch 20 in Hermitage Park extension.

A programme of shockwaving will be rolled out to pitches during the year as part of annual pitch maintenance works. Shockwaving is a technique that enhances the soils ability to drain by creating slits in the soil and reducing compaction.

The carrying capacity of pitches is determined by the soil components and porosity of the structure and substrate layers. The Public Realm Section does not have a requirement for this level of detail for pitches and does not have this information available. Providing this level of information would incur a significant cost which could not be justified given that the information would be of little use to the Public Realm Section.

LPNC/162/Q5/Q326 Item ID:90600 – Playability of SDCC Pitches

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the Chief Executive to provide pitch playability data for SDCC pitches within the LPNC Area Committee boundary, including the weekly playability status (ON/OFF) as recorded in the Council's published pitch playability notices for 2025 and to date, in tabular format by pitch.

REPLY:

The weekly playability status of sports pitches is assessed by the Council's Public Realm section and published through the Council's Pitch Playability Notices.

A review of the published notices for 2025 has been undertaken for pitches located within the Lucan, Palmerstown, North Clondalkin (LPNC) Area Committee boundary.

Within this area there are 82 pitches across 21 parks and open spaces included in the playability reporting system. Based on the published weekly notices during the period reviewed:

- 3,496 instances of pitches being recorded as playable (ON) were identified.
- 375 instances of pitches being recorded as unplayable (OFF) were identified.

The detailed weekly ON/OFF status by individual pitch as recorded in the Council's published notices is provided in the attached tabular schedule.

Pitch playability status is determined having regard to ground conditions, weather impacts and the need to protect playing surfaces from damage. During periods of prolonged rainfall or poor ground conditions, pitches may be temporarily deemed OFF to prevent deterioration and ensure the long-term quality and safety of the playing surface.

[Q5 Pitch Playability - pitches in this LEA](#)

LPNC/163/Q6/0326 Item ID:90606 – Griffeen Park Pitch Upgrades

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly

To ask the manager for an update on the current status of the pitch upgrade works at Griffeen Park, Haydens Lane site to give clarity on projected completion date and when it can be returned to use by the local club.

REPLY:

The GAA pitch at Griffeen Park was seeded last year and is currently in its establishment period. There is still some work outstanding on the regrading of areas along the boundary of the pitch and other areas. This work will be carried out over the next two weeks once weather conditions stay favourable. If growing conditions are good over the spring and summer, it is anticipated that the pitch will be available for use by the end of the summer.

LPNC/164/Q7/0326 Item ID:90580 – Trees Planted in Lucan

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

Can the Chief Executive outline how many trees were planted in the Lucan area during 2025 and what tree planting programmes are planned for 2026? In addition can a breakdown of locations be provided along with details of any other biodiversity or environmental projects planned for the Lucan area.

REPLY:

915 trees were planted in the ACM area in 2025 as part of South Dublin County Councils tree planting programme. Approximately 50 trees were planted in the ACM area in Spring 2026. A further 151 trees were planted in Lucan as part of the Grand Canal to Lucan Urban Greenway.

The winter 2026/spring 2027 tree planting programme is currently being planned and will be presented to the members in Q4.

In relation to biodiversity and environmental projects two mini woodlands are planned for the ACM area in 2026. The locations have to be confirmed but when complete, these will add to the existing mini woodlands in Mill Lane and Griffeen Valley Park.

In addition to the above the Public Realm Section manages approximately 31 hectares of natural meadows in the LEA. The meadow management programme is designed to maximise habitats and food sources for pollinators and is delivered in line with both the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan and the Council's own Pollinator Plan. The programme is developed in consultation with the Councils Heritage

Officer and the National Biodiversity Data Centre to ensure it follows best ecological practice.

Long flowering meadows are located in Willsbrook Park, Hermitage Park, Waterstown Park, Lucan Demesne, Collinstown Park, Ballyowen Park, Griffeen Valley Park, Mount Andrew Park, Tandy's Lane Park, Ardeevin, Cherbury, Larkfield and Westbury.

LPNC/165/Q8/O326 Item ID:90581 – Labyrinth Request Update

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

Following the previous motion raised regarding the potential introduction of a labyrinth-type feature in Vesey Park can the Chief Executive confirm whether any further examination or consideration has taken place regarding the feasibility of introducing such a feature in Vesey Park or another suitable park within the Lucan area?

REPLY:

As reported under [M10](#) at the ACM in June 2025, the layout of Vesey Park together with the use of native planting provides sufficient opportunity to promote mindfulness, gentle exercise and exploration. There was no proposal to install a labyrinth-type feature in the park at the time and this position remains unchanged. A review of other parks in the Lucan area was carried out and given their extensive use for passive and active recreation, there was no other location identified that would suit such a feature.

LPNC/166/H6/O326 Item ID:90525 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/167/C5/O326 Item ID:90512 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

LPNC/168/M9/O326 Item ID:90343 – Public Toilet Request

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

To call on the Manager to install an automatic, self-cleansing accessible public toilet in Lucan village, ideally on the area adjacent to the built-out pavement at Lucan Village Green, in front of Muintir na Tíre.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

The request to install an automatic, self-cleansing public toilet in Lucan Village will be reviewed having regard to the management plan for Lucan House and the provision of public toilets therein. The matter will also be investigated with operators of similar facilities to assess feasibility.

Following contributions from Councillors H Farrell, L O'Toole and C Brady, an amendment was proposed by Councillor L O'Toole and seconded by Councillor C Brady.

Amended Motion:

To call on the Manager to install an automatic, self-cleansing accessible public toilet in Lucan Village **at an appropriate location within the village.**

Councillor C Brady requested that a vote be taken on the proposed amendment. The following was the result of the roll call vote:

FOR: 5 (Five) Councillors C Brady, V Casserly, N Fennell, L O'Toole, T McDonald

AGAINST: 4 (Four) Councillors H Farrell, A Hayes, M Johansson, G Moore

ABSTAIN: 0 (Zero)

The amendment was **Agreed.**

Following further contributions from Councillor C Brady, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion as Amended was **Agreed.**

LPNC/169/M10/O326 Item ID:90594 – Request for Solar Bins

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

To ask the manager to agree to the inclusion of solar bins, to be located in proximity to the below sites, as part of phase 3 in 2027; Supervalu Lucan - The Crossings - Adamstown Train Station - Lidl in Shackleton - Lucan Leisure Campus - Griffeen Valley Park (at Haydens Lane)

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

The first phase of the provision of solar compactor bins has been completed with installations of over 100 units across Tallaght, Rathfarnham, Clondalkin in quarter three of 2025 and more recently in Lucan.

The three-year capital programme 2026 -2028, has provided additional funding of €500,000 (€250,000 in 2026 and €250,000 in 2027) for the continuation of the phased roll out of solar compactor bins. The additional installations will be targeted at high-footfall areas such as town/village/district centres and busy park entrances. In 2026, approximately 50 units will be installed across the villages of Rathcoole, Saggart, Palmerstown and Templeogue, as part of the second phase of the project. A further 50 units will be installed in 2027 as part of the third phase, with locations to be determined based on the operational demands of the existing

bin provision within the county. The proposed locations have been noted and will be examined in the context of phase 3.

Following contributions from Councillors N Fennell, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

Housing

LPNC/170/Q9/0326 Item ID:90306 – Social Housing for Lucan in 2026

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To ask the Manager for full details of any social housing (including age-friendly housing) planned for the Lucan area in 2026, outside of delivery of units in the SDZ.

REPLY:

The table below outlines 2026 delivery within the Lucan / Palmerstown / North Clondalkin Electoral area, excluding SDZ areas.

Delivery Stream	Development	Number of Units	Unit Type
SDCC Build	Sarsfield Park, Lucan	5	1-Bed Age-Friendly
SDCC Build	St Ronans Crescent, Clondalkin	10	1 & 2-Bed Age-Friendly
Part V	Honora Hall, Hayden's Lane, Lucan	11	2 & 3-Bed General Social Needs

LPNC/171/Q10/0326 Item ID:90500 – Pothole Repair

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

To ask the manager to provide a tabular breakdown of the current Energy Retrofit Programme - the number of properties on the list by LEA, their status (for inspection / approved for works) and a breakdown of the list of scheduled works and their estates within the Lucan LEA.

REPLY:

There are currently 190 homes across the county scheduled for works under the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme 2026. Of these, 97 are located within this electoral area.

Works are scheduled to take place on a number of properties across the following estates: Airlie Heights, St Finian’s Estate, Neilstown, St Mark’s, St Ronan’s, and Shancastle.

The table below provide a breakdown of the status of works:

LEA	Pre-Tender Stage	Tender Stage	Contractor Stage	Complete	Total
Palmerstown Fonthill	43	0	41	0	84
Lucan	9	0	4	0	13
Total	52	0	45	0	97

LPNC/172/H7/O326 Item ID:90521 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/173/C6/O326 Item ID:90508 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

LPNC/174/M11/O326 Item ID:90559 – Chaplains Terrace

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

That the Chief Executive investigate the option of purchasing the tenanted apartment block currently for sale at Chaplain's Terrace, off Neilstown Road in North Clondalkin, with the purpose of turning existing HAP/RAS tenancies into social homes with the possibility of cost rental options for those tenants who do not qualify for social housing.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

The Tenant-in-Situ (TiS) scheme may only be used in circumstances where a valid Notice of Termination has been issued and where both the tenant and the property meet all of the mandatory criteria set out by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Where a household is at serious risk of homelessness, they should contact the Council’s Homeless Service in County Hall, Tallaght to complete an initial homeless assessment. As part of this process, the Council will engage directly with the tenant to exhaust all available alternatives. This may include contact with the landlord, assessment for Homeless HAP, and advice on applying for Choice-Based Lettings for social housing.

Only cases that fall within the priority categories, meet all mandatory TiS criteria, and can demonstrate that all other options have been exhausted may be referred by the Homeless Team to the Acquisitions Team for consideration. Priority is given

to families with children or households with a disability, where the risk of homelessness is acute and alternative accommodation is in short supply.

The TIS scheme does not provide for the bulk purchase of a tenanted block for the purpose of converting existing HAP or RAS arrangements into social housing or cost rental. Any eligible households affected by a valid Notice of Termination will be supported through the established TIS and homelessness prevention processes.

Following contributions from Councillors M Johansson and L O'Toole, Vivienne Hartnett Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was **Noted**.

Community

LPNC/175/H8/0326 Item ID:90515 – Deputations for Noting

Deputations for Noting (No Business)

LPNC/176/H9/0326 Item ID:90517 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/177/C7/0326 Item ID:90505 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

LPNC/178/M12/0326 Item ID:90575 – Dog Training Sessions

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

To ask the Chief Executive whether the Community Section has experience of indoor community facilities being used for dog training sessions, either within the county or in other local authority areas. If such use has not previously occurred can the Chief Executive outline whether this would be considered feasible in principle and whether the Council would be open to considering a request of this nature should it be brought forward by an organised group subject to appropriate conditions and management arrangements.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

The use of South Dublin's indoor community facilities for organised dog-training sessions has not occurred to date, and I am not aware of this practice being permitted in other local authority areas. Any such request would be assessed with regard to the suitability of the facility, the capacity to maintain required health, safety and hygiene standards, the insurance and qualifications of the organising group, and the impact on other scheduled activities.

Requests should be made directly to the relevant Community Centre for consideration. Community Officers can provide signposting support where required and may be contacted at **community@sdublincoco.ie**.

Organisations may also apply to the Council to hold dog-training activities in public parks and should liaise with Public Realm Administration for this purpose.

Following contributions from Councillor L O'Toole, Aoife Troy A/Senior Community Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

Transportation

LPNC/179/Q11/O326 Item ID:90595 – Pothole Repairs

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes

To ask the manager for a list of the outstanding pothole repairs still to be completed in Palmerstown Fonthill with a corresponding date for expected completion.

REPLY:

The list of reported pothole locations is not made available as it is a live list that fluctuates on a regular basis.

If you have concerns regarding a particular location or our response please contact me and I can revert to you on a specific issue.

LPNC/180/Q12/O326 Item ID:90630 – Woodfarm Acres Public Lighting

Proposed by Councillor T. McDonald

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the audit of public lighting performed in Woodfarm Acres estate in January 2026 and if he will make a statement on the matter

REPLY:

The following provides an update since the upgrade of Woodfarm Acres to LED lighting and a subsequent “night audit” which was undertaken to establish light levels throughout the estate.

- The works at the green space adjacent to the ESNB substation at Kennelsfort Rd junction have already commenced.
- Following discussions with Public Realm regarding the possibility of providing additional lighting within the estate’s open spaces, it has been confirmed that current policy does not support installing extra lighting in open space areas where an alternative pedestrian route around the space is available for use.

- Some discrete areas around the estate where additional lighting can be installed at low cost have been identified and it is hoped to address these, once the works at ESNB substation are complete.

LPNC/181/Q13/O326 Item ID:90633 – Ballyowen Estate Boundary Fence

Proposed by Councillor T. McDonald

To ask the Chief Executive for a progress report and an expected finish date for the boundary fence outside Ballyowen estate in Lucan, adjacent to the R136

REPLY:

Tenders were received but were higher than the allocation so we are currently reviewing our options on how to best proceed with this. We are still intent on repairing this fence in 2026

LPNC/182/Q14/O326 Item ID:90583 – The Paddocks Traffic Queries

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

Now that Taking in Charge (TIC) has taken place in areas of The Paddocks can the Chief Executive confirm which previously raised Traffic Management Matters (TMM) requests can now be progressed and provide a breakdown of the locations and an indicative programme for when these measures may be carried out?

REPLY:

The Paddocks estate and Shackleton Avenue has been taken in charge recently by the council. Therefore, the management and operation of the roads, footpath, cycle paths and public lighting are now responsibility of South Dublin County Council. Please re-submit your major traffic related issues via the TMM process and these will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

LPNC/183/H10/O326 Item ID:90528 – Declaration of Roads to be TIC

This report was presented by John Hegarty Senior Engineer

Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads

(i) Post Public Consultation Report of the Taking in Charge of the An Tearmann Road, Waterstown Avenue, Palmerstown.

REPLY:

The Tearmann housing estate was advertised for taking into the charge of South Dublin County Council on the 15 January 2026. A copy of the advertisement is detailed below:

Public Advertisement of TIC proposal:

"In accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993, South Dublin County Council hereby gives notice of its intention to consider the making of a declaration that the roads listed hereunder be a public roads.

An Tearmann Road, Waterstown Avenue, Palmerstown, Dublin 20

In accordance with the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended, the Council considers the Taking in Charge of the Class 1 green open spaces, sewers, watermains, storm drains and public lighting within the attendant ground of the development.

Please note that Class 1 large green areas will be Taken in Charge and cut by the Council, however the small verge grass areas will be Taken in Charge but the maintenance / grass cutting of these areas will remain the responsibility of the residents of the estate.

This matter will be considered by South Dublin County Council at its Council Meeting on **13th April 2026**.

Maps showing the roads and the areas to be taken in charge, will be published separately and will be available for viewing at the Council's public consultation portal at <http://consult.sdublincoco.ie> from **15th January 2026** until **11th March 2026**.

Objections or representations regarding of the above proposal may be made via the portal or in writing to the Senior Executive Officer, Planning and Transport, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24, D24 A3XC.

The latest date for receipt of postal objections or representations via the portal is **11th March 2026**.

Objections or representations referencing the relevant scheme should be made in one Medium only and will only be accepted in either format outlined above.

Web: www.sdcc.ie" End of Advertisement.

Submissions Received:

No submissions were received by South Dublin County Council within the prescribed time period.

Executive Technical Recommendation:

All items detailed in the attached Taking In Charge Map and Roads Schedule are constructed to the required South Dublin County Council taking in charge standard. From a technical point, the executive recommends the Tearmann estate be taken in charge by the Council.

Local Elected Member Consideration:

This report seeks the recommendation of this Area Committee to further refer the proposal for the "**Taking in Charge of the Tearmann Road, Waterstown Avenue, Palmerstown**" to full Council on the **13 April 2026** for full ratification.

[H1.10 Tearmann Estate Taking in Charge Map](#)

[H1.10 Tearmann Taking in Charge Roads Schedule](#)

Following contributions from Councillor A Hayes, John Hegarty Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

LPNC/184/H11/O326 Item ID:90526 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/185/C8/O326 Item ID:90513 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

LPNC/186/M13/O326 Item ID:90555 – School Warden Request

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

Cathaoirleach's Business

That this Committee call for the provision of school wardens at Lucan Community National School, Gaelscoil Naomh Pádraig, and Esker Educate Together, to support a safe route to school during peak school hours.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

The Council implements a range of traffic-management interventions in the vicinity of schools, including active travel initiatives, special speed limits, pedestrian and School Warden-assisted crossings, Safe Routes to School measures, Safe School Zones, and Road Safety Education and promotion.

Safe Routes To School (SRTS) is a national programme designed to make it safer and easier for students to walk, cycle, scoot, and wheel to school. It is coordinated by An Taisce in partnership with the National Transport Authority (NTA) and supported by the Department of Transport and the Department of Education. The programme has 3 core aims:

1. Accelerate the delivery of sustainable / active transport e.g. walking, and cycling infrastructure on key access routes to schools
2. Provide front-of-school safety treatments
3. Increase sustainable transport parking at schools.

Gaelscoil Naomh Pádraig is a future Safe-Routes-To-School site.

Safe School Zones are designated areas at the front of schools where specific road-safety and traffic-management measures are introduced to create a safer environment for children walking, cycling, wheeling, or scooting to school. They typically include front of school treatment designed to increase student safety and reduce vehicle drop-offs / pick-ups.

Esker Educate Together is a future Safe-School-Zone site

School Warden Scheme ensures primary school going children can cross public roads safely on their way to and from school.

Special Speed Limits are reduced speed limits that can apply in specific locations, such as the area around schools which are timed or periodic relative to school opening and closing times.

Road Safety Officer: Our Road Safety Officer is responsible for promoting road safety, delivering education and awareness programmes, and coordinating local road-safety initiatives within the community. She works closely with the Road Safety Authority (RSA), An Garda Síochána, the HSE, emergency services, schools, local businesses, community groups, and elected members to coordinate road-safety actions.

Requests for road crossing assistance to primary school going children from these three schools are currently under examination following a "count" which was undertaken in late 2025. Depending on the outcome of those counts it may be possible to provide measure(s) along some of the lines as outlined above, noting that School Wardens are employees of the Council, are included in our work force plan numbers and any deviation to the numbers would require prior formal approval from DHLGH.

Following contributions from Councillors C Brady, and L O'Toole, Mary Maguire Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was **Noted**.

LPNC/187/M14/O326 Item ID:90308 - Wheatfield Road Footpath Repair

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

That the Chief Executive arrange for footpath repairs on Wheatfield Road in Palmerstown.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

Wheatfield Estate is listed on the 2026 footpath repair programme and works will be carried out in 2026

Following contributions from Councillor M Johansson, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

LPNC/188/M15/O326 Item ID:90499 – Fonthill Road Water Attenuation

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell, seconded by Councillor M. Johansson

This Committee agrees that recent works to alleviate the water attenuation problems outside St Kevin's Community College on the Fonthill Road is not sufficient and asks the manager to come up with a permanent long term solution

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

A permanent solution for this footpath ponding issue has been designed and tendered.

We are currently at tender assessment and appointment stage with works likely scheduled for the school summer holidays

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

LPNC/189/M16/O326 Item ID:90602 – Adamstown Traffic Assessment

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

That the Manager provide a traffic assessment of Adamstown Boulevard and surrounding junctions, particularly during school drop-off and collection times for schools in the Adamstown area, and examine whether additional traffic management measures, pedestrian crossings, or traffic calming interventions are required to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

Currently, Adamstown Boulevard is not taken in charge by the Council. However, the completion of process for takin in charge is well advanced. When the road is taken in charge, the management and operation of the roads, footpath, cycle paths and public lighting will become the responsibility of South Dublin County Council. At this point the council will monitor the operation of the road, and any issues will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

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

LPNC/190/M17/O326 Item ID:90502 – Pedestrian Crossing Request

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

This committee agrees to install a pedestrian crossing from Palmerstown Park to Palmerstown retail centre.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

This location will be added to our pedestrian-crossing review database for consideration in future programmes. Please note that the delivery of any

pedestrian crossing is subject to the availability of funding. If you can provide a more precise location or map reference, it would greatly assist in progressing the assessment.

Following contributions from Councillors N Fennell, A Hayes and M Johansson, John Hegarty Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

LPNC/191/M18/O326 Item ID:90605 - Hedge Trimming Request

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

That the Chief Executive arrange for inspection and trimming of the hedge in the public realm at Lucan Heights, as referenced in Members' Rep 1911583, to address the obstruction currently impacting residents' safe access and visibility when entering and exiting their home.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

This location has been inspected and will be trimmed back once the nesting season is completed.

As it is located at the end of a small cul-de-sac there is no imminent safety risk.

Following contributions from Councillor C Brady, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was **Noted**.

Planning

LPNC/192/Q15/O326 Item ID:90584 - Careline Learning Centre

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

Can the Chief Executive seek clarification regarding the Careline premises located within the Clonburris SDZ specifically to confirm that there are no current plans to change the use of the centre or introduce residential development on these lands? This matter was raised at a previous briefing and clarification is requested to ensure that the centre remains in place and that the lands continue to support facilities serving the younger population, particularly in terms of education, youth services and recreational provision.

REPLY:

The Careline Learning Centre is located within the boundaries of the Clonburris SDZ. The site in question is located in Kishogue Northeast character area - subsector 1, of the Planning Scheme. This character area is identified for mixed development area with medium density residential development, closer to the centre with low density on the perimeters. Small scale retail, commercial and community uses will be facilitated close to the schools and Park. Page 124 of the

Planning Scheme sets out how this sub-sector will be developed. There is currently no live planning application on the site or recent grant of planning permission. Any future development on this site would need to be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the SDZ Planning Scheme [SDZ Planning Scheme - Clonburris](#).

LPNC/193/H12/0326 Item ID:90524 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/194/C9/0326 Item ID:90511 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

LPNC/195/M19/0326 Item ID:90576 – Adamstown Community Centre

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

That this Committee noting that the Adamstown Community Centre was originally designed to allow for a future extension requests that the Chief Executive provide an update on the potential expansion of the building to accommodate the growing demand for community space in the area. Given the continued and significant population growth across Adamstown and the wider Lucan area this Committee asks that the Council examine options to progress the extension of the centre as originally envisaged and provide an indicative cost feasibility assessment and timeline with a view to including the project in a future Capital Programme.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

Dear Cllr O'Toole,

The possibility of extending the facility was considered during the original design stage. The design of the building was future-proofed to allow for a potential extension.

The Community Department work in partnership with the Council's Architectural Services to deliver a large number of capital projects, focused on both the construction new community centres and the extension and upgrade of a range of other community centres as per commitments set out in the 3-year Capital Programme. The proposed project to extend the existing building does not form of the current SDCC 3-year Capital Programme.

There is currently no available time frame or costing for an extension to Adamstown Community Centre at this time. The Planning Department will raise the matter with Architectural Services to discuss the feasibility of progressing costings for an extension, should funding opportunities arise in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Willoughby
Senior Planner

Following contributions from Councillors L O'Toole, Stephen Willoughby Senior Planner Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

Economic Development

LPNC/196/Q16/O326 Item ID:90609 – Lucan Village Businesses

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly

To ask the manager to detail suggestions to work with businesses in Lucan Village post completion of works to indicate they are open for business.

REPLY:

The Council will work with local businesses in Lucan Village following completion of the works to help highlight that they are open for business. This will include a focused social media campaign to promote activity in the village and support local footfall. In addition, we will coordinate with relevant Council departments to ensure that planned summer and later-year events include reference to Lucan Village in their promotional activity where appropriate.

LPNC/197/Q17/O326 Item ID:90596 – Silver Bridge Liffey Valley

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes

To ask the Manager what actions has SDCC taken in the last 12 months regarding the joint feasibility work with Fingal County Council to reopen the Silver Bridge in the Liffey Valley.

REPLY:

Further research has been carried out regarding land ownership on the South Dublin side of the Silver Bridge. Discussions have also taken place with Fingal County Council in relation to progress on rights-of-way and ownership matters on their side. A further joint meeting is scheduled for this spring to continue advancing the feasibility work.

LPNC/198/Q18/O326 Item ID:90631 – Silver Bridge Liffey Valley

Proposed by Councillor T. McDonald

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on progress with regard to the Silver Bridge, including discussions with Fingal County Council and if he will make a statement on the matter.

REPLY:

Further research has been carried out regarding land ownership on the South Dublin side of the Silver Bridge. Discussions have also taken place with Fingal County Council in relation to progress on rights-of-way and ownership matters on their side. A further joint meeting is scheduled for this spring to continue advancing the feasibility work.

LPNC/199/H13/O326 Item ID:90519 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/200/C10/O326 Item ID:90507 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

LPNC/201/M20/O326 Item ID:90432 – Request for Enterprise Centre

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

That the CEO look into the possibility of development of a Council owned enterprise centre in Lucan/Adamstown that could be rented by the Council to social enterprises, charities and NGOs that currently rent or seek to rent space in community centres for the purpose of offices for their staff and equipment, so as to free up additional space in community centres for flexible and the widest possible multi community use, and to ensure the planned Library/Civic building is not carved out for occupation and use by organisations for locating staff and equipment.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

There are no plans at present to develop a Council-owned enterprise centre in the Lucan/Adamstown area. The Innovation Centre to be delivered as part of the planned Civic Building will operate on a model similar to Work IQ in Tallaght, with spaces available to rent to enterprises that meet the relevant criteria. The detailed operational model for the Innovation Centre has not yet been finalised.

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

LPNC/202/M21/O326 Item ID:90597 – River Liffey Water Sport Opportunities

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

That SDCC commit to meeting with the operators of Rafting Ireland and the Canoe Centre at Palmerstown Mills to explore supports it can offer to further use the River Liffey from Lucan to Palmerstown to promote eco, sports and recreational water based tourism in the County.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

As part of the Lucan House & Demesne Masterplan, South Dublin County Council has already included proposals that support increased water-based activity on the River Liffey. This includes the provision of a new boathouse and associated storage to enable water-sports activity on the river. These facilities form part of the broader plan to enhance recreational and tourism use of the river corridor.

In progressing this work, the Council will engage with the operators of Rafting Ireland and the Canoe Centre at Palmerstown Mills, along with other relevant stakeholders, to explore how best to support and further develop eco, sports, and recreational water-based tourism between Lucan and Palmerstown.

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

Libraries & Arts

LPNC/203/Q19/O326 Item ID:90632 – Palmerstown Library Opening Hours

Proposed by Councillor T. McDonald

To ask the Chief Executive for an overview of the number of visitors to Palmerstown Library and the scope for additional opening hours for the library

REPLY:

Palmerstown Library officially launched it's extended opening hours from 2 days to 4 days on December 1st 2023 - to include for the first time weekend opening to the public.

Visitor figures for 2025 show that a total of 19 745 people visited the library.

Visitor figures to date in 2026 show that between January and February 2026, 3 427 patrons visited Palmerstown library.

South Dublin County Council Libraries are committed to increasing access to our public libraries.

Further expansion of library opening hours in Palmerstown library is being explored. This will be based on public demand, operational feasibility and staffing resources.

LPNC/204/H14/O326 Item ID:90516 – Library News & Events

This report was presented by Rosena Hand Senior Executive Librarian

Library News & Events

[HL.14 Library Event Stats](#)

[HL.14 LPNC Libraries report March](#)

Following contributions from Councillors V Casserly and L O'Toole, Rosena Hand Senior Executive Librarian Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

LPNC/205/H15/O326 Item ID:90612 – Arts Programme Update

This report was presented by Gerry Horan Sound Recording Technician

Arts Programme Update

[HL.15 Arts Programme Update](#)

Following contributions from Councillors L O'Toole, J Tuffy, M Johansson and C Brady, Gerry Horan Sound Recording Technician Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

LPNC/206/H16/O326 Item ID:90522 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/207/C11/O326 Item ID:90509 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

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