

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



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Minutes of South Dublin County Council April 2026 Tallaght Area
Committee Meeting held on Monday 27 April 2026

PRESENT

Cllr M Duff	Cllr Britto Pereppadan
Cllr L Dunne	Cllr D Richardson
Cllr P Holohan	Cllr A Smyth
Cllr K Keane	Cllr J Spear
Cllr Baby Pereppadan	Cllr N Whelan

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Senior Executive Officer	M Murtagh
A/Senior Executive Officer	P Fusco, B Shannon
Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer	B Redmond
Senior Executive Parks Superintendent	L Colleran
Senior Executive Engineer	A O'Mullane, Farhan Nasiem, Michael Heffernan
Executive Librarian	M Leamy
Arts Officer	O Scannell

Administrative Officer	M Connell, J Lumumba
Senior Staff Officer	M Brown
Staff Officer	E Meyler
Assistant Staff Officer	M Travers, B Fowler

Councillor L Dunne, presided

H1/0426 Item ID:90711

Proposed by Housing Administration

Minutes from Tallaght Area Committee Meeting 23rd March, 2026.

Minutes from Tallaght Area Committee Meeting held on Monday 23rd March, 2026

Minutes of Tallaght Area Committee Meeting held on 23rd March, 2026 which had been circulated, were submitted, and APPROVED as a true record and signed. It was proposed by Cllr L Dunne, seconded by Cllr K Keane, and RESOLVED:

Questions 1- 11

It was proposed by Cllr L Dunne, seconded by Cllr K Keane, and RESOLVED:” That pursuant to Standing Order No 1, Questions 1-11 be Adopted and Approved.

Water Drainage

H2/0426 Item ID:90733

Proposed by Water Drainage

New Works (No Business)

C1/0426 Item ID:90722

Proposed by Water Drainage

Correspondence (No Business)

Public Realm

Q1/0426 Item ID:90903

Proposed by Councillor D. Donnelly

"How many bins are SDCC planning to install around the Tallaght area by the end of 2026?"

REPLY:

South Dublin County Council currently has 209 litter bins installed across the Tallaght ACM area, comprising a mix of solar-powered compactor bins and standard litter bins across the public realm and park network. This comprises of 175 standard litter bins and 34 solar powered compactor bins. The smart solar bins have been installed at high-profile, high-footfall locations in Tallaght Village and Tallaght Square to improve capacity, operational efficiency and street presentation.

The Council has recently installed additional litter bins including six in Killinarden Park, three in Jobstown Park and one in Kiltalown Playground. The Council is also examining options to upgrade existing standard bins with branding consistent with the solar powered bins, to improve visual appearance, identity and consistency across the parks network. Provision is being made for one additional bin at Whitestown Linear Park, which will bring the total number of bins in the Tallaght ACM area to 210.

The Council will continue to monitor usage and demand in line with the Litter Management Plan, with bins installed or upgraded where they are required and can be safely emptied.

H3/O426 Item ID:90948

Proposed by Housing Administration

Playspace Consultation Results - Belgard Heights- Springfield/Cookstown

Play Report for Tallaght ACM

Laurance Colleran, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, presented the Playspace Consultation Results Report

There were contributions from Cllr N Whelan, Cllr P Holohan, Cllr J Spear, Cllr A Smyth, Cllr M Duff and Cllr K Keane

The Report was **NOTED**

H4/O426 Item ID:90731

Proposed by Public Realm

New Works (No Business)

C2/0426 Item ID:90720

Proposed by Public Realm

Correspondence(No Business)

M1/0426 Item ID:90901

Proposed by Councillor J. Spear

Seconded by Cllr M Duff

"This area committee agrees that Council should install a walking track around the perimeter of the green in Kingswood, Tallaght?"

REPORT:

Kingswood Open space is approximately 4 hectares in size and has a range of facilities which includes a playground, teen facility, pitches, tennis courts and exercise equipment. A review of the existing facilities including footpath layout and provision is currently underway. The request for a path around the perimeter of the park will be considered as part of the review. Once the review has been completed it is proposed to bring a plan to the ACM for consideration. The plan is subject to budget approval, business case approval and planning approval.

There were contributions from Cllr J Spear and Cllr Mick Duff

Brendan Redmond, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, agreed to carry out a review of the park and as part of the review to look at the installation of a walking loop

The Motion was **AGREED**

Environment

Q2/0426 Item ID:90964

Proposed by Councillor D. Richardson

"Can the Manager report on use of Astro at Tallaght stadium and report on booking and how much it is used weekly?"

REPLY:

The 3G pitch at Sean Walsh Park is well utilised, averaging at 50 hours usage per week with clubs from within the catchment area and outside, continuously benefiting from the top-class facilities of the artificial grass pitch. The full 3G pitch accounts for the majority of bookings and hours, with half-pitch bookings providing additional flexibility and capacity. Usage

is strongest during weekday evenings, with heavy weekend daytime activity. Please see attached statistics available for the usage of this facility.

Q2 b) Sean Walsh 3G pitch usage - stats

Q3/0426 Item ID:90965

Proposed by Councillor D. Richardson

"Can the Manager report on the upgrade works of Killinarden Park and Whitestown Stream walkway?"

REPLY:

The main enhancement project at Killinarden Park is complete, however some further work is to be carried out on the pitches to aid establishment. This work will include fertilising and aeration and will be carried out during April.

Work is currently progressing on the Whitestown Greenway, providing a new green infrastructure corridor along the Whitestown Stream, between Killinarden Park and Sean Walsh Park. This project is nearing completion and will provide an off-road walking and cycling route from West Tallaght to the centre of Tallaght, with further links to the Dublin Mountains Way and the Dodder Greenway.

Q4/0426 Item ID:90976

Proposed by Councillor A. Smyth

"To ask the Council for an update on the solar panel project and a timeline for completion of solar panels on community centres?"

REPLY:

SDCC's programme to install solar PV on community centres and libraries is underway with an initial 10 buildings selected in the first package of works. One community centre was originally included for upgrade of solar PV, but it has been confirmed that the existing solar PV in place is operational and to a suitable standard/capacity.

Works are proceeding on the 9 buildings. Data collection, preliminary design, site survey, detailed design, and ESB (NC7) applications have been completed, as listed in the table below. Ballyroan Community and Youth Centre is currently at detailed design stage.

Of the 9 connection applications submitted to the ESB:

- 1 has full approval from ESB
- 4 have received a connection offer and are awaiting final approval, following the connection payment.
- 4 are awaiting updated offers from ESB

Pending approval of these applications, installation on site for these buildings is expected to begin the week commencing the 15th June 2026, with further installation dates in July and August 2026.

	Building	Data Collection	Prelim Design	Site Survey	Detailed Design	ESB Connection	Installation	Monitoring/Metering
1	Ballyroan Library	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	Awaiting confirmation of approval		
2	Castletymon Library	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	In progress		
3	North Clondalkin Library	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	In progress		
4	Fettercairn CYC	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	Awaiting confirmation of approval		
5	Ballyroan CYC	Completed	Completed	Completed	In Progress			
6	Rowlagh CC	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	Awaiting confirmation of approval		
7	Jobstown CYC	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	In progress		
8	Quarryvale CYC	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	Awaiting confirmation of approval		
9	Brookfield CYC	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	In progress		
10	Firhouse CC	Completed	Existing PV operating correctly					
11	Kilnamanagh CC	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	Approved		

Q5/O426 Item ID:90882

Proposed by Councillor A. Smyth

"Can I ask the executive for an update on the timeline for the pavilion program specifically for Kilnamanagh. St. Kevin Killians GAA club are struggling for years now and really need this vital amenity which would help them with much needed facilities to host more games and competitions?"

REPLY:

SDCC's pavilion programme was agreed by the Council as part of its commitment to the health and well-being of its citizens. The implementation will support active recreation in local communities, support the growth and development of sports clubs and groups facilities such as changing rooms, and provide secure storage areas to 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, 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, using Corkagh & Griffeen as the primary locations, was completed and a design and build contractor has been 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 underway and nearing completion. A detailed programme for the remaining locations, including Kilnamanagh, will be made available following the successful delivery of Griffeen Valley Park and Corkagh Park pavilions.

South Dublin will seek to ensure the earliest possible dates for the manufacture and delivery of the pavilions on site.

H5/0426 Item ID:90727

Proposed by Environment

New Works (No Business)

C3/0426 Item ID:90712

Proposed by Environment

Correspondence (No Business)

M2/0426 Item ID:90978

Proposed by Councillor A. Smyth

Seconded by Cllr K Keane

"To ask the council to look for a solution to the on-going issue of fires being lit on the green area on the back of the crescent Millbrook Lawns/Homelawns Rd which is hidden to roads?"

REPORT:

Enforcement and licensing sections will review reports of fly tipping in the area 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 a last resort, and other measures should be deployed in the first instance. These measures will 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. The LGMA's Codes of Practice for the

operation of CCTV for the purposes of Prevention, Detection and Prosecution of Waste and Litter Offences are quite prescriptive in how and where a CCTV system may be deployed for either litter or waste purposes.

Increased patrols of the Litter Warden will be scheduled for this area, and they will continue to investigate for evidence under the provisions of the Litter Pollution Act. Where evidence is uncovered, enforcement action is initiated by SDCC.

Reports of this nature are taken seriously, particularly where there may be risks to public safety, nearby properties and the local environment. Enforcement and licencing sections will assess the area and consider appropriate measures.

Should any incidents of fire be witnessed in particular where there is immediate danger, please ensure it is reported promptly to the fire brigade and An Garda Síochána.

There were contributions from Cllr A Smyth

Michael Heffernan, Senior Executive Engineer, agreed to monitor the area

The Motion was **AGREED**

M3/O426 Item ID:90653

Proposed by Councillor J. Spear

Seconded by Cllr K Keane

"This area committee agrees that the Council should install pencil bollards outside Kingswood Community College in Tallaght for urgent pedestrian safety?"

REPORT:

Kingswood Community College has been included in the Safe Routes to School programme. An Taisce will undertake a study of the school to assess the needs of vulnerable road users and to examine safety issues associated with travelling to and from the school. Once a scheme has been developed, funding will be sought from the National Transport Authority (NTA) to deliver the project. In the interim, the school will be inspected to determine whether any minor measures can be implemented to address immediate safety concerns.

There were contributions from Cllr J Spear and Cllr M Duff

Andrew O'Mullane, Senior Executive Engineer, agreed to do an inspection and to arrange a meeting within a couple of weeks

The Motion was **AGREED**

Community

H6/0426 Item ID:90724

Proposed by Community

New Works (No Business)

C4/0426 Item ID:90713

Proposed by Community

Correspondence (No Business)

M4/0426 Item ID:90914

Proposed by Councillor P. Holohan

Seconded by Cllr L Dunne

"This TAC call on SDCC to provide a temporary solution for the Busy Beehive after school while works are ongoing at Killinarden community centre?"

REPORT:

The Facilities Support Team has been in constant contact with the service operators and has ensured they are kept fully informed of all developments relating to the closure and the subsequent works required to bring the building up to the appropriate health and safety and fire regulation standards.

All assessments have now been completed, and a programme of works has been agreed. These works have commenced, with a clear focus on prioritising the reopening of the crèche ahead of other areas within the building.

It is important to note that childcare facilities are subject to specific and often complex regulatory requirements. As such, it is highly unusual to identify and access an alternative unit that would be immediately suitable for use on a temporary basis.

We fully recognise the impact that the closure has had on the local community and families, and we have worked diligently to progress the necessary works as efficiently as possible, with the objective of reopening the facility at the earliest opportunity.

There were contributions from Cllr P Holohan, Cllr K Keane and Cllr L Dunne

The Motion was **AGREED**

Housing

Q6/0426 Item ID:90967

Proposed by Councillor D. Richardson

"Can the Manager report on price on affordable housing that will go on sale in the summer at Killinarden foothills?"

REPLY:

SDCC is working with Arden DAC to deliver over 635 homes in Killinarden Foothills, a vibrant new neighbourhood featuring 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom homes. 372 of these new homes are being offered for sale under an Affordable Dwelling Purchase Agreement (ADPA), which helps eligible buyers bridge the gap between the maximum mortgage available to them and the market value of the home. These homes are, subject to exceptions, being made available for first-time buyers only.

Phase 1, which consists of 176 homes will be delivered in 2027 and 2028, with delivery of phases 2 and 3 following that.

All details are being finalised in advance of the launch of the scheme in May 2026.

There will be a community event taking place in County Hall in late May where members of the public will be able to view plans and register their interest in the scheme. Sherry Fitzgerald have been appointed as the sales agent for the scheme by the Arden Team.

Once confirmed, all details, including minimum purchase prices will be available on the SDCC website, and we will write to elected members with the information to share with your constituents and interested parties.

H7/0426 Item ID:90728

Proposed by Housing

New Works (No Business)

C5/0426 Item ID:90716

Proposed by Housing

Correspondence (No Business)

Planning

H8/0426 Item ID:90730

Proposed by Planning

New Works (No Business)

C6/0426 Item ID:90719

Proposed by Planning

Correspondence (No Business)

Transportation

Q7/0426 Item ID:90977

Proposed by Councillor A. Smyth

"To ask the council to look at the traffic around school hours at St. Marks junior school on Fernwood Way entrance, which has been raised with council many times without a solution found?"

REPLY:

Traffic conditions around St Mark's Junior School have been reviewed on a number of occasions. Several road safety measures have already been implemented at the main entrance, including the installation of pencil bollards, enhanced road markings, coloured roundels, and a pedestrian crossing to improve safety during school hours.

The entrance on Fernwood Way is a secondary/side entrance located within a residential housing estate. This entrance already has road markings in place indicating no parking at the school gate. Due to the residential nature of Fernwood Way and the number of private property entrances along this

road, the Council's ability to introduce additional traffic or road safety interventions at this location is limited.

It remains the responsibility of the school to determine which entrance should be used in the interest of pupil safety. Given the existing constraints, no further engineering measures are currently feasible at the Fernwood Way entrance.

Q8/0426 Item ID:90884

Proposed by Councillor P. Holohan

"How many submissions have been lodged on the Tallaght Village enhancement scheme?"

REPLY:

75 surveys were completed during the public consultation and 66 written submissions were received

Q9/0426 Item ID:90885

Proposed by Councillor P. Holohan

"Regarding submissions on the Tallaght village enhancement scheme in its current form what percentage are for or against?"

REPLY:

50% of submissions opposed the scheme

50% of submissions supported the scheme (this includes supporting the scheme but with changes)

Q10/0426 Item ID:90710

Proposed by Councillor J. Spear

"Can the manager please provide an update on upgrading public lighting in St. Aongus estate in Tallaght to LED lights?" Please provide an estimate on when the upgrades will be finished.

REPLY:

This estate was originally planned for upgrade in 2025. However, this upgrade, similar to some other estates in the county, has been delayed due

to complications on site requiring civil works for completion and also ESNB resources.

It now forms part of our 2026 programme and we hope to complete it before the end of this summer.

It is also anticipated that in the coming weeks, ESNB will shortly provide the additional 3rd party contractors it has already committed to providing. This will considerably speed up the overall completion of our upgrade programme.

Q11/0426 Item ID:90942

Proposed by Councillor N. Whelan

"To ask the Manager if they are aware that an official request has been made to start the TIC process in Marlfield Estate and if they have any insight into when this process may begin?"

REPLY:

There is an official Taking in Charge (TIC) application received for the 52m of footpath and public lighting along Marlfield Row. This is a very small section of the entire estate. This is the only official Taking in Charge application for the Marlfield estate that South Dublin County Council has on file.

The Marlfield Row application (52m of footpath and Public lighting) is in the earliest stages of checking. Our initial assessment is that there are several problems identified with the construction of this area. Unless all built elements are constructed to the South Dublin County Council TIC standards, then the Council cannot take those elements into our charge.

There has been significant correspondence received by the Council in recent weeks in relation to taking in Charge of the Marlfield estate. However, no official Taking in Charge application form has been received by the Council for the vast majority of this estate.

If a valid TIC application were received by the Council for the rest of Marlfield estate, there would follow a detailed assessment of all elements offered for Taking in Charge. If it was found that any elements were not constructed to the TIC standards, then these would need to be rectified by the owner or designated body managing that section of the estate before the Council could complete the TIC process.

H9/0426 Item ID:90732

Proposed by Transportation

New Works (No Business)

C7/0426 Item ID:90721

Proposed by Transportation

Correspondence

M5/0426 Item ID:90900

Proposed by Councillor D. Donnelly

"This Tallaght area committee calls on the council to fix the solar panel speed restriction sign post on the Belgard Road approaching the primary school and to secure the boxes on the post so the battery's cannot be tampered with or stolen?"

REPORT:

The matter has been reported to the Council's appointed maintenance contractor. Arrangements are in place for the solar-powered speed restriction sign on Belgard Road, approaching the primary school, to be repaired. In addition, the contractor will implement the necessary measures to ensure that the equipment boxes on the post are securely fixed and safeguarded to prevent tampering or theft.

The Motion **FELL**

M6/0426 Item ID:90902

Proposed by Councillor D. Donnelly

"This Tallaght area committee calls on the council to consider a zebra crossing or pelican crossing outside or by the entrance to Solas Chríost national primary school to slow down traffic/cars approaching on both sides who may be unaware of the school?"

REPORT:

This location has been added to the Council's programme for review to assess the feasibility of providing a pedestrian crossing outside or in the vicinity of Solas Chríost National Primary School. The review will consider appropriate crossing options, including a zebra or signal-controlled

crossing, with a view to improving pedestrian safety and traffic awareness in the area.

The Motion **FELL**

M7/O426 Item ID:90916

Proposed by Councillor N. Whelan

Seconded by Cllr M Duff

"This area committee requests the need for traffic calming measure in St Maelruans Estate to be considered and to provide any reports or possible plans to help address the concerns of residents in the area due to ongoing issues with speeding cars in the estate?"

REPORT:

The concerns raised by residents regarding speeding and traffic behaviour in St. Maelruan's Estate are noted. This location will be added to the next Traffic Calming Assessment review programme, which is expected to be carried out in Q4 2026. As part of this assessment, traffic conditions and site characteristics will be examined to determine the suitability of traffic calming measures. Any potential recommendations will be subject to engineering assessment, prioritisation, and the availability of funding.

There were contributions from Cllr N Whelan, Cllr K Keane and Cllr A Smyth

Farhan Nasiem, Senior Executive Engineer, agreed that the area will be included in the traffic calming review in Q4 2026

The Motion was **AGREED**

Libraries Arts

H10/O426 Item ID:90723

Proposed by Libraries Arts

Library News & Events

Library Stats

Tallaght, Castletymon ad Mobile Libraries ACM report

Michelle Leamy, Executive Librarian, presented the Library News & Events reports

There were contributions from Cllr K Keane, Cllr P Holohan and Cllr L Dunne

The Reports were **NOTED**

H11/0426 Item ID:90734

Proposed by Housing Administration

Arts Grants Report

April Arts Grants

April Arts Programme Updates

Orla Scannell, Arts Officer, presented the Arts Grants reports

The Reports were **NOTED**

C8/0426 Item ID:90717

Proposed by Libraries Arts

Correspondence (No Business)

Economic Development

H12/0426 Item ID:90925

Proposed by Housing Administration

Tallaght Heritage Centre Update - (For Noting)

Tallaght Heritage Centre Update

Paul Fusco, A/Senior Executive Officer, presented the Tallaght Heritage Centre Update

There were contributions from Cllr M Duff, Cllr P Holohan, Cllr A Smyth, Cllr J Spear and Cllr L Dunne

The Report was **NOTED**

H13/0426 Item ID:90726

Proposed by Economic Development

New Works (No Business)

C9/0426 Item ID:90715

Proposed by Economic Development

Correspondence (No Business)

Performance Change Management

H14/0426 Item ID:90729

Proposed by Performance Change Management

New Works (No Business)

C10/0426 Item ID:90718

Proposed by Performance Change Management

Correspondence (No Business)

Corporate Support

H15/0426 Item ID:90782

Proposed by Housing Administration

‘Local Priorities Fund – Update’.

Brenda Shannon, A/Senior Executive Officer, presented the Local Priorities Fund Update

There were contributions from Cllr N Whelan, Cllr P Holohan, Cllr J Spear, Cllr M Duff and Cllr L Dunne

The Report was **NOTED**

REPORT

With the elected members' decision to apply a 7.5% reduction in Local Property Tax for 2026, a Local Priorities Fund totalling €1 million, equivalent to €25,000 per Councillor was approved at the Annual Budget Meeting in November 2025 to give Councillors the opportunity to fund specific projects in their local electoral areas (LEAs) in 2026. A Local Priorities Fund Allocation Protocol (the protocol), as agreed between the executive and elected representatives, sets out the approval, drawdown, monitoring and reporting mechanisms to provide oversight on all expenditure under the fund.

The fund assigned to this area committee's LEAs is as follows:

LEA	No. of Councillors	Total Fund Allocation
Tallaght Central	6	€150,000

Tallaght South	5	€125,000
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All completed applications complying with the protocol will be presented quarterly to each relevant area committee meeting for noting.

During the period up to 23 April 2026 one completed application has been received for the Tallaght Central LEA which is set out in the table below:

Councillor	Type of allocation	Project	Amount	Status
Cllr. J. Spear	External organisation	Portable rechargeable lights for Kingswood Castle Football Club	€4,305	In progress

HI (ii) Local Priorities Fund Allocation Protocol

There were contributions from Cllr N Whelan, Cllr P Holohan, Cllr J Spear, Cllr M Duff and Cllr L Dunne

The Report was **NOTED**

H16/0426 Item ID:90725

Proposed by Corporate Support

New Works (No Business)

C11/0426 Item ID:90714

Proposed by Corporate Support

Correspondence (No Business)

Condolences were offered to Cllr D Donnelly on his recent bereavement

There was no other business and the meeting concluded at 4.25p.m.