

COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS
SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of South Dublin County Council May 2026 Rathfarnham / Templeogue /
Firhouse / Bohernabreena Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 12 May 2026
through Microsoft 365 Teams and in person in the Council Chambers

Councillors Present

Sarah Barnes
Yvonne Collins
Paddy Cosgrave
Alan Edge
Pamela Kearns
Roisin Mannion
Lynn McCrave
Ronan McMahon
David McManus
Emma Murphy
Justin Sinnott

Officials Present

Senior Executive Officer	Mary Maguire, Sharon, Conroy, Vivienne Hartnett, Amanda Mills,
A/Senior Executive Officer	Fiona Hendley, Maria Nugent
Senior Executive Engineer	Andrew O'Mullane
Senior Engineer	Gary Walsh
Senior Executive Parks Superintendent	Laurence Colleran
Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer	Brendan Redmond
A/Project Resident Engineer	David Grant
Sound Recording Technician	Gerry Horan
Administrative Officer	Susan Sinclair
Senior Executive Librarian	Laura Joyce
Senior Staff Officer	Sile Dinneen
Assistant Staff Officer	Vikki Cryan
Clerical Officers	Dylan Hayes, Chloe O'Neill

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Alan Edge presided.

RTFB/176/H1/O526 Item ID:91198 - 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 14th April 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 Y Collins and **RESOLVED** “That the recommendations contained in the minutes of 14th April 2026 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**”

[H1 Minutes of April 2026 RTFB ACM](#)

RTFB/177/0526 – 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 – 12 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

Housing

RTFB/178/Q1/0526 Item ID:91065 - Loreto Gate Apartments

Proposed by Councillor J. Sinnott

To ask the Chief Executive to advise when Loreto Gate Apartments on the Grange Road Rathfarnham will be fully occupied?

REPLY:

35 of the 37 homes at Loreto Gate have been allocated to eligible households. Nominations for the remaining two homes have issued to the Approved Housing Body (AHB) and allocations are expected to be finalised as a matter of priority.

RTFB/179/H2/0526 Item ID:91224 – Housing Delivery Report

This report was presented by Vivienne Hartnett Senior Executive Officer

Housing Delivery Report

[H1.2 Housing Delivery Report](#)

This report was **Noted**.

RTFB/180/H3/0526 Item ID:91225 – Housing Allocation Report

This report was presented by Amanda Mills Senior Executive Officer

Housing Allocations Report

[H3 Qtr1 2026 Housing Allocation Report](#)

Following contributions from Councillors E Murphy, A Edge, Amanda Mills Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and Managers Report was **Noted**.

RTFB/181/H4/0526 Item ID:91226 – Anti-Social Behaviour

This report was presented by Fiona Hendley A/Senior Executive Officer

Anti-Social Behaviour Report

REPLY:

Anti-Social Behaviour Report up to the 31st March 2026.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORTING & STATISTICS FOR RATHFARNHAM/TEMPLEOGUE/FIRHOUSE/BOHERNABREENA						
Incidents	2025 TOTAL	1st Qtr 2026	2nd Qtr 2026	3rd Qtr 2026	4th Qtr 2026	2026 TOTAL
CATEGORY A						
Drugs Activity reported to SDCC	3	1	0	0	0	1
Criminal Activity reported to SDCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Joyriding reported to SDCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Violence/intimidation/harassment reported to SDCC	6	1	0	0	0	1
CATEGORY B						
Squatters/illegal occupiers reported to SDCC	7	3	0	0	0	3
Vandalism reported to SDCC	1	0	0	0	0	0
Physical condition of property reported to SDCC	6	1	0	0	0	1

Physical condition of Garden reported to SDCC	18	2	0	0	0	2
Racism reported to SDCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vacant House reported to SDCC	13	8	0	0	0	8
Neighbour Dispute (including parking) reported to SDCC	4	0	0	0	0	0
CATEGORY C						
Noise/disturbance reported to SDCC	6	1	0	0	0	1
Pets/animal nuisance reported to SDCC	2	0	0	0	0	0
Children Nuisance reported to SDCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Selling alcohol	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Incidents reported to SDCC	67	18	0	0	0	18
Total Complaints reported to SDCC	52	14	0	0	0	14
Total Actions taken by Allocations Support Unit Staff - Main actions listed below	436	206	0	0	0	206
House call / Inspection	76	21	0	0	0	21
Demand for Possession Section 15 & 17	0	0	0	0	0	0

Abandonment notice served	2	0	0	0	0	0
Surrenders Obtained (including Termination of Tenancy under Section 15)	8	5	0	0	0	5
Warnings issued	12	3	0	0	0	3
Interviews held (formal office and by phone)	36	21	0	0	0	21
Pre-Tenancies (includes following up Tenancy Checks)	62	46	0	0	0	46
Complaints received by WhatsApp	0	0	0	0	0	0

Following contributions from Councillors E Murphy, Fiona Hendley A/Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and Managers Report was **Noted.**

RTFB/182/H5/0526 Item ID:91216 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

RTFB/183/C1/0526 Item ID:91203 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

Community

RTFB/184/Q2/0526 Item ID:91233 – Edmondstown Electoral Division

Proposed by Councillor E. Murphy

Can the Council please provide an update on the following motion from June 2025 ' That this Area Committee strongly advocates by writing to Dublin Rural Leader that they revise their funding areas to include the Edmondstown Electoral Division which is currently excluded'.

REPLY:

LEADER have confirmed that the areas included within the LEADER programme were determined prior to the commencement of the current programme and were based on specific criteria, including population levels and measures of deprivation.

It has also been confirmed that LEADER will undertake a mid-programme review of its Local Development Strategy. While the timing of this review has not yet been finalised, requests for the inclusion of additional areas may be considered at that stage, subject to the relevant qualifying criteria.

LEADER have indicated that they will consider an application to include additional areas and have noted that supporting information should accompany the application. This should include details relating to population numbers, local Community Centres, Tidy Towns groups, community organisations and other groups that may benefit from LEADER funding.

If this Area Committee submit an application to LEADER seeking the inclusion of Edmonstown within the LEADER funding area, supporting letters from the LCDC and other local organisations and community groups would further strengthen the application.

RTFB/185/H6/0526 Item ID:91210 – Deputations for Noting

Deputations for Noting (No Business)

RTFB/186/H7/0526 Item ID:91212 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

RTFB/187/C2/0526 Item ID:91200 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

RTFB/188/M1/0526 Item ID:91189 – Street Festival Rathfarnham Village

The following motion which was submitted by Councillor D. McManus, Councillor J. Sinnott, Councillor P. Cosgrave, Councillor Y. Collins was proposed by Cllr McManus and seconded by Cllr Edge.

That this ACM asks the Chief Executive to support a public street festival for Rathfarnham Village to take place late Summer or early Autumn 2026 subject to successful completion of roadworks by Uisce Éireann & SDCC, to include temporary closure of a section of Main Street to vehicle traffic on a Sunday afternoon to support community groups and local traders?

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

The Community Development Team would be happy to provide guidance to the organisers/committee of the proposed Street Festival for Rathfarnham Village.

However, it should be noted that funding for Community Events/Festivals is limited. Any application submitted should demonstrate strong support from the local community and relevant stakeholders.

Key requirements for consideration include:

- Your group must have strong support from the local community and relevant agencies
 - Approval from all necessary statutory authorities and agencies in advance of the event, including where applicable An Garda Síochána, SDCC Traffic/Roads and Public Realm Departments and any required road closure permissions
 - Written permission for the use of any venue or public space not under the ownership of the organisers
 - Evidence of local fundraising and financial contributions, as Council funding would generally not exceed 50% of the total event cost
 - Appropriate public liability insurance indemnifying South Dublin County Council for a minimum of €6.5 million
 - Sufficient lead-in time to allow for the processing of applications and approvals
- Also to note in order to be eligible for community grants:

- Groups must be located with SDCC
- Groups must formally be established and registered with the South Dublin County PPN
- Grants are not available to individuals or profit-making organisations
- Groups must have a bank account in the group's name
- Provide a tax reference number to the Community Team
- Application must be submitted online including full details of the purpose of the grant required and a full break down of costs associated with delivering the event
- Receipts and supporting documentation must be submitted following the event.

Current supports available for Community Events/Festivals are generally up to a maximum of €5,000/€10,000 respectively. These grants are on a first come first served basis and were fully exhausted early summer 2025.

It should also be noted that road closures do not fall within the remit of the Community Department and would need to be progressed separately with the relevant Council sections and statutory agencies. The Motion was unanimously **Agreed.**

Transportation

RTFB/189/Q3/O526 Item ID:91188 – Footpaths in Knocklyon

Proposed by Councillor S. Barnes

Please advise which footpaths are listed for repairs in the Knocklyon area for 2026 and what is the budget that has been allocated for these repairs. Can a copy of the priority list for footpaths in Knocklyon be provided please.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

Footpath repairs are listed by LEA. The below list is the 2026 footpath schemes in the Firhouse/Bohernabreena LEA

- Mount Alton
- Idrone Park
- Woodstown Green
- Hunters Hill
- Kilakee Green
- Kilakee Park
- Monalea Wood
- Monalea Grove
- Old Firhouse Road

RTFB/190/Q4/0526 Item ID:91114 – Replay damaged grass verges

Proposed by Councillor P. Cosgrave

Could the Council ensure that the Fibre sub duct contractor come back and relay the damaged grass verges at the small roundabout on Anne Devlin Road Rathfarnham. The grass verges on both sides of the road at the green area where damaged while the contractor was repairing the telecom underground duct and by vans and trucks driving up on the green area when there was traffic management at the roundabout. Please see attached photos.

REPLY:

The contractor will be contacted and instructed to repair the verge to the correct standard

[Q4 Photo](#)

RTFB/191/Q5/0526 Item ID:91129 – Taking in Charge of Scholarstown Wood

Proposed by Councillor A. Edge

To ask for a timeframe on the taking in charge of Scholarstown Wood

REPLY:

The taking in charge process for Scholarstown Wood is progressing well. The developer is engaging with the Council on several important items in relation to the Taking in Charge. There were some trees lopped that were of concern to residents. Some play space items are being resolved. The public realm items are largely resolved. The "as constructed" drawings have been submitted to the Council. The Council estimate that if the current progress continues, Scholarstown Wood will be ready for Taking in charge in 7 months time.

RTFB/192/Q6/0526 Item ID:91067 – Repairing Solar Powered Lights

Proposed by Councillor J. Sinnott

To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the delay in repairing Solar Powered Lights at the Wellington Road/Templeville Road/Greentrees Road roundabout.

REPLY:

All solar powered flashing signs at the Wellington Road / Templeville Road / Greentrees Road roundabout were repaired on 23 April. The operation of these solar flashing lights is being continuously monitored by our Traffic Light maintenance contractor. Some repairs take time if the broken items have a long order lead time.

RTFB/193/Q7/0526 Item ID:91077 – Footpath Safety

Proposed by Councillor J. Sinnott

To ask the Chief Executive what steps are taken by South Dublin County Council to ensure that the public roads and footpaths in Rathfarnham Templeogue Firhouse and Bohernabreena are restored to an acceptable and safe standard following works undertaken by Uisce Eireann.

REPLY:

The Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads sets out the national standard for reinstating roads. These requirements are attached to every licence issued in South Dublin.

Contractors often provide temporary reinstatement for a number of weeks prior to the permanent reinstatement and it is assumed that this is the what the question refers to. SDCC's roadworks control unit are actively engaging with utilities to ensure the quality of temporary re-instatements around the county are improved.

If there are areas of specific concern please contact me with them so I can follow up

RTFB/194/H8/0526 Item ID:91223 – Roads to be Taken in Charge

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

RTFB/195/H9/0526 Item ID:91221 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

RTFB/196/C3/0526 Item ID:91208 - Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

RTFB/197/M2/0526 Item ID:91083 – Erect Plaque

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

That the Manager with agreement from the Church Lane resident's association erect a plaque to commemorating the architect Thomas Byrne who designed Woodstown Cottages. The beautiful cottages are designed in the Arts and Craft style which is a very rare design in the Rathfarnham area. Thomas Byrne was a family member of the famous Scott Architectural family of father and two sons in the UK who designed many buildings of importance in the Gothic and Arts and Craft styles.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

The Council has no remit in this matter.

By way of explanation, the properties concerned are in private ownership and our Naming of Infrastructure Policy (which guides the honouring of individuals and / or groups for contributions and achievements that deserve recognition) does NOT apply to proposals for commemorative remembrance on private property.

Following contributions from Councillors P Cosgrave and A Edge the Managers Report was **Noted**.

RTFB/198/M3/0526 Item ID:91231 – Dished Footpath

Proposed by Councillor E Murphy, seconded by Councillor A Edge

That this ACM requests the implementation of a dished footpath on Beechdale Road at the junction of Beechdale Place. Photo attached

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

This location has been added to the list of locations for the accessibility allocation

Following contributions from Councillor E Murphy the Motion was **Agreed**.

Planning

RTFB/199/H10/0526 Item ID:91219 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

RTFB/200/C4/0526 Item ID:91206 - Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

Economic Development

RTFB/201/H11/0526 Item ID:91214 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

RTFB/202/C5/0526 Item ID:91202 - Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

Libraries Arts

RTFB/203/Q8/0526 Item ID:91072 – Ballyroan Library usage request

Proposed by Councillor J. Sinnott

To ask the Chief Executive to advise if Ballyroan Library can be used for future public consultations and workshops/events that are Council organised?

REPLY:

SDCC Libraries regularly collaborate with other Council departments in the delivery of Council-organised initiatives, including public consultations, workshops, and events. Ballyroan Library, along with other branch libraries, has previously been used successfully for such purposes and can continue to be considered for future Council-led engagements, subject to availability and operational requirements.

Libraries have worked in partnership with departments such as Climate Action and Digital Services in the delivery of workshops and events for initiatives including Climate Action Week and Cyber Security Awareness Month. In addition, libraries are frequently used as accessible venues for displaying public consultation materials, with this noted in associated public notices and advertisements. For example, documentation for consultations such as the Draft Climate Action Plan 2024–2029 has been made available for public viewing in libraries.

More recently, as part of the Part 8 Public Consultation for the Knocklyon to Ballyboden Active and Sustainable Travel Scheme, Ballyroan Library hosted a series of workshops on 5 March. These included four school workshops and one public workshop featuring a virtual reality model of a section of the proposed scheme along Ballyboden Way.

RTFB/204/H12/0526 Item ID:91211 – Library News and Events

This report was presented by Laura Joyce Senior Executive Librarian

Library News & Events

[H12 \(i\) Libraries report May](#)

[H12 \(ii\) Library Event Stats](#)

Following contributions from Councillors R Mannion, P Kearns, Y Collins, R McMahon and A Edge, Laura Joyce Senior Executive Librarian Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

RTFB/204/H13/0526 Item ID:91228 – Arts Programme Update

This report was presented by Gerry Horan Sound Recording Technician

Arts Programme Update

[H13 Arts Programme Update](#)

Following contributions from Councillor A Edge, the Report was **Noted**.

RTFB/206/H14/0526 Item ID:91217 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

RTFB/207/C6/0526 Item ID:91204 - Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

Corporate Support

RTFB/208/H15/0526 Item ID:91213 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

RTFB/209/C7/0526 Item ID:91201 - Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

RTFB/210/M4/0526 Item ID:91081 – Edmonstown Ballyboden Sorting Office

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

That this Committee opposes An Post proposal to close the Edmonstown, Ballyboden Sorting Office. There is huge concern from residents in Ballyboden, Knocklyon and Rathfarnham areas that this will damage our postal service. Should this motion be passed, Management should write to on Post letting them know the concerns of this Committee and residents.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

Details of the motion, if passed, will be forwarded to An Post, and any response received will be circulated to the Area Committee.

Following contributions from Councillors P Cosgrave, Y Collins, R McMahon, P Kearns, R Mannion, S Barnes, and L McCrave, the Motion was **Agreed**.

Performance & Change Management

RTFB/211/H16/0526 Item ID:91218 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

RTFB/212/C8/0526 Item ID:91205 - Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

Public Realm

RTFB/213/Q9/0526 Item ID:91191 – Bottle Bank Tymon Park

Proposed by Councillor P. Kearns

To ask the manager to contact the owners of the bottle bank in Tymon Park with a view to asking them to rearrange their collection times. Residents are understandably distressed that the 6am collections are very noisy and causing a disturbance

REPLY:

The Public Realm team have been in contact with our glass collection service provider Glassco regarding collections at locations around Tymon Park. We have reviewed April's collection records and there were two collections identified as taking place outside of normal collection hours (prior to 8am). We have reminded Glassco of their obligations under the service contract in relation to collection start and finish times. Glasco have confirmed they have reminded the staff members concerned of the normal collection hours and put in appropriate corrections to the collection roster. SDCC will continue to monitoring of the collection service to ensure no further breaches occur.

RTFB/214/Q10/0526 Item ID:90880 – Public Bin Removal

Proposed by Councillor R. McMahon

Can I ask the Manager why the public bin was removed from College Drive, Dublin 6w? And also ask the manager if it could be to replaced in the same spot or close by please.

REPLY:

The public bin previously located on College Drive (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/CeRd1tnxbYyrwrga8>) was relocated to the entrance of the park on Fortfield Road, approximately 60 metres away (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/YBMDRux6uS7NF69V8>). The original location had become a regular site for domestic waste dumping, with household rubbish bags left beside the bin. To address this, the bin was moved to a location that better supports legitimate use while preventing further misuse. Since the relocation, the

dumping issue has been resolved, and the bin continues to serve park users and the surrounding public realm.

RTFB/215/H17/0526 Item ID:91278 – Playspace Survey Results

This report was presented by Laurence Colleran Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Knocklyon & Templeogue Playspace Survey Results

[Play Surveys Templeogue and Knocklyon](#)

Following contributions from Councillors P Kearns, E Murphy, Y Collins, R McMahon, R Mannion, L McCrave, S Barnes, D McManus and A Edge, Laurence Colleran Senior Executive Parks Responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was **Noted**.

RTFB/216/H18/0526 Item ID:91220 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

RTFB/217/C9/0526 Item ID:91207- Correspondence

Correspondence(No Business)

RTFB/218/M5/0526 Item ID:90954 – Tree Planting Ballinascorney Road

Proposed by Councillor A Edge, seconded by Councillor R McMahon

That the right hand section of Ballinascorney Rd from the Old Mill down towards the former Tanning Factory be included on the list for tree planting to improve the aspect of this stretch of the public realm.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

The Council welcomes the suggestion for tree planting along the right-hand section of Ballinascorney Road, from the Old Mill towards the former Tanning Factory. Tree planting will be considered as part of upcoming programmes, subject to site suitability and underground utility screening.

The Manager's Report was **Noted**.

RTFB/219/M6/0526 Item ID:91064 – Seating in Greenhills Park

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

This Committee notes the number of senior citizens who live in the Greenhills area and are regular users of Greenhills Park. This Committee further notes the lack of outdoor age friendly seating and benches in the park. The lack of seating has a significant impact on senior citizens and their ability to fully utilise the park. To

address this, the Committee requests that South Dublin County Council commit to the installation of age friendly seating areas in the park.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

The request for the provision of age-friendly seating in Greenhills Park is noted, and the Council recognises the importance of seating in supporting older park users.

However, it should be noted that previous seating in the park was removed due to persistent antisocial behaviour, including vandalism and incidents involving fire, which raised safety concerns for park users and nearby residents.

In addition, a proposed astro-turf development within Greenhills Park is currently under consideration. Until this planning process is concluded, the future layout of the park cannot be confirmed, and it would not be appropriate at this stage to commit to new seating installations that could conflict with the proposed development.

Once the planning process has been completed, the Council will review opportunities for seating provision within the park, having regard to site suitability, safety, and ongoing management considerations.

Following contributions from Councillors J Sinnott, P Kearns, Y Collins, D McManus and R McMahon, Brendan Redmond Senior Executive Parks & Landscape officer Responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was **Noted**.

RTFB/220/M7/O526 Item ID:91116 – Bin Request at Spider Hill

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

That this Council considers putting the bin back at the top of Spider Hill, Rathfarnham, where it is more needed, and in this regard, possibly relocating one of the new bins to here.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

South Dublin County Council has significantly expanded and upgraded litter bin provision in Rathfarnham in recent years. The number of solar-powered compactor bins has increased from 8 to 31, including upgrades to the original units. These bins compact waste on site, increasing capacity by up to five times compared to standard litter bins, and are equipped with smart monitoring technology that enables more efficient collection scheduling and reduces unnecessary vehicle movements.

As part of the consideration for the removal of the bin from this location, health and safety concerns for the servicing of the bin were identified. The original

location of the bin is on a tight bend on a narrow road, providing minimum space for the service vehicle to park safely. Alternate bins are available nearby established pedestrian routes.

- Two solar-powered compactor bins on the Main Street, located approximately 37m and 67m from Church Lane
- One newly installed solar-powered compactor bin in the nearby car park, approximately 125m away from Church Lane.

In accordance with the Litter Bin Installation Protocol set out in the Council's Litter Management Plan, litter bins are generally not installed within 400m of an existing bin. Based on current bin provision and safety considerations, the area is considered sufficiently serviced, and no additional bin is required.

Following contributions from Councillors Y Collins, P Cosgrave, L McCrave and D McManus, Brendan Redmond Senior Executive Parks & Landscape officer Responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was **Noted**.

RTFB/221/M8/0526 Item ID:91230 – Bin Request at Stocking Lane

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

That this area committee requests the reinstatement of the following public litter bins which have been removed: Stocking Lane - at the bus stop adjacent to Prospect Manor Whitechurch Estate - outside of the church Parklands Road - at the junction of Oakdale Road

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

The litter bin located at the bus stop opposite the entrance to Prospect Manor was removed due to ongoing incidents of illegal household waste dumping. Relocation was not feasible, as no suitable or safe alternative location could be identified that would allow for effective servicing. The area has continued to be monitored since the removal, and inspections have confirmed that there are no ongoing litter issues at this location.

The bin on Parklands Road was relocated approximately 100 metres (from <https://maps.app.goo.gl/6Tq8f8CD94VYLuqU6> to the junction of Parklands Views – <https://maps.app.goo.gl/7vRpcpYzNTWSQ6JC7>). This relocation was necessary due to persistent dumping of medical waste at the original location. Since the bin was moved, the dumping issue has been resolved, and the bin continues to serve park users and the surrounding public realm.

The bin in Whitechurch Estate, beside the shops, was removed due to persistent household waste dumping. The area is currently considered to have adequate bin coverage, as Centra provides a bin at the shop entrance during daytime hours. It should be noted that this bin is removed overnight, as the retailer has also experienced issues with illegal dumping

Following contributions from Councillors E Murphy and A Edge, Brendan Redmond Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer Responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was **Noted**.

Environment

RTFB/222/Q11/0526 Item ID:91117- Flood Walls update at Woodview Cottages

Proposed by Councillor Y. Collins,

To ask for an update in relation to the proposed flood walls at Woodview Cottages, Rathfarnham

REPLY:

There are currently no proposals for new flood walls at Woodview Cottages.

The Owendoher River was identified under CFRAMs as a potential Flood Alleviation Scheme, however it has not progressed through the OPW to date.

RTFB/223/Q12/0526 Item ID:90881 – St. Josephs Burial Grounds

Proposed by Councillor R. McMahon

With regard to St Josephs burial Ground in Bohernabreena, are the Council any closer to identifying the owners of the various unused plots in the old part of the cemetery? And are the Council any closer to finding a solution to taking these back in charge, where the owners are unknown or not traceable?

REPLY:

The Burial Grounds administration and operations team in Public Realm have examined various plots in the old part of St Josephs burial ground in Bohernabreena.

While a number of plots look vacant on the ground, some are actually already purchased, some are not recorded in the burial registers, a number of the plots have restricted access and are effectively blocked from further use.

There are currently 600 vacant plots including cremation plots available in Bohernabreena Cemetery. We have already expanded our capacity of plots here, and continue to review space for further expansion.

With the gaps in records, unclear ownership in places, and the way the site is laid out, it's difficult to confirm ownership or look at taking plots back in charge at the moment.

RTFB/224/H19/0526 Item ID:91227 – Glenasmole NS Safe Route to School

This report was presented by Andrew O'Mullane Senior Executive Engineer

Glenasmole NS Safe Route to School

REPLY:

Following consultation with the school principal, it has been decided to proceed with recommended high speed rural road treatments outside Glenasmole National School. These treatments will consist of signage acting as a "gate" to warn drivers they are entering a school zone, as well as road markings in the form of "School Zone" signs and coloured circles or rondels. There will also be pencil bollards at the pull in in front of the school to provide safe space without cars for children exiting the gate.

[HL19 Glenasmole SRTS layout](#)

Following contributions from Councillors A Edge and R McMahon, Andrew O'Mullane Senior Executive Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was **Noted**.

RTFB/225/H20/0526 Item ID:91215 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

RTFB/226/C10/0526 Item ID:91199 - Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

RTFB/227/M9/0526 Item ID:91062 – Rubbish in the River Dodder

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

That this committee notes the amount of rubbish that is deposited along the Dodder River following heavy rainfall and requests that the source of this rubbish is located and contained as a matter of urgency.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

Enforcement and Licensing and Public Realm sections will review reports of rubbish deposited along the Dodder River following heavy rainfall. A full examination of the areas mentioned along the river will take place in order to locate the source of this rubbish to prevent the deposits in further heavy rainfall periods.

Following contributions from Councillors P Kearns, Y Collins, L McCrave, R McMahon, P Cosgrave and A Edge, Sharon Conroy Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was **Noted**.

RTFB/228/M10/0526 Item ID:91068 – Dublin Canvas Project

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

This Committee acknowledges the significant positive impact that the Dublin Canvass Project has had across the Rathfarnham Templeogue Firhouse and Bohernabreena areas with the support of South Dublin County Council. This Committee requests that South Dublin County Council further engage with the Dublin Canvass Project with a view to getting more utility boxes painted. In addition the Committee requests that the Council engage with the various utility companies to get their support for the initiative.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

SDCC is committed to supporting the continuation of public art commissions, via the Dublin Canvas Project, to enhance and transform graffiti-impacted traffic light boxes into beautiful works of art as it provides a platform for artists and increases public engagement and visual enhancement of the streetscape. Each piece of artwork reflects the surrounding area, creating a meaningful connection to the local community and is transforming South Dublin County. In this regard SDCC has engaged the Dublin Canvas Project to manage the creation of artworks for installation on the surface of traffic light boxes within South Dublin County over the Summer 2026 period. The callout to artists for the summer 2026 project was issued on Monday 4th May 2026 by Dublin Canvas and SDCC subsequently posted the callout via social media and its website. The locations of the traffic light boxes identified for artwork installations and animation of the streetscape are available on the following [map](#).

17 traffic light boxes will be completed as part of the Dublin Canvas summer 2026 project and 29% of the locations are within the Rathfarnham, Templeogue, Firhouse and Bohernabreena areas. As the completed artworks are temporary in nature, with a lifespan varying per location, the majority of the commissions will be a repaints from the 2019 summer Dublin Canvas project however on foot of a request from Rathfarnham Tidy Town group an additional traffic light box installation was added to the summer 2026 commission. SDCC is happy to facilitate requests for the consideration of particular locations and, once the installations are deemed viable for the creation of artworks, they will be added to the list for future Dublin Canvas Projects.

SDCC is engaging with other utility providers regarding their installations however we are cognisant of the recent *ESB Networks Electrical Awareness Briefing Note* warning that artwork, signage, banners or decorations should not be attached to or placed on ESB Networks meter boxes, cabinets or kiosks for health and safety reasons. Public Realm is working with the ESB to explore more efficient methods for the removal of graffiti from utility boxes.

In addition to the work commissioned through the Dublin Canvas Project, SDCC also provides an online graffiti removal reporting service to report graffiti and requesting the removal of graffiti from public property such as utility boxes. Once an image of the utility box with its identification number and the location of the graffiti is reported via the online form, SDCC liaise with the relevant stakeholder such as ESB Networks, contractor or council department.

The Motion was **Agreed**.

Water & Drainage

RTFB/229/H21/O526 Item ID:91222 - New Works

New Works (No Business)

RTFB/230/C11/O526 Item ID:91209 - Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

RTFB/231/M11/O526 Item ID:91079 - Water Flooding Ballyroan Crescent

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

That the Manager investigates and resolves the water flooding at the pedestrian school crossing at Ballyroan Crescent D.16. The surface of the crossing is damaged with cracks and potholes because of water rising from the under cracks. When there is heavy rain the water comes down from the road that serves the local junior and senior schools. The water flows underground surfacing from the cracks in the crossing. Roads management need to dig up the crossing and pipe the rainwater into new flood drains on Ballyroan Crescent.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

Natural Water previously inspected the flooding issue at the pedestrian crossing at Ballyroan Crescent. The manhole lids at the pedestrian crossing were broken and could not be lifted. New bespoke manhole lids with tactile paving were ordered at the time. These replacement manhole lids have just been delivered to our yard. The manhole lids will be replaced next week so that a better inspection of the surface water network can take place to identify the problem leading to the flooding.

Following contributions from Councillors P Cosgrave, Y Collins, and L McCrave, Sharon Conroy Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was **Noted**.

RTEB/232/M12/Q526 Item ID:91115 – WhiteChurch Stream Flood Alleviation Scheme

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

That this Council ensures that the Whitechurch Stream Flood Alleviation Scheme prioritises and expedites the flood defence works at or near Grange Park, Rathfarnham, to ensure that the area does not flood again.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

Since flood defence works commenced in the Grange Park area (Area 6 - St Enda's Drive to Willbrook Lawn), focus has been placed on completing these defences as soon as possible.

It is currently expected that all defence walls in this area will be completed by the end of July, with the new access bridge into the Capri site currently estimated to be installed in August. Two bespoke Flood gates which are required at the Trash Screen area just above HeatCo Ltd, are currently scheduled to be delivered in May and will be installed as soon as they arrive on site.

When the above works are installed, all scheduled defences in Area 6 will be completed.

Delays to works in this area have been experienced due to:

- Heavy rainfall events in July and November 2025 and January 2026
- Foundation works that can only be carried out during the in-stream season from July to September
- Identification of a major structural defect at the entrance of a culvert that required prioritisation
- Obtaining consent to access from private landowners

Following contributions from Councillors Y Collins, and L McCrave, David Grant A/Project Resident Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was **Noted**.

Meeting concluded at 16:52.

Siniú _____

Dáta _____

An Cathaoirleach