

COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS
SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of South Dublin County Council June 2026 Rathfarnham /
Templeogue / Firhouse / Bohernabreena Area Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 9th June 2026 through Microsoft 365 Teams and in person in the Council
Chambers.

Councillors Present

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

Officials Present

Senior Executive Officer	Sharon Conroy
Senior Engineers	Gary Walsh, Johnathan Hennessy
A/Project Resident Engineer	David Grant
Senior Executive Engineer	Andrew O'Mullane
Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer	Brendan Redmond
Executive Librarian	Caroline Higgins
Local Sports Co-Ordinator	Thomas McDermott
Senior Staff Officer	Sile Dinneen
A/Senior Staff Officer	Craig Smithers
Staff Officer	Eimear O'Sullivan
T/Assistant Arts Officer	Richie O'Sullivan
Assistant Staff Officer	Vikki Cryan
Clerical Officer	Chloe O'Neill

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Alan Edge presided.

RTFB/233/H1/0626 Item ID:90814 - 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 12th May 2026 which have been circulated, were submitted, and **APPROVED** as true record and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor A Edge and seconded by Councillor P Cosgrave and **RESOLVED** “That the recommendations contained in the minutes of 12th May 2026 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

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

RTFB/234/0626 – Questions

It was proposed by Councillor A Edge, seconded by Councillor Y Collins and **RESOLVED** “That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 that Questions 1–6 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

Planning

RTFB/235/H2/0626 Item ID:91465 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

RTFB/236/C1/0626 Item ID:91452 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

Transportation

RTFB/237/Q1/0626 Item ID:91554 – Irish Water Road Works

Proposed by Councillor D. McManus

To ask the Chief Executive if the road surface on Rathfarnham Road will be restored or flattened to original condition as part of the road opening licence issued to GMC Utilities working on behalf of Uisce Éireann as the current surface is uneven for cyclists and motor vehicles?

REPLY:

The current surfacing is only temporary, and the full lane will be permanently resurfaced by GMC upon completion of the works.

RTFB/238/Q2/0626 Item ID:91582 – Roadworks Butterfield Avenue

Proposed by Councillor J. Sinnott

This Committee requests that the potholes (including one adjacent to a manhole cover) on Butterfield Avenue opposite the Marian Road junction are added to the upcoming works list.

REPLY:

A failed manhole reinstatement was reported to UE in March.

Surface defects are listed for patching repair and will be carried out this year.

RTFB/239/Q3/0626 Item ID:91585 – Roadworks Programme 2026

Proposed by Councillor J. Sinnott

To ask the chief executive if an update could be provided on the 2026 road works programme and a schedule of work for the next three months could be provided?

REPLY:

All schemes have been tendered in both LEAs.

Road repairs are expected to commence in June and continue throughout the summer.

Footpath repairs are ongoing in the Firhouse Bohernabreena LEA currently. Contractor expected to start in Rathfarnham Templeogue LEA in June.

RTFB/240/H3/0626 Item ID:91469 – Proposed Roads to be Taken in Charge

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

RTFB/241/H4/0626 Item ID:91467 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

RTFB/242/C2/0626 Item ID:91454 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

RTFB/243/M1/0626 Item ID:91552 – Old Stone Wall Repair

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

That the Manager have the old stone wall at the footpath on Edmondstown Road, Ballyboden, along the Owendoher river repaired. There are broken

areas of the wall opposite Ballyboden Primary Care centre up to opposite Beechview. The old wall is part of Ballyboden and Rathfarnham heritage and should be restored that respects our heritage. The wall has damage from roots of trees along the river that might need to be cut back.

The following report from the Chief Executive was read:

There are 6 locations that need repair, but the wall is being undermined by adjoining trees. Roads are trying to identify the responsible party for these trees and discuss options regarding them.

Once this underlying issue is resolved we'll arrange for the repair of the walls.

Following contributions from Councillor P Cosgrave, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

Libraries & Arts

RTFB/244/Q4/O626 Item ID:91581 – Update on Ballyroan Library Water Fountain

Proposed by Councillor J. Sinnott

To ask the chief executive if an update can be provided in relation to the provision of a public water fountain adjacent to Ballyroan Library as per a motion that was agreed at a previous ACM?

REPLY:

It is intended that the installation of the water fountain will be delivered as part of broader improvements in the vicinity of the library. These works will allow for a coordinated and integrated approach to enhancing the area. At this stage, it is hoped that the project will be progressed during Q3, subject to the advancement of the overall improvement scheme.

The Council will continue to progress this matter and will keep the Area Committee informed of developments.

RTFB/245/H5/O626 Item ID:91457 – Library News & Events

The following report was presented by Caroline Higgins Senior Librarian

[HL15 - \(i\) Library Event Stats](#)

[HL15- \(ii\) RTFB libraries report June](#)

Following contributions from Councillors P Kearns, P Cosgrave and A Edge Caroline Higgins Senior Librarian responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted**.

RTFB/246/H6/0626 Item ID:91591 – Arts Programme Update

Proposed by Richie O'Sullivan T/Assistant Arts Officer

[HI 6-Arts Programme Update RTFB June 2026](#)

Following contributions from Councillor A Edge, Richie O'Sullivan T/Assistant Arts Officer responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

RTFB/247/H7/0626 Item ID:91463 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

RTFB/248/C3/0626 Item ID:91450 - Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

Economic Development

RTFB/249/H8/0626 Item ID:91460 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

RTFB/250/C4/0626 Item ID:91448 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

Performance & Change Management

RTFB/251/H9/0626 Item ID:91464 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

RTFB/252/C5/0626 Item ID:91451 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

Corporate Support

RTFB/253/H10/0626 Item ID:91459 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

RTFB/254/C6/0626 Item ID:91447 – Correspondence

[Cor 6- \(i\) Reply from DLR COCO re Item 90705 April RTFB 2026 ACM For Noting](#)

This report was **Noted**.

Environment

RTFB/255/H11/O626 Item ID:91461 – Active Travel Scheme

The following report was presented by Andrew O'Mullane Senior Executive Engineer & Johnathan Hennessy Senior Engineer.

Non-Statutory Public Consultation for Old Bawn Road Active Travel Scheme
- Southern Junctions

[HI-11 Old Bawn Road Active Travel Scheme – Southern Junctions notice of upcoming consultation](#)

Following contributions from Councillors D McManus, Y Collins, R McMahon, P Kearns, S Barnes and A Edge, Andrew O'Mullane Senior Executive Engineer & Johnathan Hennessy Senior Engineer responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted**.

RTFB/256/C7/O626 Item ID:91445 - Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

Water & Drainage

RTFB/257/Q5/O626 Item ID:91553 – Ballyroan Crescent Flooding

Proposed by Councillor P. Cosgrave

That the Manager give an update report on the works needed to be done on the flooding problem at the pedestrian school crossing at Ballyroan Crescent D.16. There is a short time zone from when the schools close this summer until they open at the end of August when work can be done.

REPLY:

Natural Water have received the bespoke manhole lids to replace the broken ones at the pedestrian lights. The manhole lids will be replaced in the next fortnight so that a complete inspection of the surface water network can take place and help identify the drainage issue.

Once informed with a completed survey, Natural water will action accordingly.

RTFB/258/H12/O626 Item ID:91468 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

RTFB/259/C8/0626 Item ID:91455 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

RTFB/260/M2/0626 Item ID:91551 – Grange Park SUDS

Proposed by Councillor D. McManus, Seconded by Councillor A. Edge

That this area committee asks if kerb drainage with rainwater inlets part of a SuDS solution on Grange Park Rathfarnham could be working in collaboration with local residents to reduce risk of flooding?

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

The Whitechurch Stream Flood Alleviation Scheme (Whitechurch Stream FAS) is being progressed by South Dublin County Council with funding provided by the Office of Public Works (OPW). Substantial completion for the scheme is scheduled for the end of Q4 2026.

The installation of SUDs on the Grange Park Road at this point would be deemed premature ahead of the completion of the Whitechurch FAS.

However, local residents can install SUDs measures in their properties to reduce surface water in the area, please refer to SDCC Householders SUDs Guide <https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/environment/environmental-health/natural-water/sustainable-drainage-systems/>

This Motion was taken in conjunction with Motion 3

RTFB/261/M3/0626 Item ID:91587 – SUDS at Grange Park

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

That this Council considers introducing Sustainable Urban Drainage solutions at Grange Park in Rathfarnham.

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Guide <https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/environment/environmental-health/natural-water/sustainable-drainage-systems/>

Following contributions from Councillors D McManus and Y Collins, David Grant A/Project Engineer Responded to queries raised and the motion was **Agreed.**

RTFB/262/M4/O626 Item ID:91589 – Whitechurch Stream FAS Letter

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

That this Council liaises with the OPW with a view to providing, on completion of the Whitechurch Stream Flood Alleviation Scheme, a 'letter of comfort' for residents whose properties have been affected by flooding prior to the completion of the works, to assist them in obtaining flood insurance going forward.

The following report from the Chief Executive was read:

SDCC will liaise with local residents in regard to the issuing of letters following the completion of the Whitechurch Stream Flood Alleviation Scheme.

These letters outline the flood risk to the properties of recipients and are an interpretation of the flood maps available at the time of issue. It has to be noted that the updating of the flood maps on www.floodinfo.ie is in the control of the OPW and the decision to provide flood insurance is a purely commercial decision for insurance companies.

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

Public Realm

RTFB/263/Q6/O626 Item ID:91583 – Tree Maintenance Programme

Proposed by Councillor J. Sinnott

To ask the Chief Executive if the tree maintenance schedule for the next three months for the Rathfarnham, Templeogue, Firhouse and Bohernabreena areas could be provided to the Area Committee?

REPLY:

The Council has made significant progress in advancing the tree maintenance programme for the Rathfarnham, Templeogue, Firhouse and Bohernabreena areas, as outlined below, along with the proposed plan for Q3 2026. A number of locations have progressed from survey stage to scheduled works and will be addressed in the coming period, while others remain at survey stage and will advance following arboricultural assessment.

In addition to the works outlined below, reactive work was carried out on 1,161 trees in response to Customer Care reports, public safety concerns, and urgent arboricultural needs within this ACM area. A further 2,310 trees have been surveyed across the county, which will inform future works.

A summary of the current status is set out below:

Tree Maintenance Programme – Status Summary

Location / Area	Status at End of Q1	Status at End of Q2	Q3 Position	Notes
Rathfarnham Castle Park (Woodland Area)	Works completed			
Springvale (Mature Trees)	Works completed			
Glen Boden Park	Works completed			
Dodder Valley Estate	Works completed			
Beechdale Estate		Issued for Survey	Pending	Under assessment
Idrone Estate		Issued for Survey	Pending	Under assessment
Carriglea Estate	Issued for Survey	Surveyed	Works Assigned	Scheduled for works
St Anne's, Kimmage	Issued for Survey	Surveyed	Works Assigned	Scheduled for works

Killakee Estate	Issued for Survey	Surveyed	Works Assigned	Scheduled for works
Cypress Downs Estate	Issued for Survey	Surveyed	Works Assigned	Scheduled for works
Glenvara Estate	Issued for Survey	Surveyed	Works Assigned	Scheduled for works
Reactive Tree Works	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Undertaken as required

RTFB/264/H13/O626 Item ID:91466 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

RTFB/265/C9/O626 Item ID:91453 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

RTFB/266/M5/O626 Item ID:91588 – Relocation of Bin in Rathfarnham Village

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

That the Council please move the bin from its current position on the Main Street in Rathfarnham Village, back up to beside the new seating area, where it is badly needed. Please see attached photo.

The following report from the Chief Executive was read:

If this Area Committee is in agreement the Council will relocate the solar powered bin from outside Boyle Sports to the new seating area as requested.

Following contributions from Councillors Y Collins, L McCrave, D McManus, P Cosgrave, S Barnes and A Edge, Brendan Redmond Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer Responded to queries raised and the motion was **Agreed**.

Community

RTFB/267/H14/O626 Item ID:91456 – Deputations for Noting

Deputations for Noting:

1. Willbrook Downs Residents Committee
2. Church Lane Residents Association
3. Templeroan Residents Association

[Church Lane](#)

[Templeroan](#)

[Willbrook Downs](#)

This Report was **noted**.

RTFB/268/H15/O626 Item ID:91498 – Emerging Talent Bursary 2026

The following report was presented by Craig Smithers A/Senior Staff Officer

Emerging Talent Bursary 2026

[HI 15- Emerging Talent Bursary 2026](#)

Following contributions from Councillors P Kearns, R McMahon, and A Edge, Craig Smithers A/Senior Staff Officer Responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted**.

RTFB/269/H16/O626 Item ID:91458 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

RTFB/270/C10/O626 Item ID:91446 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

Housing

RTFB/271/H17/O626 Item ID:91462 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

RTFB/272/C11/O626 Item ID:91449 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

Meeting concluded at 15:57

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