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SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Clondalkin, Newcastle, Rathcoole,
Saggart and Brittas Area Committee Meeting Wed, 17 June 2026

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Cathaoirleach, Councillor Francis Timmons
Councillor William Joseph Carey
Councillor Linda de Courcy
Councillor Trevor Gilligan
Councillor Gino Kenny
Councillor Eoin Ó Broin
Councillor Shirley O'Hara

Apologies:

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Senior Executive Officer	Ms. Sharon Conroy
Senior Executive Officer	Mr. Andy McNally
Conservation Officer	Ms. Irenie McLoughlin
Senior Planner	Mr. Stephen Willoughby
Senior Engineer	Mr. Gary Walsh
Executive Librarian	Ms. Aoife Horan
(Senior Librarian)	
County Librarian	Ms. Síle Coleman
A/Arts Officer	Mr. Richie O'Sullivan
Senior Engineer	Ms. Juliene Helbert
Senior Executive Parks	Mr. David Fennell
Superintendent	
Senior Executive Officer	Ms. Maria Nugent
A/Senior Staff Officer	Ms. Roisin Ralph
Clerical Officer	Ms. Jennifer Murphy

C/316/26 - H1 Item ID: 91619 - Confirmation and re-affirmation of minutes of meeting 20th May 2026.

The minutes of the May meeting of the Clondalkin, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart and Brittas Area Committee meeting dealing with Planning, Transportation, Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Performance & Change Management, Corporate Support, Environment, Water & Drainage, Public Realm, Community, Housing and held on 20th May 2026 which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

H-1 (1) Minutes of Wed, 20 May 2026

It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons, seconded by Councillor S. O'Hara and **RESOLVED**: "That the recommendations contained in the minutes of 20th May 2026 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**."

C/317/26 - QUESTIONS

Questions 1-9 were proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor S. O'Hara:

"That pursuant to Standing Order 16, Questions 1 to 9 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**."

Planning

C/318/26 - H2 Item ID: 91613 - New Works

(No Business)

C/319/26 - C1 Item ID: 91600 - Correspondence

(No Business)

C/320/26 - M1 Item ID: 91648

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor S. O'Hara.

That this Area Committee requests that contact be made to meet with St John's Church on Tower Road to look at what grants may be available to preserve and repair the walls, structure and possibly graves.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ**:

The Record of Protected Structures (RPS) is listed under Schedule 2, South Dublin County Development Plan 2016-2022 written statement and the

location of such structures can be identified using the Map/RPS Ref. number (allocated to each item) on the County Development Plan Maps.

St. Johns Church, Tower Road Clondalkin is a protected Structure as listed under the County Development Plan RPS ref. 139.

Each owner and occupier must ensure that a protected structure or any element of a protected structure is not endangered through harm, decay or damage, whether over a short or long period, through neglect or through direct or indirect means. A local authority may: -

- require an owner or an occupier of a protected structure to carry out works if it considers that the structure is or may become endangered;
- require an owner or an occupier of a protected structure to carry out works if it considers that character of the structure ought to be restored;
- acquire, by agreement or compulsorily, a protected structure if it considers that this is desirable or necessary in relation to the protection of the structure. Where a local authority requires works to be carried out to prevent a protected structure from becoming or continuing to be endangered, the owner or occupier concerned may be eligible for a grant under the scheme of grants for the conservation of protected structures.

In regard to grants available – A Grant Scheme is available to assist the owners/occupiers of Protected Structures to undertake works to secure the conservation of the structure. The Conservation Grant Scheme is funded by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government and administered by the Planning Department.

Grants that may be availed of relating to a protected structure such as St. Johns Church may include the following:

- The Community Monuments Fund
- The Historic Structures Fund
- The Built Heritage Investment Scheme

The Architectural Conservation Officer is available to deal with queries relating to the protected structures within the County including advice in regard to grants and funding available to ensure preservation of such structures.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor F. Timmons.

Ms. Irenie McLoughlin, Conservation Officer and Mr. Stephen Willoughby, Senior Planner, responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED.**

Transportation

C/321/26 – Q1 Item ID: 91592

Proposed by Councillor S. O'Hara

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when Peyton Estate, Rathcoole, is expected to be taken in charge by the Council.

REPLY:

The Council has not received a valid TIC application form for this estate. The Council has made contact with the developer on many occasions, without any positive engagement into completing the process. Indeed the Council was reminded that a legally constituted management company was in place in the estate, and that they were managing the maintenance of the estate.

Without the consent of the developer/management company and a valid TIC application on file, the Council cannot progress a TIC process for the Peyton Estate.

C/322/26 – Q2 Item ID: 91674

Proposed by Councillor L. de Courcy

To ask the Chief Executive what, if any, plans have been put in place to deal with the increased volumes of traffic on the Old Nangor Road when the two new schools open, Gaelscoil na Camóige and Gaelscoil Chluain Dolcáin, with particular focus on the exit onto the Fonthill Road?

REPLY:

The development of Gaelscoil na Camóige and Gaelscoil Chluain Dolcáin was assessed as part of the planning process under Reg. Ref. SD22A/0352. Traffic and transport impacts associated with the opening of the schools, including impacts on the Old Nangor Road and the Fonthill Road corridor, were considered during the planning assessment.

As part of the permitted development, a number of measures were incorporated to manage traffic movements and improve safety and accessibility. These include:

- The provision of a new one-way vehicular circulation system within the school campus, incorporating a dedicated vehicle and bus set-down area accessed from the Old Nangor Road.
- The removal of the existing eastern vehicular access arrangement and provision of revised access and egress arrangements, including raised tables to prioritise pedestrian movement.
- The provision of additional pedestrian access points to improve permeability and encourage walking to school.
- Significant bicycle parking provision and infrastructure to support active travel.
- The requirement for a Mobility Management Plan to be updated within six months of the schools opening, incorporating travel data, modal share targets and measures to promote sustainable travel.
- A requirement for a Stage 3 Road Safety Audit following completion of the development.
- A financial contribution towards improvements to local cycling infrastructure.

The planning permission places a strong emphasis on encouraging travel by walking, cycling and public transport, with the objective of reducing reliance on private car use. The operation of the school campus, including the effectiveness of the approved access arrangements and Mobility Management Plan, will be monitored in accordance with the planning conditions. At present, no additional traffic management measures specific to the exit onto the Fonthill Road are identified within the scope of the granted planning permission.

C/323/26 – Q3 Item ID: 91676

Proposed by Councillor S. O'Hara

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the current status of bus shelter installations and proposed locations in Rathcoole, Saggart, Newcastle and Brittas, including details of any approved locations, planned installations, timelines for delivery, and engagement with the National Transport Authority (NTA) regarding outstanding requests.

REPLY:

The Council continues to actively progress the provision of bus shelter infrastructure across Rathcoole, Saggart, Newcastle and Brittas,

recognising the importance of improving public transport facilities for local communities.

A broad range of locations has been identified and is currently under consideration. Design proposals for many of these bus stop locations have been developed and submitted to the National Transport Authority (NTA) for review. As Members will appreciate, all bus shelter and associated infrastructure proposals are subject to NTA approval, which is a necessary step in ensuring compliance with national standards and integration with wider transport planning objectives.

In relation to specific locations:

- **Rathcoole – Bus Stop 104301:** Agreement has been reached for the provision of a shelter at this location.
- **Johnstown Road:** Likewise, this location has agreement in principle, with designs currently awaiting NTA approval.

A number of additional sites are also being advanced, including proposals for hardstandings, where appropriate, to facilitate accessibility and future shelter provision. All such proposals remain subject to NTA review and approval.

The Council continues to engage constructively with the NTA in respect of all submissions and outstanding approvals. It is important to note that progression to construction is contingent not only on securing these approvals but also on supplier lead-in times for the manufacture and delivery of bus shelters.

Subject to these dependencies, it is anticipated that works will commence on a phased basis, with an initial target of progressing installations during the summer holiday period, where feasible.

C/324/26 – Q4 Item ID: 91686

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey

To ask the Chief Executive if traffic management measures can be introduced at the bend on Ashwood Road to reduce speed from traffic travelling in and out of the estate. (This bend is located at the first turn in from the entrance.)

REPLY:

The Traffic Section acknowledges the concerns raised regarding vehicle speeds at the bend on Ashwood Road, particularly at the first turn in from the estate entrance.

The Traffic Section will install road markings comprising a continuous white line along the Ashwood Road corner and on the approach to the bend. These measures are intended to enhance driver awareness and improve overall road safety at this location.

Following the implementation of these markings, further assessments will be undertaken to determine the suitability of additional traffic calming measures. These measures will be considered with the aim of further improving safety for all road users at the Ashwood Road corner.

C/325/26 – H3 Item ID: 91615 - New Works

(No Business)

C/326/26 – H4 Item ID: 91999 - Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads

(No Business)

C/327/26 – C2 Item ID: 91602 - Correspondence

(No Business)

C/328/26 – M2 Item ID: 91548

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor G.Kenny.

That this Area Committee strongly support the building of a footpath in Saggart to Millbrook Nursing Home and request SDCC progress this urgently due to urgent health and safety issues.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

Road Maintenance support the delivery of the footpath at this location and believe it would benefit the safety of all road users.

It would be proposed to deliver the scheme in accordance with Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994. SDCC generally tend to carry out non-statutory public consultation as part of Section 38 schemes but no resource is currently available to undertake a consultation for this scheme.

If this motion is passed SDCC will proceed with the Section 38 process (without a non-statutory public consultation) which will enable the scheme to be delivered on a fast tracked timeframe and ensure a safer road in the near future.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors S. O'Hara, F. Timmons and E. Ó Broin.

Mr. G. Walsh, Senior Engineer, responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED**.

C/329/26 – M3 Item ID: 91651

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor S. O'Hara and unanimously **AGREED without debate** to accept the Chief Executive's report.

That this Area Committee request SDCC audit all road lining in Clondalkin village and reline double yellow lines, yellow boxes and keep clear signs while schools are closed until September, and also that school entrances be repainted before then, and issue a report for Sept 2026 LEA.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

Resurfacing works to take place shortly on Tower road and on Orchard Lane roadmarkings refreshment throughout all the village will take place once the resurfacing is complete.

C/330/26 – M4 Item ID: 91684

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

That this Area Committee agrees that SDCC should immediately carry out remedial works on the footpath/streetscape at the entrance to the car park at the Steering Wheel public house on Main Street, Clondalkin. (A previous representation was made through MR 1918335.)

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

This repair will be prioritised and works will be carried out in the summer.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors W. Carey and F. Timmons.

Mr. G. Walsh, Senior Engineer, responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED**.

C/331/26 – M5 Item ID: 91733

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor S. O'Hara.

That this Area Committee request the repainting of the LGBTQ+ crossing lines at the pedestrian crossing at the lights outside Moyle Park College.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

Renewal of the LGBTQ+ crossing will be arranged. This may take longer than normal as the current roadmarkings are expensive and their durability is not meeting the requirements we would expect.

Road Maintenance will need to engage with the sector to see what alternatives are available that might provide a more robust result.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, T. Gilligan and S. O'Hara.

Mr. G. Walsh, Senior Engineer, responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED**.

Libraries Arts

C/332/26 – Q5 Item ID: 91680

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed report into what plans are being made for Clondalkin Library service during the works and the timeframe for the work.

REPLY:

A full report on the Clondalkin Library Access and Improvement works is provided under Headed Item 8 on this agenda.

Plans are currently being developed for a temporary library service to operate from Clondalkin Civic Offices during the works. This interim service will include access to library collections, public computers, and printing and photocopying facilities. It is envisaged that the service will operate in line with normal library opening hours.

The temporary provision will be supplemented by outreach services, including visits to schools and other community settings, supported by the mobile library service.

C/333/26 – H5 Item ID: 91605 - Library News & Events

The following report was presented by Ms. A. Horan, Executive Librarian

[H-I \(5\) ACM Events Report](#)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor F. Timmons, S. O'Hara and W. Carey.

Ms. A. Horan, Executive Librarian, responded to members queries and the report was **NOTED**.

C/334/26 – H6 Item ID: 91611 - New Works

(No Business)

C/335/26 – H7 Item ID: 91618 - Application for Arts Grants

(No Business)

C/336/26 – H8 Item ID: 91662 - Clondalkin Library Access and Improvement Works Update

The following report was presented by Ms. Síle Coleman, County Librarian

[H-I \(8\) Clondalkin Library Access and Improvement Works](#)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor F. Timmons, W. Carey, E. Ó Broin and L. de Courcy.

Ms. Síle Coleman, County Librarian, responded to members queries and the report was **NOTED**.

C/337/26 – H9 Item ID: 91663 - Arts Programme Update

The following report was presented by Mr. R O'Sullivan A/Arts Officer

[H-I \(9\) Arts Programme Update](#)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor F. Timmons.

Mr. R O'Sullivan A/Arts Officer, responded to members queries and the report was **NOTED**.

C/338/26 – C3 Item ID: 91598 - Correspondence

(No Business)

C/339/26 – M6 Item ID: 91535

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor S. O'Hara.

That this Area Committee requests SDCC Libraries consider getting SLTs to run the Family LAMH Course.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

If this motion is passed, SDCC Libraries will investigate the possibility of running the Family LAMH course in Libraries.

The motion was **AGREED.**

C/340/26 – M7 Item ID: 91647 – Taken with Motion 10

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor S. O'Hara.

That this Area Committee requests, on behalf of the Clondalkin Presentation Nuns, that contact be made with the nuns, who also have a long history of educating children in Clondalkin, to investigate how a lantern-type sculpture to symbolise Nano Nagle might be installed somewhere in the village, as a piece of art for the 250th anniversary of the founding of the Presentation Nuns by their founder, Nano Nagle.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

A teacher from Scoil Áine, Clondalkin contacted the Arts Office recently, through Councillors Timmons and O'Hara, on behalf of a committee of locals working with the local Presentation Sisters who are looking for ways to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the Presentation Order by Venerable Nano Nagle.

Richie O'Sullivan, Assistant Arts Officer - Public Art, has offered to meet with the committee representative to discuss some considerations to be explored further, in commissioning an artwork.

The first step will be to establish a feasible budget. The budget will inform the type of artwork, or artform might be considered, which may include a permanent sculpture, or for example a piece of music or a literary work celebrating their history. The budget and scale of a commission will be reliant on the capacity for local fundraising.

The Arts Office can help the committee to develop a brief for an artist and the selection process, and with any permissions that might be required for a chosen location. While the Arts Office may not have direct funding to commission an artwork in this case, we will be able to offer support in advice and guidance.

It was not clear from the initial query, if the artwork is being commissioned by the school in conjunction with the Presentation Order and what resources might be available through a commemorations programme.

A discussion followed with contributions by Councillor F. Timmons, S. O'Hara, E. Ó Broin and W. Carey.

Mr. R O'Sullivan A/Arts Officer, responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED**.

Economic Development

C/341/26 – H10 Item ID: 91608 – New Works

(No Business)

C/342/26 – C4 Item ID: 91596 – Correspondence

(No Business)

Performance & Change Management

C/343/26 – H11 Item ID: 91612 – New Works

(No Business)

C/344/26 – C5 Item ID: 91599 – Correspondence

(No Business)

Corporate Support

C/345/26 – H12 Item ID: 91607 – New Works

(No Business)

C/346/26 – C6 Item ID: 91595 – Correspondence

[Correspondence:](#)

- Reply to M91085

C/347/26 – M8 Item ID: 91326

Proposed by Councillor S. O'Hara and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

That this Area Committee requests an update from Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the relevant contractor regarding the inspection and repair timeline for the damaged cobblelock at the Red Cow Roundabout.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

If the motion is agreed, a letter will issue to Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the relevant contractor as outlined above.

A discussion followed with contributions by Councillor F. Timmons and S. O'Hara.

Ms. S. Conroy, Senior Executive Officer, responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED.**

C/348/26 – M9 Item ID: 91545 – Taken with Motion 14

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor G. Kenny.

That this Area Committee request SDCC write to the ESB requesting they clearly identify ALL of their utility boxes on the following roads:

1. Boot Road from N7 junction to centre of Clondalkin village.
2. Fonthill Road from Newlands Cross to Boot Road junction.
3. Old Nangor Rd from Tower Rd to the junction of Fonthill Rd.
4. Ninth Lock Road from Cappaghmore Est to SDCC offices.
5. Orchard Road, Main St, Tower Rd.
6. New Road from The Laurels pub to the junction of Calbeck Way and Fonthill Rd.
7. Monastery Road from Main St to the roundabout at the entrance to LUAS station.

Reasoning for above - ESB do not want their boxes 'painted' etc. without their permission.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

If the motion is agreed, a letter will issue to the ESB as outlined above.

A discussion followed with contributions by Councillor F. Timmons and E. Ó Broin.

Ms. S. Conroy, Senior Executive Officer, responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED.**

C/349/26 – M10 Item ID: 91649

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor S. O'Hara.

That this Area Committee congratulate the Presentation Nuns on the occasion of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the Presentation Nuns by Nano Nagle, and we acknowledge the commitment and dedication of the Presentation Nuns in education in Clondalkin for generations in primary and secondary education.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

If the motion is agreed, a letter will issue to congratulate the Presentation Nuns on the occasion of the 250th anniversary as outlined above.

A discussion followed with contributions by Councillor F. Timmons, S. O'Hara, E. Ó Broin and W. Carey.

Ms. S. Conroy, Senior Executive Officer and Mr. R O'Sullivan A/Arts Officer responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED.**

Environment

C/350/26 – Q6 Item ID: 91675

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive if owners of Oakfield Est. have received fines or notices for illegal dumping and drinking and to ask that he follow up on same.

REPLY: Following complaints received by SDCC in January and February of this year, there were two Notices issued to the site owner under the provisions of the Litter Pollution Act for instances of illegal dumping at the location referenced.

In March, a fine was issued under the provisions of the Litter Pollution Act. The Council will continue to take all enforcement actions available to them under the Litter Pollution Act where evidence of illegal dumping is identified by the Litter Warden.

The enforcement of restrictions on alcohol consumption in public places falls under the remit of An Garda Síochána and not the Council.

C/351/26 – H13 Item ID: 91609 – New Works

(No Business)

C/352/26 – H14 Item ID: 91688 – Works under SDCC's Energy Performance Contract

The following report was presented by Ms. Juliene Helbert, Senior Engineer.

[H-1 \(14\) Part 8 Proposals for Clondalkin Leisure Centre and Clondalkin Civic Centre for installation of heat pumps and solar panels](#)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor W. Carey, G. Kenny, E. Ó Broin and L. de Courcy.

Ms. Juliene Helbert, Senior Engineer, responded to members queries and the report was **NOTED**.

C/353/26 – C7 Item ID: 91593 – Correspondence

(No Business)

Water & Drainage

C/354/26 – Q7 Item ID: 91739

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed report into what measures are being put in place to contain the white-clawed crayfish plague outbreak at Corkagh Park lakes and the Camac. When will these measures be put in place?

REPLY: SDCC were first informed on the 03/06/2026 that the crayfish plague had been detected in the River Camac at Corkagh Park.

SDCC have:

- liaised with the lead authority, NPWS and other relevant authorities to curtail this plague.
- information signage installed at Corkagh Park and along the Camac.
- informed local groups along the Camac.
- Public Realm and Natural Water staff have completed toolbox talks on the plague and how to prevent it's spread. They are restricting their interaction along the Camac and Corkagh lakes and have disinfectant sprays for their equipment to prevent the spread of the

plague to other rivers, watercourses and further upstream of the Camac itself.

- SDCC comms/social media message went out to as soon as we were informed by NPWS to inform the public of the disease and to inform them of the 'Check, Clean, Dry' message.
- Further signage, 'Check, Clean, Dry' is being erected along the canal and the Griffeen to prevent further spreading of the disease.
- The Heritage Officer has completed an article for 'The Echo' reiterating the 'Check, Clean, Dry' message.
- SDCC are continuing to liaise and work with NPWS to prevent the spread. Further river monitoring and testing is being carried out by NPWS to identify the extent of the outbreak.

Please note that this disease is not transferable to humans or pets.

C/355/26 – H15 Item ID: 91616 - New Works

(No Business)

C/356/26 – C8 Item ID: 91603 - Correspondence

(No Business)

Public Realm

C/357/26 – Q8 Item ID: 91391

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed report into Corkagh House site excavations that includes site numbers, details of a tunnel, items found, etc., and how the public can access the excavation report.

REPLY: Archaeological excavations took place in Corkagh Park during the construction of the new cafe, stage and hub area. No individual artefacts were found however the remnants of old foundations and drainage culverts were uncovered, including a section of an underground tunnel. A map outlining these elements can be passed on directly via email.

C/358/26 – Q9 Item ID: 91641

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin

To ask the chief Executive to provide a report on the recent clear felling of trees and hedges around the ruin of St Cuthbert's Church in Deansrath.

REPLY: Works to for the removal of trees and vegetation in the area of St. Cuthbert Church was carried out on 18th and 19th May 2026. The works were completed as part of a wider Garda operation where Gardai at Clondalkin Garda Station, assisted by Detective Gardai from Serious Crime South, the DMR (West) Divisional Search Team and National Support Services, including the Dog Unit and Mounted Unit. The operation targeted the use of the park in the sale and supply of controlled drugs, linked to organised crime and anti-social behaviour.

The tree and vegetation removal works carried out in the area consisted of the removal of 36 trees. A comprehensive tree survey was conducted prior to works and was presented as part of the Part 8 Planning file for the St Cuthberts Park Masterplan. The removal list consisted of Fraxinus/Ash, Ulmus/Elm, and Acer/Sycamore that were formally assessed as dead, diseased, or in poor health. No Yew trees were present on the site, and consequently, no Yew removal occurred. A number of trees selected for retention underwent crown lifting to improve visibility and sightlines across the area. Dense ground growth—consisting of scrub, nettles, and briars immediately adjacent to the church ruins—was cleared by hand with great care not to disturb headstones or other features.

The works were fully authorised under the existing Part 8 Planning Permission for the site. While Section 40 of the Wildlife Act generally restricts vegetation clearance during the bird nesting season, an explicit legal exemption applies to works authorised under planning permission and site clearance. It had been the Council's original intention to execute these works entirely outside of the bird nesting season. However, due to previous intimidation of the Council's contractor and the nature of the Garda operation, the works programme was altered.

On the day of the operation, following a detail Garda search of the area, physical/on-the-ground checks of all trees for active bird nests was completed immediately prior to making any cuts. Active bird nests were identified within the ivy growing directly on the church walls. Consequently, the ivy was left completely untouched. A qualified archaeologist monitored all physical works on site to ensure total compliance with the approved archaeological method statement, safeguarding the historical integrity of the St Cuthbert's ruin. On 19th May SDCC deployed a large crew to remove substantial volumes of litter from around the monument. Gardai remained on site for the duration of the works.

The works were very well received by local residents and park users and we have achieved the views of the church and moat envisaged by the St Cuthberts Park Masterplan.

C/359/26 – H16 Item ID: 91614 - New Works

(No Business)

C/360/26 – C9 Item ID: 91601 - Correspondence

(No Business)

C/361/26 – M11 Item ID: 91416

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons and unanimously **AGREED without debate** to accept the Chief Executive's report.

That this Area Committee outlines the changes regarding locking gate removal preventing cars getting from Cherrywood Ave to Clondalkin Swimming Pool car park and if it is in its finished state - currently 2 bollards have been put up.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

New park gates and railings have been fabricated for the vehicle maintenance entrance to Clondalkin Park at the end of Cherrywood Avenue. These are currently with a galvanising contractor, where they are being galvanised and painted. Installation will take place once these works are completed and the items are returned to the Public Realm Section.

In the meantime, two temporary bollards have been installed to prevent unauthorised vehicle access to the park while works are ongoing. These bollards will be removed once the permanent boundary and maintenance gates have been installed.

C/362/26 – M12 Item ID: 91478

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons and unanimously **AGREED without debate** to accept the Chief Executive's report.

That this Area Committee outline future plans for the barrier gate / gap at Cherrywood Ave / Clondalkin Swimming Pool car park.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was
READ:

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In the meantime, two temporary bollards have been installed to prevent unauthorised vehicle access to the park while works are ongoing. These bollards will be removed once the permanent boundary and maintenance gates have been installed.

C/363/26 – M13 Item ID: 91547

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor S. O’Hara.

That this Area Committee support Cherrywood Residents Association who would like to make a flower display with 5 flower pots (attached drawings), and as SDCC has their own metal fabrication section in Deansrath depot we ask could they make it so that it can be assembled and disassembled depending on season. They have flower pots already; they are 48cm in diameter.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was
READ:

The metal fabrication section at Deansrath Depot is currently fully committed to delivering Improvement Work Programme projects, as well as maintaining and repairing existing fixtures and features in parks and open spaces. As a result, there is no capacity to take on additional work, such as the fabrication of a flower display stand.

The provision of such a feature would therefore need to be progressed by the Cherrywood Residents Association. Before advancing this proposal, the association should be advised to contact South Dublin County Council to seek approval if the feature is intended to be located on public land.

The motion was **AGREED**.

C/364/26 – M14 Item ID: 91550 – Taken with Motion 9

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor G. Kenny.

That this Area Committee requests, on behalf of Saggart Tidy Towns, that SDCC issue a report into what SDCC has done to get ESB, Eir, and other utilities companies to undertake graffiti removal in central locations in Saggart Village on their boxes.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

SDCC have been working closely with the ESB in relation to the removal of graffiti on their boxes around South Dublin county. Public Realm are looking at ways in which we can remove the graffiti from the ESB boxes safely and through agreement with the ESB.

Once this agreement has been reached, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be agreed and signed by both parties. Following the agreement with the ESB, Public Realm will meet with other utility companies that we currently have an MOU with to agree a new and updated MOU with them with an agreed approach and aim of reducing graffiti issues in this LEA as well as others.

A discussion followed with contributions by Councillor F. Timmons and E. Ó Broin.

Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent and Ms. S. Conroy, Senior Executive Officer, responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED**.

C/365/26 – M15 Item ID: 91642 – Taken with Motion 16

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

That this Area Committee agrees to find a solution to have the footpaths of Main St., Clondalkin, cleaned of grease and grime build-up.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

A daily cleaning programme is in operation in Clondalkin Village, focused primarily on the removal of litter and general upkeep of public spaces. This programme is delivered by operational staff using a pedestrian-operated “green machine”. This machine has 2 mechanical brushes to sweep and collect litter and debris and includes an integrated waste receptacle for efficient disposal. A water spray feature to enhance general cleaning

effectiveness is also available. This equipment ensures a consistent standard of cleanliness in public areas and pedestrian pathways.

While effective for routine maintenance, the green machine It is not capable of removing grease or ingrained staining on granite paving. The treatment of such staining requires specialist methods which may involve high-pressure hot water cleaning. As a result, certain areas of granite paving have developed visible staining that cannot be addressed through routine cleaning practices.

A full deep cleaning programme for granite paving has been assessed but is not recommended for the following reasons. The financial outlay associated with a comprehensive deep clean would be significant. Granite surfaces naturally weather and dull over time due to footfall and environmental exposure. Deep cleaning requires large volumes of water, which would not align with County Development Plan objectives relating to sustainability, climate action, and the promotion of a low-carbon, climate-resilient county.

Considering the above constraints, a targeted cleaning strategy is considered the most appropriate and viable approach. The Public Realm Section is currently reviewing suitable methods for the maintenance of hard surfaces, with particular emphasis on the effective removal of stubborn stains and marks. An inspection of granite paving along Main Street will be carried out and a list of locations requiring intervention will be compiled for targeted cleaning using appropriate specialist techniques where required.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor F. Timmons, E. Ó Broin, S. O'Hara, L. de Courcy and W. Carey.

Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED**.

C/366/26 – M16 Item ID: 91685 – Taken with Motion 15

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

That this Area Committee agrees that SDCC should put in place a regular schedule for pavement cleaning in the centre of Clondalkin in order to maintain the surface of the granite paving from Main Street through to Tower Road.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

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A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor F. Timmons, E. Ó Broin, S. O’Hara, L. de Courcy and W. Carey.

Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED**.

Community

C/367/26 – H17 Item ID: 91604 – Deputations for Noting

(No Business)

C/368/26 – H18 Item ID: 91606 – New Works

(No Business)

C/369/26 – C10 Item ID: 91594 - Correspondence

(No Business)

C/370/26 – M17 Item ID: 91534

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor S. O'Hara.

That this Area Committee requests SDCC meet with Clondalkin Drama Group with the aim to assist them in their urgent need for rehearsal and performance space.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

Laura McLernon has recently joined the Community Development Team and has been appointed as the designated Community Officer for the Clondalkin area. She is actively engaging in networking opportunities and looks forward to building relationships with, and supporting, community groups across Clondalkin.

In response to the Members' request, Ms. McLernon will engage with the Clondalkin Drama Group and will be available to meet with them to explore their needs in relation to rehearsal and performance space, and to provide assistance where possible.

The motion was **AGREED**.

Housing

C/371/26 – H19 Item ID: 91610 – New Works

(No Business)

C/372/26 – C11 Item ID: 91597 - Correspondence

(No Business)

The meeting concluded at 4.52 p.m.

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