

COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS
SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Clondalkin, Newcastle, Rathcoole,
Saggart and Brittas Area Committee Meeting Wed, 16 September 2026

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

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

Apologies:

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Senior Executive Officer	Ms. Sharon Conroy
Senior Executive Officer	Mr. Andy McNally
Executive Librarian	Ms. Aoife Horan
(Senior Librarian)	
A/Arts Officer	Mr. Richie O'Sullivan
Senior Executive Officer	Ms. Brenda Shannon
Senior Engineer	Mr. Pat Clarke
Senior Engineer	Mr. Damien McNulty
Senior Executive Parks	Mr. David Fennell
Superintendent	
Senior Executive Parks and	Mr. Damien Wildes
Landscape Officer	
Senior Executive Parks	Mr. Laurence Colleran
Superintendent	
Senior Executive Engineer	Mr. Andrew O'Mullane
Senior Engineer	Mr. Jonathan Hennessy
Administrative Officer	Mr. David Morrissey
Administrative Officer	Ms. Martina O'Brien
Senior Executive Architect	Mr. Patrick Harrington

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Senior Community Officer
Senior Engineer
Senior Executive Engineer
A/Senior Staff Officer
A/Staff Officer
Clerical Officer
Clerical Officer

Ms. Vivienne Hartnett
Ms. Amanda Mills
Ms. Fiona Hendley
Ms. Maria Nugent
Ms. Aoife Troy
Mr. John Joe Hagerty
Mr. Farhan Nasiem
Ms. Roisin Ralph
Mr. Brian Dalton
Ms. Thea Clarke
Ms. Jennifer Murphy

C/373/26 - H1 Item ID: 92537 - Confirmation and re-affirmation of minutes of meeting 17th June 2026.

The minutes of the June 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 17th June 2026 which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

H-1 (1) Minutes of Wed, 17 June 2026

It was proposed by Councillor S. O'Hara, seconded by Councillor F. Timmons and **RESOLVED**: "That the recommendations contained in the minutes of 17th June 2026 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**."

C/374/26 - QUESTIONS

Questions 1-12 were proposed by Councillor S. O'Hara, seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:

"That pursuant to Standing Order 16, Questions 1 to 12 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**."

Economic Development

C/375/26 - Q1 Item ID: 91680

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the regularisation of the strip of land between Boomers Pub in Knockmitten Clondalkin and the footpath to the north of the pub on open space?

REPLY:

There are plans in progress to regularise the title of the strip of land between Boomers Pub, Knockmitten, Clondalkin and the adjoining open space/footpath area. However, the process involves a number of stakeholders and the resolution of associated legal and property matters. As a result, it is expected to take some time before the regularisation process can be concluded. Asset Management will continue to progress the matter and engage with the relevant parties.

C/376/26 – Q2 Item ID: 91680

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Public Lighting and Tannoy system along the Grand Canal Greenway?

REPLY:

There are currently 10 of a total of 220 PL columns out of order at this location. Some of these are located under bridges and are damaged due to anti-social behaviour. Our contractor is currently on site making the necessary repairs, including a cable fault, which may take some time. We will complete the other repairs as soon as possible.

The PL columns at this location carry PIR (passive infrared) motion sensitive fittings. While on site making repairs, our contractor is also upgrading the communications hardware on the fittings. This upgrade will be completed tomorrow.

The tannoy system along the Grand Canal Greenway forms part of the security infrastructure associated with Grange Castle Business Park and is operated through the Park's security contract.

C/377/26 – H2 Item ID: 92527 – New Works

(No Business)

C/378/26 – C1 Item ID: 92515 – Correspondence

(No Business)

Libraries & Arts

C/379/26 – H3 Item ID: 92524 - Library News & Events

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

[H-I \(3\) ACM Events Report](#)

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

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

C/380/26 – H4 Item ID: 92530 - New Works

(No Business)

C/381/26 – H5 Item ID: 92538 - Application for Arts Grants

(No Business)

C/382/26 – H6 Item ID: 92727 - Arts Programme Update

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

[H-I \(6\) Arts Programme Update](#)

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

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

C/383/26 – C2 Item ID: 92517 - Correspondence

(No Business)

Corporate Support

C/384/26 – H7 Item ID: 92526 - New Works

(No Business)

C/385/26 – H8 Item ID: 92762 - Local Priorities Fund – Update

The following report was presented by Ms. Brenda Shannon, Senior Executive Officer.

[H-I \(8\) Local Priorities Fund update](#)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor W. Carey.

Ms. Brenda Shannon, Senior Executive Officer, responded to members queries and the report was **NOTED**.

C/386/26 – C3 Item ID: 92514 – Correspondence

Correspondence:

- Reply to M90430
- Reply to M91108
- Reply to M91545

C/387/26 – M1 Item ID: 92017

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

That this Area Committee agrees to support the 222 residents by contacting relevant bodies: Dublin Bus, Minister for Transport, to extend the already 24hr G2 bus service to Seven Mills.

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

If the motion is agreed, a letter will issue to Dublin Bus and the Minister for Transport as outlined above.

A discussion followed with contributions by Councillor F. Timmons and W. Carey.

Mr. Andy McNally, Senior Executive Officer, responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED**.

C/388/26 – M2 Item ID: 92230

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 agrees to congratulate the Clondalkin Youth Band on winning Gold at the World Music Contest.

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 Clondalkin Youth Band on winning Gold at the World Music Contest.

C/389/26 – M3 Item ID: 92231

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 agrees to write to the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality and Tusla and request that funding is made available to build a new Deansrath Family Centre facility on the available zoned land at St Cuthberts.

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

If the motion is agreed, a letter will issue to the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality and Tusla as outlined above.

Performance & Change Management

C/390/26 – H9 Item ID: 92531 - New Works

(No Business)

C/391/26 – C4 Item ID: 92518 - Correspondence

(No Business)

Water & Drainage

C/392/26 – H10 Item ID: 92535 - New Works

(No Business)

C/393/26 – C5 Item ID: 92522 - Correspondence

(No Business)

C/394/26 – M4 Item ID: 91858

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

That this Area Committee agrees to address the flooding on the Old Nangor Road particularly the sides of the road where the surface water flows onto the path.

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

The location has been referred to the Natural Water Operations team who will investigate the source of the flooding. Once this has been carried out we will assess what measures will be required to address the issue.

A discussion followed with contributions by Councillor T. Gilligan, F. Timmons and W. Carey.

Mr. Pat Clarke, Senior Engineer, responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED**.

C/395/26 – M5 Item ID: 92614

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

That this Area Committee agrees to erect an information sign at the point on the footpath in Clondalkin Park where the Camac overflow crosses it during periods of inundation in order to describe the 'Camac overflow mechanism' there to the general public.

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

Natural Water have reviewed the location in question and acknowledge that during extreme rainfall events, the pathway at Clondalkin Commons is liable to flooding.

The reason for the overflow across the footpath is part of a Flood Alleviation design feature that was installed some years ago.

After discussion's with our Public Realm team, it has been agreed they will install temporary flooding signs at this location after an extreme rainfall evt.

Temporary signage size and type will be agreed with Public Realm to make sure if conform's with SDCC's branding policy before erection.

A discussion followed with contributions by Councillor E. Ó Broin and W. Carey.

Mr. Pat Clarke, Senior Engineer, responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED**.

Public Realm

C/396/26 – Q3 Item ID: 92356

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed report into what the future plans are to protect and enhance 1) Fairview Oilmills and 2) St Cuthberts Church?

REPLY: 1) Oil Mills:

Following a successful tender process earlier in the year, the Public Realm Section are currently in the process of appointing a contractor to carry out conservation works to stabilise the oil mill building to prevent further deterioration. Works will include the reconstruction of the gable and internal cross walls, stabilising the chimney breast, consolidation of door heads, archways and lintels and general masonry reconstruction/consolidation.

2) St Cuthberts Church

The vegetation clearance at St Cuthberts Church and graveyard has been completed. The next sequence of events proposed for the site include:

- Detailed condition survey and assessment of church and graveyard
- Updated Archaeological Assessment

C/397/26 – Q4 Item ID: 92606

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey

To ask the Chief Executive for an explanation as to the reason why the public toilets at the new Corkagh Park Café were out of order for an extensive period over the summer months and to ascertain if there is an ongoing issue of concern here.

REPLY: We acknowledge that there have been a number of operational issues with the toilet facilities in Corkagh Park over the summer and regret the inconvenience caused to park users. Following an inspection, it was identified that a recurring fault affecting a number of units was the primary cause of the issue. The maintenance contractor has since sourced an alternative solution and remedial works are already underway.

It is anticipated that these toilet facilities will be fully operational by the 18th of September.

C/398/26 – Q5 Item ID: 92611

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on investigations of a suitable site for a public toilet in Clondalkin Village?

REPLY: A report on the provision of a public toilet in Clondalkin Village was presented under Headed Item 10 at the ACM in February 2026. As part of the scoping exercise, eleven locations within the village were examined and the status and suitability of each site were outlined.

To facilitate further assessment, Elected Members were invited to indicate their preferred location for the proposed facility. Following this process, three sites were identified for further consideration:

1. Pope Lane
2. Main Street, outside Tower Credit Union
3. Tower Road, opposite the Tuthills car park exit

An update on the assessment of these locations will be presented to the October ACM under a Headed Item.

C/399/26 – Q6 Item ID: 92752

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the current top 10 tree pruning requests on priority list in the Clondalkin LEA, along with the relevant individual details and works. Please include time on list, and how items are prioritised/weighted.

REPLY: South Dublin County Council does not generally prioritise routine tree pruning on an individual request ranking system. Instead, the Council's tree maintenance programme operates on a risk-based prioritisation system informed by arboricultural inspections and assessments. Tree maintenance is generally undertaken on a whole-estate and whole-road basis as part of the rolling maintenance programme and undertaken sequentially within the location of work.

Reactive and emergency works are prioritised where required. Reactive works are assessed having regard to factors including public safety risk, tree condition, structural defects, obstruction of roads, footpaths or public lighting, and potential damage to property or infrastructure. Emergency works are prioritised ahead of routine maintenance works.

C/400/26 – H11 Item ID: 92533 - New Works

(No Business)

C/401/26 – C6 Item ID: 92520 - Correspondence

(No Business)

C/402/26 – M6 Item ID: 92039

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

That this Area Committee agrees to prune the trees that are taller than the houses in Castle Grange, please provide a timeline.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:** Castle Grange estate is listed on the Council approved 2026-2028 Tree Maintenance Programme. In advance of any works being carried out, a full survey of all trees will be undertaken by an independent arborist to determine the extent of the requirement for tree maintenance. Arising from the survey, any works considered necessary will be noted and scheduled accordingly.

As outlined on the Council's Tree Management Policy 'Living with Trees' 2026 - 2031 the Council maintains trees in public spaces, including streets, parks, and open areas, in accordance with recognised industry standards, including BS 3998: 2010 – Tree Work – Recommendations.

Section 5.16 refers to Trees Considered Too Large as follows: The Council will not prune or fell a Council owned/managed tree because it is considered 'too big' or 'too tall'. Residents may sometimes feel apprehensive about the size of a tree and perceive it as dangerous. However, trees are not inherently dangerous simply because they are tall, appear large for their surroundings, or move in the wind. Tree movement during high winds is a natural and important adaptation that helps them withstand strong gusts. For a tree to be considered dangerous, there would need to be clear evidence of structural or health related issues.

Section 3.4 refers to Topping of Trees as follows: The Council will avoid undertaking certain types of actions should there be evidence to suggest it may cause more harm than good. Topping of trees (reduction in height) causes large wounds, exposing trees to decay pathogens and causing their long-term decline, as well as being unsightly and potentially unsafe. Topping is therefore only considered where trees have serious defects, that cannot be reasonably addressed otherwise, and their short-term retention is essential or highly desirable.

It is often the view of residents that removing the crown or ‘topping’ a tree or trees will improve light levels or views or improve reception to TVs, satellites etc. While this may be true in the short term, any pruning, but especially ‘topping’, will cause decline in some species or rapid growth in others. Regrowth resulting from ‘topping’ will often be denser than the original crown and be weakly attached to the branches it develops from. Wounds associated with topping are often large and are more likely to be colonised by wood decaying fungi. ‘Topping’ is not good practice and can lead to dangerous trees in the future. For these reasons the Council will not ‘top’ trees.

A discussion followed with contributions by Councillor T. Gilligan and E. Ó Broin.

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

C/403/26 – M7 Item ID: 92365

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

That this Area Committee requests the Council to identify a suitable route in Rathcoole for a new Parkrun, and to provide the necessary supports, including access to Council lands and facilities, to enable its establishment.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ**: The Council recognises the positive health, wellbeing and community benefits that Parkrun events can bring to local areas. Parkrun is a free, community-based initiative organised and delivered by local volunteers, with participants able to walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate in public parks.

Should a local volunteer group come forward with an interest in establishing a Parkrun in Rathcoole, SDCC would be happy to engage with the

organisers and Parkrun Ireland to identify a suitable route and discuss any appropriate supports that may assist in its establishment. It should be noted, any proposed route would be subject to consideration of site suitability, safety, accessibility, and existing park uses.

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

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

C/404/26 – M8 Item ID: 92366 – Taken with Motion 9 and 10

Proposed by Councillor L. de Courcy and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

That this Area Committee asks the Chief Executive to examine the provision of an accessible gym/outdoor strength-training facility in Newcastle, comparable to the recent installation in Rathcoole Park, and to include the proposal in the draft Public Realm Improvement Works Programme for 2027, having regard to Newcastle's rapid population growth and the absence of any equivalent local gym facility.

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

There is not a significant amount of suitable public open space that has been taken in charge in Newcastle that would accommodate an accessible outdoor gym and strength-training facility. The only suitable location currently identified for such a facility is Graydon Park West.

Graydon Park West has not yet been taken in charge by the Council; however, the taking-in-charge process is progressing. Should the park be taken in charge before the end of the year, the provision of outdoor exercise and strength-training equipment will be included for consideration in the draft 2027 Public Realm Improvement Works Programme. At that stage, the proposal can be assessed alongside other projects for inclusion in the programme.

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

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

C/405/26 – M9 Item ID: 92371 – Taken with Motion 8 and 10

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

That this Area Committee asks the Chief Executive to examine the provision of an accessible outdoor gym/strength-training facility in Newcastle, comparable to the recent installation in Rathcoole Park, and to include the proposal in the draft Public Realm Improvement Works Programme for 2027, having regard to Newcastle's rapid population growth and the absence of any equivalent local gym facility.

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

There is not a significant amount of suitable public open space that has been taken in charge in Newcastle that would accommodate an accessible outdoor gym and strength-training facility. The only suitable location currently identified for such a facility is Graydon Park West.

Graydon Park West has not yet been taken in charge by the Council; however, the taking-in-charge process is progressing. Should the park be taken in charge before the end of the year, the provision of outdoor exercise and strength-training equipment will be included for consideration in the draft 2027 Public Realm Improvement Works Programme. At that stage, the proposal can be assessed alongside other projects for inclusion in the programme.

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

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

C/406/26 – M10 Item ID: 92381 – Taken with Motion 8 and 9

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

That this Area Committee asks the Chief Executive to examine the provision of an accessible gym/ outdoor strength-training facility in Newcastle, comparable to the recently installed facility in Rathcoole Park, and to consider including the proposal in the 2027 Public Realm Improvement

Works Programme, taking into account Newcastle's significant population growth and the current lack of a comparable local exercise facility.

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

There is not a significant amount of suitable public open space that has been taken in charge in Newcastle that would accommodate an accessible outdoor gym and strength-training facility. The only suitable location currently identified for such a facility is Graydon Park West.

Graydon Park West has not yet been taken in charge by the Council; however, the taking-in-charge process is progressing. Should the park be taken in charge before the end of the year, the provision of outdoor exercise and strength-training equipment will be included for consideration in the draft 2027 Public Realm Improvement Works Programme. At that stage, the proposal can be assessed alongside other projects for inclusion in the programme.

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

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

C/407/26 – M11 Item ID: 92596

Proposed by Councillor G. Kenny and seconded by Councillor S. O'Hara.

That this Area Committee calls on SDCC to explore the concept of a recreational sports hub similar to the one in Porterstown Castleknock. The Clondalkin LEA is without a recreational facility similar to Porterstown which includes a six lane synthetic running track together with all weather pitch built to FIFA approved standards. Given the demographical increases in the Clondalkin LEA and the enormous health and sporting benefits of such a facility, will the Council support such a facility and identify potential sites in the Clondalkin LEA.

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

The Council recognises the importance of accessible recreation and sporting infrastructure in supporting health, wellbeing and participation across the Clondalkin Local Electoral Area.

The provision of new or enhanced facilities is considered in the context of existing Council strategies, available funding, land availability, competing priorities and the wider programme of parks, open space and community infrastructure delivery.

Significant recreation and sports infrastructure is being delivered as part of the Griffeen Park extension in Clonburris. This includes a new all-weather pitch, tennis courts, padel and basketball courts, a ball wall, cricket crease, multiple playgrounds, grass soccer pitches, walking and cycling routes and allotments. Construction is currently underway as part of the wider parks and infrastructure programme for the area. The delivery of these facilities represents a substantial investment in recreational provision for the wider community and will be progressed in line with the approved construction programme and available resources.

A discussion followed with contributions by Councillor G. Kenny, W. Carey and E. Ó Broin.

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

C/408/26 – M12 Item ID: 92600

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey and seconded by Councillor S. O'Hara.

That this Area Committee requests if a row of more mature and fast growing trees could be planted at the boundary green in Alpine Heights adjacent to Nangor Rd to obscure lighting emanating from cars accessing the road at the new housing at Nangor Mills.

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

The Public Realm Section will include this location on its list for consideration as part of future tree planting programmes. Any proposed planting would be subject to site suitability assessments, including confirmation that there are no underground services or other constraints that would preclude tree planting.

It should be noted that fast-growing tree species would not normally be considered, as they can present long-term management and maintenance issues. Any trees selected would be species appropriate to the location and in accordance with the Council's tree planting and biodiversity objectives.

A discussion followed with contributions by Councillor W. Carey.

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

Environment

C/409/26 – H12 Item ID: 92528 – New Works

(No Business)

C/410/26 – C7 Item ID: 92515 – Correspondence

(No Business)

C/411/26 – M13 Item ID: 92378

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

That this Area Committee requests that South Dublin County Council prioritise the delivery of a safe, connected, and practical walking and cycling route between Newcastle, Rathcoole Main Street, Saggart and Garter Lane, with particular consideration given to a route via Tay Lane. This proposal should be considered as part of the Council's wider Active Travel and School Safety programme, and should also be aligned with relevant road safety, public realm, greenway, climate action and amenity funding streams.

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

Active Travel Routes connecting Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart and Garter Lane have been identified as high level route objectives in the Cycle South Dublin Programme of works.

Before any schemes identified in Cycle South Dublin are progressed to construction stage, they must progress through a series of project lifecycle phases as identified in the National Transport Authorities Project Management Guidelines. The project lifecycle Phases include:

- Phase 1: Scope and Purpose

- Phase 2: Concept Development & Option Selection
- Phase 3: Preliminary Design
- Phase 4: Statutory Processes
- Phase 5: Detailed Design and Procurement
- Phase 6: Construction and Implementation
- Phase 7: Close-out and Review

It is the intention of the Active Travel Section to progress Phase 2 (Concept Development and Options Selection) in the coming months. The Active Travel Section will liaise with internal and external stakeholders through the Options Selection Process.

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

Mr. Andrew O'Mullane Senior Executive Engineer and Mr. Jonathan Hennessy Senior Engineer responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED**.

C/412/26 – M14 Item ID: 92604

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey and seconded by Councillor S. O'Hara.

That this Area Committee requests that the litter warden investigates issues of illegal dumping at the rear and side of Bawnogue Shops with a view to providing measures to tackle this problem.

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

There have been two recent reports recorded on South Dublin County Council's Environmental Complaint System (ECS) regarding illegal dumping to the rear and side of Bawnogue Shops. Both reports were investigated by the Litter Warden, however, no evidence was identified to support enforcement action under the Litter Pollution Act.

While the ECS system does not contain a significant volume of complaints for this location, each report received helps to inform future enforcement and monitoring measures, including consideration of CCTV where appropriate, and where less intrusive measures have failed to deter illegal dumping.

As a result of this Motion, the Litter Warden has been requested to increase patrols in the area. SDCC will continue to monitor the location and respond to any reports received. Where illegal dumping is identified, appropriate enforcement action will be taken in accordance with the Litter Pollution Act.

A discussion followed with contributions by Councillor W. Carey and E. Ó Broin.

Mr. D. Morrissey, Administrative Officer responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED**.

C/413/26 – M15 Item ID: 92642

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey and seconded by Councillor S. O'Hara.

That this Area Committee agrees, that we wish to express concern about the recent (01/09/2026) fire at a waste facility in the Clondalkin area. This committee notes that this is the third such fire in recent years with the other two taking place directly adjacent to the area (both along Killeen Rd). In doing so we request that the manager request a report from the fire officer to be presented to this committee and to address concerns of any commonality as to the causes and concerns about fumes and emissions emanating from these.

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

On receipt of this motion, the Chief Fire Officer was contacted and the following response to the motion was received -

DFB are unable to comment on the commonality of these fires as any identification as to their causes would be speculative. It is not within the remit of the Fire Service to identify the cause of fires, this lies within the expertise of An Garda Síochána forensics.

Regarding fumes and emissions from such fires, the advice remains the same for all large fires, for local residents downwind to remain indoors with their windows and doors closed and await further instructions from the emergency services. There are no more significant emissions from such fires, than any other large scale commercial or industrial related fire.

A discussion followed with contributions by Councillor W. Carey and E. Ó Broin.

Mr. A. McNally, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED**.

Housing

C/414/26 – H13 Item ID: 92529 – New Works

(No Business)

C/415/26 – H14 Item ID: 92635 – Pre Part 8 Report on Old Castle Park Clondalkin, Dublin 22

The following report was presented by Ms. Martina O'Brien, Administrative Officer and Mr. Patrick Harrington, Senior Executive Architect.

[H-I \(14\) Pre Part 8 Report on Old Castle Park Clondalkin, Dublin 22](#)

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

Councillor T. Gilligan objected to this item, and the objection was noted.

Ms. Martina O'Brien, Administrative Officer and Mr. Patrick Harrington, Senior Executive Architect, responded to members queries and the report was **NOTED**.

C/416/26 – H15 Item ID: 92693 – Q2 Housing Delivery

The following report was presented by Ms. V. Hartnett, Senior Executive Officer

[H-I \(15\) Housing Delivery Report](#)

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

Ms. V. Hartnett, Senior Executive Officer, responded to members queries and the report was **NOTED**.

C/417/26 – H16 Item ID: 92694 – Q2 Housing Allocations

The following report was presented by Ms. A. Mills, Senior Executive Officer

[H-I \(16\) Q2 Housing Allocations Report](#)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor G. Kenny, F. Timmons and W. Carey.

Ms. A. Mills, Senior Executive Officer, responded to members queries and the report was **NOTED**.

C/418/26 – H17 Item ID: 92695 – Q2 Anti-Social Behaviour

The following report was presented by Ms. F. Hendley, Senior Executive Officer

Q2 Anti-Social Behaviour Report (for noting)

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

Ms. F. Hendley, Senior Executive Officer, responded to members queries and the report was **NOTED**.

C/419/26 – C8 Item ID: 92516 - Correspondence

(No Business)

Community

C/420/26 – Q7 Item ID: 92375

Proposed by Councillor L. de Courcy

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on plans to renovate the old swimming pool in Clondalkin, both the Clondalkin Youth Band and Clondalkin Pipe Band are still without permanent facilities and this renovation will provide the much needed space for both these bands along with other groups in the village.

REPLY:

The former Clondalkin Swimming Pool has been closed for a significant period and, to inform any future decision regarding the facility, the Council has commissioned a comprehensive assessment of the building.

The assessment includes detailed structural surveys and asbestos investigations to establish the condition of the property and identify any works that may be required. The Council is currently awaiting the final reports, which are expected in the coming weeks.

Once these reports have been received and reviewed, the Council will be in a position to consider the most appropriate future use of the building. This consideration will be informed by the condition of the facility, community

needs, existing local provision, identified service gaps, and opportunities to maximise community benefit.

As part of this process, the accommodation requirements of local groups, including the Clondalkin Youth Band and the Clondalkin Pipe Band, will be considered alongside other potential community, cultural and recreational uses. The Council recognises the valuable contribution these organisations make to the community and acknowledges the challenges associated with securing suitable long-term accommodation.

A decision on the future of the facility can only be made following completion of the assessment process. Further updates will be provided once the findings have been reviewed and the options evaluated.

C/421/26 – H18 Item ID: 92523 – Deputations for Noting

(No Business)

C/422/26 – H19 Item ID: 92525 – New Works

(No Business)

C/423/26 – C9 Item ID: 92513 – Correspondence

(No Business)

C/424/26 – M16 Item ID: 92373

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

That this Area Committee requests the Council to investigate and look at developing an Autism - Disability hub in the Clondalkin LEA , as part of this that the Council liaise with Clondalkin Autism Parents support group and other local groups-services.

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

The Council acknowledges the importance of ensuring that communities are inclusive and accessible and recognises the valuable role that community-based supports and services play for individuals with disabilities and their families.

The proposal to develop an Autism/Disability Hub within the Clondalkin LEA raises a number of considerations, including the identification of need, existing service provision, potential partnership opportunities, available

resources and suitable accommodation options. These matters would require careful examination and engagement with relevant stakeholders.

The Council will continue to engage with local community organisations and relevant service providers, including the Clondalkin Autism Parents Support Group, as part of its ongoing community engagement and needs assessment processes. Any opportunities that emerge will be considered having regard to identified needs, Council priorities and the resources available.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor F. Timmons.

Ms. Maria Nugent, Senior Executive Officer and Ms. Aoife Troy, Senior Community Officer, responded to members queries and the motion was **AGREED**.

C/425/26 – M17 Item ID: 92608

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

That this Area Committee agrees to organise an Apple Press over a weekend in a park in October to allow people to make apple juice.

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

The proposal to organise an Apple Press event is noted. Before any decision could be made on progressing such an initiative, a number of practical and operational considerations would need to be explored.

These include identifying a suitable venue, arrangements for sourcing and processing apples, health and safety requirements, insurance considerations, environmental management, and any logistical arrangements associated with the distribution of juice or related products.

Consideration would also need to be given to relevant food safety requirements and the responsibilities associated with the preparation and distribution of food products to the public.

Further assessment of these matters would be required to determine the feasibility and practicality of hosting such an event.

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

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

Transportation

C/426/26 – Q8 Item ID: 92007

Proposed by Councillor S. O'Hara

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline for the repair of Stoney Lane, Rathcoole, between the Peyton Roundabout and the junction with Green Lane, as the road surface and traffic calming measures were significantly damaged during Storm Chandra and continue to pose concerns for road users.

REPLY:

This work as completed in August.

C/427/26 – Q9 Item ID: 92242

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey

To ask the Chief Executive if signage and traffic calming measures can be undertaken in Kilcarberry estate by SDCC.

REPLY:

Kilcarberry Grange is a newly built residential estate and has not yet been taken in charge by South Dublin County Council (SDCC). As such, responsibility for the provision and maintenance of estate infrastructure, including signage and traffic management measures, remains with the developer until the estate is taken in charge. It also must be noted that the developer has built the estate in accordance with the granted planning permission. The developer should not change details that are not in their grant of planning.

It should be noted that all new residential developments are designed and constructed in accordance with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS). This guidance places a strong emphasis on creating self-regulating, low-speed environments through road layout and design, while also promoting active travel, safe pedestrian access, and improved road safety for all users.

The road network and associated infrastructure within Kilcarberry Grange have been developed in line with these principles to encourage appropriate vehicle speeds and provide a safe and accessible environment for residents, pedestrians, and cyclists.

Until the estate is Taken in Charge, the Council cannot make any road layout changes. When the Council takes the estate in charge, we become the managers and maintainers of the public roads and footpaths. At that time, public and elected members traffic calming requests can be considered by our traffic team. Any elected member requests should be raised through the SDCC TMM meeting process.

C/428/26 – Q10 Item ID: 92609

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin

To ask the Chief Executive for a report into the 'Bus Stop Enhancement Programme' where the NTA were to provide funding to South Dublin County Council, starting in 2024, for a series of new bus stop shelters.

REPLY: The National Transport Authority (NTA) provides funding to South Dublin County Council (SDCC) under the **Bus Stop Enhancement Programme (BSEP)** to improve bus stop infrastructure throughout the county.

SDCC's Traffic Section is working closely with the NTA to deliver the programme. The final design approval for bus stop enhancement works rests with the NTA. The provision of new bus shelters is subject to site-specific considerations, including available footpath space, accessibility requirements, safety considerations, underground utilities, and passenger usage levels.

While bus shelters are generally provided at suitable locations, the NTA may determine that a shelter is not appropriate at certain stops due to constraints such as limited space, safety concerns, or the nature of passenger demand. For example, some bus stops primarily serve set-down activities and may not warrant the installation of a shelter.

Bus stop enhancement works carried out during 2025 are detailed in the table below. Construction works are continuing at locations that have received NTA approval. In addition, SDCC has submitted proposals for further bus stop improvements to the NTA and is awaiting approval to progress these locations to the next stage of design and construction.

The Bus Stop Enhancement Programme remains an important element of improving public transport accessibility and passenger facilities across South Dublin County.

BSEP BUS STOP DELIVERED - 2025				
Platecode	Stop name	Latitude	Longitude	Description of works
2349	Alderwood	53.28503	-6.37847	Existing bus stop enhancement. Kassel kerbing and new TFI-branded bus stop pole installed.
4606	Balgaddy Road	53.33979	-6.42614	Existing bus stop enhancement. Kassel kerbing and new TFI-branded bus stop pole installed. Hardstanding area increased in consideration of passenger volumes.
4619	Foxborough	53.3399	-6.42634	Existing bus stop enhancement. Kassel kerbing and new bus shelter installed. Note: planning had previously been obtained for installing the shelter here (ref. SD23A/0246).
2755	Belgard Heights	53.30005	-6.38326	Existing bus shelter was replaced. Replacement covered under cooperation agreement.
3368	Finnstown Abbey	53.34456	-6.44959	Existing bus shelter was replaced. Replacement covered under cooperation agreement.
4625	Griffeen Road	53.34545	-6.43187	Existing bus shelter was replaced. Kassel kerbing additionally installed and hardstanding

				widened. Replacement covered under cooperation agreement.
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BSEP BUS STOP CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS - 2026				
Platecode	Stop name	Latitude	Longitude	Description of works
104301	Rathcoole	53.28423	-6.46343	New Bus Shelter
New - TBC	W6- SB	53.31884	-6.51964	New Hardstanding
New - TBC	W6- NB	53.31890	-6.51983	New Hardstanding
4627	St. Finnian's Lucan, County Dublin.	53.34924	-6.43956	New Bus Shelter
2547	Firhouse Road, Dublin 24.	53.28924	-6.32348	New Bus Shelter
4564	Rathlawns / Holy Family Community School, County Dublin.	53.27735	-6.47992	New Bus Shelter
2570	Killinarden Heights	53.27625	-6.37906	New Bus Shelter
6170	Whitestown Way	53.27710	-6.37501	New Bus Shelter
4663	Watery Lane Clondalkin	53.32515	-6.38909	New Bus Shelter
4603	Castle Road	53.34611	-6.42024	Upgrading Hardstanding
7386	Balgaddy Rd, Lucan, County Dublin.	53.34013	-6.42749	New Bus Shelter

BSEP BUS STOP DESIGN FOR APPROVAL WITH NTA – Expected to be delivered in 2026
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Platecode	Stop name	Latitude	Longitude	Description of works
2153	Bawnogue	53.32499	-6.41239	New Bus Shelter
2566	Killinarden Heights	53.27775	-6.39496	New Bus Shelter
2676	Ninth Lock	53.33662	-6.40471	New Bus Shelter
4928	Killinarden Community School	53.27600	-6.39486	New Bus Shelter

C/429/26 – H20 Item ID: 92534- New Works

(No Business)

C/430/26 – H21 Item ID: 92536 - Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads

(No Business)

C/431/26 – C10 Item ID: 92521 - Correspondence

(No Business)

C/432/26 – M18 Item ID: 92197

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 agrees to install a pedestrian crossing for mount talbot towards the bridge, on the ibis side, following a petition of 70 residents online supporting the proposal

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

The section of road referred to in the motion is located within the M50 Junction 9 area and is under the management and maintenance of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). South Dublin County Council (SDCC) has been actively engaging with TII with the objective of delivering a safe pedestrian crossing at this location.

At present, controlled pedestrian crossing facilities are available on two arms of the Monastery Road roundabout. However, on the third arm, where

the crossing referenced in the motion is sought, there are significant design and road safety constraints which currently restrict the installation of a safe pedestrian crossing. SDCC is continuing to explore feasible options to provide a safe crossing solution at this location. Any proposed design and subsequent construction works would require the consent and approval of Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

The Traffic Section undertook stakeholder engagement with relevant stakeholders in 2025 as part of proposed pedestrian improvements associated with the M50 Junction 9 road safety improvement programme being developed jointly by TII and South Dublin County Council.

As part of these proposals, it was intended to:

- Extinguish the existing pedestrian public right of way at the Mount Talbot Apartments and Hotel pedestrian access point to the M50 Junction 9 northbound on-slip road;
- Provide alternative pedestrian connectivity through the adjacent hotel grounds to the Monastery Road roundabout;
- Deliver pedestrian footpath improvements;
- Upgrade the existing uncontrolled crossing to a signal-controlled pedestrian crossing;
- Relocate existing bus stop ID 1975; and
- Make associated amendments to local bus operations.

The stakeholder engagement process indicated that the Council was unable to obtain agreement in principle or consent from key stakeholders to progress the proposed scheme. Consequently, the scheme has been postponed pending stakeholder support and consent.

Notwithstanding this, the Council will continue to assess the feasibility of providing a signalised pedestrian crossing on Monastery Road in the vicinity of the Mount Talbot/Monastery Road (L1019) roundabout and will continue to engage with TII regarding the necessary approvals. As the M50 slip road falls under the management of TII, any crossing proposal will be subject to TII approval, as well as the availability of funding, resources and programme delivery capacity. The Council remains committed to identifying and progressing a safe pedestrian crossing solution for this location where feasible.

C/433/26 – M19 Item ID: 92248

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

That this Area Committee agrees that there is a need for a permanent bus shelter at the bus terminus at Rathlawns Estate, Rathcoole, and calls on the National Transport Authority (NTA) to approve and fund its installation as a matter of priority.

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

The National Transport Authority (NTA) provides funding to South Dublin County Council (SDCC) through the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme (BSEP) for the improvement of bus stop infrastructure across the county.

Bus Stop No. 4564, Rathlawns / Holy Family Community School, Rathcoole, is included in the 2026 BSEP delivery programme. Initial civil works have already been completed by SDCC, and the location is currently awaiting installation of the bus shelter by the NTA's appointed bus shelter contractor.

The delivery and installation of bus shelters under this programme are managed directly by the NTA and its appointed contractor. Accordingly, SDCC has no control over the scheduling or delivery of the bus shelter installation once the required preparatory works have been completed. SDCC is currently awaiting the NTA's bus shelter contractor to proceed with the installation and will work in conjunction with the contractor to complete any necessary associated works required to facilitate the installation of the shelter.

SDCC will continue to liaise with the NTA regarding the progression of the works and to support the completion of the project at the earliest opportunity.

C/434/26 – M20 Item ID: 92601

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

That this Area Committee agrees that traffic calming measures are required along Lock View Rd and that Council should consider chicanes along the long stretch (particularly along the street where new housing has been added at Melrose/Lindisfarne).

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

The Council will assess the request for traffic calming measures on Lock View Road for inclusion in the next Traffic Calming Programme. The feasibility of a chicane will be considered as one of the traffic calming options in the full assessment. Any subsequent delivery of traffic calming measures will be subject to the outcome of the technical assessment, a public consultation, and the availability of funding.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors W. Carey.

Mr. J. Hegarty, Senior Engineer, responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED.**

C/435/26 – M21 Item ID: 92613

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin and seconded by Councillor S. O’Hara.

That this Area Committee agrees that the Cherrywood Villas name stone will be moved to the Cherrywood Villas (South) side of the Old Nangor Road.

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

This Item has been raised several times in the last year.

A resident survey was carried out and completed on 8 October 2025 asking for views on whether to move the Cherrywood Villas Stone from its current position on the north Side of Old Nangor Road.

A total of 6no. residents were in favour of moving the stone to the South side of the Old Nangor Road and 5no. residents were not in favour of moving the stone and 1no. resident was not clear as to which was their preferred option. This is a split vote. There is no consensus among the residents where the name stone should be located.

Ordinary steel plate road signage is prescribed under **the Road Traffic (Signs) Regulations 2024 (S.I. No. 200 of 2024).**

A name stone is not governed by the traffic signs regulations. In the majority of cases, where non-legislated work is being carried out the Council, (work not regulated by Health and Safety or other traffic

legislation) the Council listens to the wishes of the residents. Therefore, the choice of work carried out is left to resident preference.

Currently, the Council has decided to leave the name stone in its current location in the absence of any common consensus.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors E. Ó Broin and L. de Courcy.

Councillor F. Timmons objected to this item, and the objection was noted.

Mr. J. Hegarty, Senior Engineer, responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED**.

Planning

C/436/26 – Q11 Item ID: 92357

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed report into the Clondalkin Village Initiative that includes funding, budget, scope, timeframe and public consultation?

REPLY:

The Clondalkin Village Enhancement Scheme commenced design in June 2026. A presentation was given to Councillors on June 24th which outlined;

- Project extents,
- Key stakeholders identified
- Scheme aims
- Project engagement strategy

The Clondalkin Local Planning Framework did extensive engagement with the community and as part of that a concept design was prepared.

SDCC recently appointed Civic as the design consultant for the village enhancement scheme. Civic have been requested to review the concept design and further develop it. Public consultation workshops will be held before the end of the year where we will look to gather views of the community on the progressed design with the hope that a Part VIII public consultation can commence late this year or early 2027.

The budget for this project will be determined by what the proposed interventions are. It is hoped that external funding sources will be partially used to deliver this village enhancement.

C/437/26 – Q12 Item ID: 92379

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed report into the RIC Barracks Protected Building aka Riverside House and how its protected and how this is enforced?

REPLY:

Riverside House (Former RIC Barracks, Old Nangor Road is a Protected Structure, RPS Ref. 136 under SDCC County Development Plan 2022-2028, Appendix 3A (Record of Protected Structures). As such its protection is governed by Part IV of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). Under Part IV the owner of the property has a duty of care. The property is in private ownership and currently the Planning Authority have been unable to ascertain the owners details.

Under Section 59 of the Act an Endangerment Notice can be issued whereby the Local Authority considers that specific work is required in order to safeguard the structure. Prior to a Section 59 Notice being served on the owner a Warning Letter is usually issued by Planning Enforcement reminding the owners of the duty of care and obligations under the Planning Acts. A S59 Notice can only be formally issued, when necessary or required works are identified and set out specifically in any notice. The Planning Authority have investigated this site previously and a Planning Enforcement file was since closed and the ownership of the site still remains unconfirmed.

C/438/26 – H22 Item ID: 92532- New Works

(No Business)

C/439/26 – C11 Item ID: 92519- Correspondence

(No Business)

The meeting concluded at 5.39 p.m.

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