

DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Area Committee Dún Laoghaire Meeting held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 5:00 PM

PRESENT:

Baker, Marie	Hall, Lorraine
Burke, Jacqueline	Joseph, Thomas
Carson, Dan	Kivlehan, Thomas
Clark, Michael	Lewis, Hugh
Dockrell, Maurice	McNamara, Frank
Durkan, JP	Moylan, Justin
Fanning, Martha	Smyth, Carrie
Fayne, Mary	Tuite, Lauren
Gildea, Jim	

Absent: Councillor Conor Dowling

Apologies for inability to attend were received for: Councillor Melisa Halpin and Councillor Dave O'Keeffe

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor JP Durkan presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Elizabeth Clarke (Senior Executive Officer, Planning and Economic Development Department), Karen Cahill (Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department), Deirdre Cronin (Administrative Officer, Community and Cultural Services Department), Jeanette White (Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department), Eoin O'Brien (Senior Parks and Landscape Officer, Community and Cultural Services Department), Sandra Kelly (Senior Community Officer, Community and Cultural Services Department), Cynthia O'Mahony (Climate Action Officer, Community Climate Action), Julie Craig (Senior Executive Conservation Officer, Architects Department), Gerry Concannon (Senior Engineer, Water and Drainage), Deirdre Black (Heritage Officer, Community and Cultural Services Department), Janet Smyth (Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs Department), Oisín Prendergast (Assistant Staff Officer, Community and Cultural Services Department), Lela Tierney, (Assistant Staff Officer, Community and Cultural Services Department)

DLC/059/26

(Agenda Item No. 1) Confirmation and Adoption of Minutes

Minutes of the Area Committee Dún Laoghaire (Community, Culture, Housing, Economic, Planning and Parks Business) meeting held on Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Councillor T. Joseph noted that a commitment was given at the March Dún Laoghaire Area Committee CHEPP Business meeting to have a report as a headed item on the James Joyce Tower (DLC/036/26) at the Area Committee meeting in May. It was **AGREED** to have such a headed item brought to the June meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Gildea, seconded by Councillor T. Kivlehan and **RESOLVED.**

"That the minutes of the Area Committee Dún Laoghaire (Community, Culture, Housing,

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DLC/060/26

(Agenda Item No. 2) CEISTEANNA / QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor J. Moylan, seconded by Councillor T. Kivlehan and **RESOLVED**:

"That pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (c) question numbers A 2.1 to A 2.21 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**."

(Agenda Item No. 2.01) Affordable Purchase and affordable Rental Units under construction

(Agenda Item No. 2.02) Elevator in Glasthule Buildings

(Agenda Item No. 2.03) Irish Flag in Blackrock Park

(Agenda Item No. 2.04) Kill Abbey Cemetery

(Agenda Item No. 2.05) Carysfort Park Playground

(Agenda Item No. 2.06) Carysfort Park Playground Refurbishment

(Agenda Item No. 2.07) Thomastown Park Signage and Road Works

(Agenda Item No. 2.08) Public Lighting to the Play Area

(Agenda Item No. 2.09) Pump Track in Clonkeen Park

(Agenda Item No. 2.1) Grass cutting

(Agenda Item No. 2.11) Grass cutting schedule

(Agenda Item No. 2.12) Playground

(Agenda Item No. 2.13) Tully Park Cafe

(Agenda Item No. 2.14) Meeting Re Fires/Wildfire Management Plan for Ticknick

(Agenda Item No. 2.15) Loughlinstown Linear Park

(Agenda Item No. 2.16) Shanganagh Park Entrance from St Anne's Park

(Agenda Item No. 2.17) Ballybrack Village Landscaped Areas/Replace Dead Trees

(Agenda Item No. 2.18) Install Bench Along Embankment at Bayview Beach Field

(Agenda Item No. 2.19) Stonebridge Wood Taking-in-Charge

(Agenda Item No. 2.2) Taking in Charge Areas of Chester Square

(Agenda Item No. 2.21) Taking in Charge Village Gate Estate in Dalkey

DLC/061/26

(Agenda Item No. 3) Ministerial/Departmental/Other Correspondence

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

DLC/062/26

(Agenda Item No. 4) St Helen's Court

It was **AGREED** to **RE-ENTER** the following motion in the name of Councillor M. Halpin to the next meeting of the Dún Laoghaire Area Committee (Community, Culture, Housing, Economic, Planning and Parks Business).

"That this Committee notes that the Housing Report December 2025, discussed at February Council meeting, shows that the only planned Council social homes to be delivered in 2026 in the administrative area of this committee are 3 Units at St Michaels TAU (Travellers Accommodation Unit). Accordingly, this Committee requests that the Chief Executive provide a report outlining all the options available to him to accelerate the acquisitions programme including whether revisiting the possibility of engaging with the

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DLC/063/26

(Agenda Item No. 5) Essential Maintenance

It was proposed by Councillor J. Moylan and seconded by Councillor T. Kivlehan:

"That the Chief Executive would consider prioritising an inspection of (address Supplied) with a view to carrying out essential maintenance as the home is in urgent need of repair and to state when works can be carried out."

The report of the Chief Executive was **CONSIDERED**.

A discussion took place, during which Ms. Karen Cahill, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department, responded to Members' queries.

The report of the Chief Executive was **AGREED**.

DLC/064/26

(Agenda Item No. 6) Programme of works

It was **AGREED** to **RE-ENTER** the following motion in the name of Councillor M. Halpin to the next meeting of the Dún Laoghaire Area Committee (Community, Culture, Housing, Economic, Planning and Parks Business).

"That this Committee calls on CE to draw up a programme of works to upgrade the homes with chronic damp and mould across the administrative area of this Committee."

DLC/065/26

(Agenda Item No. 7) Ministerial/Departmental/Other Correspondence

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

DLC/066/26

(Agenda Item No. 8) Kill Abbey Cemetery Maintenance

It was proposed by Councillor D. Carson and seconded by Councillor J. Gildea:

"That the Chief Executive arranges for remedial maintenance works at Kill Abbey Cemetery and to provide the Elected Members with an update on how the cemetery is incorporated into the Council's ongoing grounds maintenance schedule."

The report of the Chief Executive was **CONSIDERED**.

A discussion took place, during which Ms. Deirdre Black, Heritage Officer, Parks Department, responded to Members' queries.

It was **AGREED** that Ms. Deirdre Black would liaise with the Parks Department regarding landscape maintenance and biodiversity of Kill Abbey Cemetery and look into the possibility of guided tours.

The report of the Chief Executive was **AGREED**.

DLC/067/26

(Agenda Item No. 9) Honey Park Public Safety

It was proposed by Councillor T. Joseph and seconded by Councillor T. Kivlehan:

"That the Chief Executive identify suitable additional locations for the installation of CCTV in Honey Park, including the park and lake areas, and work with An Garda Síochána to install CCTV to help minimise antisocial activities and improve public safety. Furthermore, that a report be brought to the next Area Committee outlining the identified locations and proposed actions."

The report of the Chief Executive was **AGREED** on the condition that a request is to be sent from the Area Committee to the Chief Executive Officer to write a letter to the Garda Commissioner.

DLC/068/26

(Agenda Item No. 10) Football pitch located beside the playground in Kilbogget park

It was proposed by Councillor F. McNamara and seconded by Councillor J. Gildea:

"That the Council repair the multi-use football pitch located beside the playground in Kilbogget park - the area in front of the goal (at the entrance end) is in urgent need of repair, the surface is torn and is pulled up and dangerous for children playing."

The report of the Chief Executive was **CONSIDERED**.

A discussion took place, during which Mr. Eoin O'Brien, Senior Parks and Landscape Officer, Parks Department, responded to Members' queries.

The report of the Chief Executive was **AGREED**.

DLC/069/26

(Agenda Item No. 11) Pump Tracks in the South of the County

It was proposed by Councillor C. Smyth and seconded by Councillor J. Gildea:

"That the Chief Executive to provide a report on possible sites in the south of the County for additional pump tracks, in light of the level of public interest."

The report of the Chief Executive was **CONSIDERED** and **AGREED**.

DLC/070/26

(Agenda Item No. 12) Restoration of Columban Hall

It was proposed by Councillor F. McNamara and seconded by Councillor J. Gildea:

"That the Council assist in the restoration of Columban Hall, Ballybrack (which was the original Ballybrack National School dating back to 1856) and assist in grant applications in the Community Climate Action Programme and/or the Historic Structures Fund."

The report of the Chief Executive was **CONSIDERED**.

A discussion took place, during which Ms. Julie Craig, Senior Executive Conservation Officer, responded to Members' queries.

The report of the Chief Executive was **AGREED**.

DLC/071/26

(Agenda Item No. 13) Enhancement of Courts and Surrounding Areas for Anniversary Celebration

It was proposed by Councillor C. Smyth and seconded by Councillor J. Burke:

"That the Chief Executive to provide a report on the progress to enhance the Courts (Cedar, Cypress, Ennel, Holly and Inagh) and surrounding areas (Glencar and Sheelin) in time for the Anniversary celebrations."

The report of the Chief Executive was **CONSIDERED**.

A discussion took place, during which Ms. Sandra Kelly, Senior Community Officer, responded to Members' queries.

The report of the Chief Executive was **AGREED**.

DLC/072/26

(Agenda Item No. 14) Ministerial/Departmental/Other Correspondence

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

DLC/073/26

(Agenda Item No. 15) Ministerial/Departmental/Other Correspondence

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

DLC/074/26

Re-entering of Items

It was **AGREED** to **RE-ENTER** Item Nos 4 and 6 to the June meeting of the Area Committee Dún Laoghaire.

DLC/075/26

Conclusion of Meeting

The meeting concluded at 6:12 PM.

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Phone: 2054700

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No Business

DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Area Committee Dún Laoghaire Meeting
held in the Dún Laoghaire Council Chamber/ Hybrid, County Hall, Dún
Laoghaire, Co. Dublin
on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 5:00 PM**

PRESENT:

Baker, Marie	Gildea, Jim
Burke, Jacqueline	Joseph, Thomas
Carson, Dan	Kivlehan, Thomas
Clark, Michael	Lewis, Hugh
Dockrell, Maurice	McNamara, Frank
Dowling, Conor	Moylan, Justin
Durkan, JP	O'Keeffe, Dave
Fanning, Martha	Smyth, Carrie
Fayne, Mary	

Absent: Councillor Lorraine Hall and Councillor Lauren Tuite.

Apologies were received from Councillor Melisa Halpin.

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor JP Durkan presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Elizabeth Clarke (Senior Executive Officer, Planning and Economic Development Department), Jim Ryan (Senior Executive Officer, Parks Department), Bridget Treacy (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent) Jeanette White (Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department) Jennifer Maher (Administrative Officer, Housing Department) Mairead Davis (Staff Officer, Housing Department), Jane Horner (Staff Officer, Housing Department) Janet Smyth (Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs Department), Mai Maher (Assistant Staff Officer, Housing Department) Beyza Ozbek (LGMA Graduate, Housing Department)

DLC/047/26

(Agenda Item No. 1) Confirmation and Adoption of Minutes

Minutes of the Dún Laoghaire Community, Culture, Housing, Economic, Planning and Parks Business meeting held on 02nd March 2026

It was proposed by Councillor M. Baker, seconded by Councillor T. Kivlehan and **RESOLVED:**

"That the minutes of the Dún Laoghaire (Community, Culture, Housing, Economic, Planning and Parks Business) meeting held on 02nd March 2026 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**."

DLC/048/26

(Agenda Item No. 2) CEISTEANNA / QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor M. Baker, seconded by Councillor T. Kivlehan and **RESOLVED:**

"That pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (c) question numbers A 2.01 to A.2.13 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**."

(Agenda Item No. 2.01) Culvert Located behind Watson Drive, Killiney
(Agenda Item No. 2.02) Flood Alleviation Measures on the Deansgrange Stream
(Agenda Item No. 2.03) Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme (EERP) funding
(Agenda Item No. 2.04) Carysfort Park Playground
(Agenda Item No. 2.05) Update on the opening of Cafe at Tully Park
(Agenda Item No. 2.06) Toilet facilities at the park in Shanganagh
(Agenda Item No. 2.07) Repair the footpath in Shanganagh
(Agenda Item No. 2.08) Shanganagh Park, Crematorium Site
(Agenda Item No. 2.09) Killiney Hill Park
(Agenda Item No. 2.1) Grass Verges in Shanganagh Cemetery
(Agenda Item No. 2.11) Update Dún Laoghaire Parks Dept and Dublin Fire Brigade and the owners of the Land at Ticknick
(Agenda Item No. 2.12) Free and available parking for visitors to Shanganagh Cemetery and Shanganagh Park at Shanganagh Cemetery and Park Car Park
(Agenda Item No. 2.13) Park/Green Area at the Coastal Defence Works at Bray

DLC/049/26

(Agenda Item No. 3) Ministerial/Departmental/Other Correspondence

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

DLC/050/26

(Agenda Item No. 4) Ministerial/Departmental/Other Correspondence

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

DLC/051/26

(Agenda Item No. 5) Hollypark Shankill

It was proposed by Councillor D. O'Keeffe, seconded by Councillor C. Smyth and **RESOLVED:**

"That this Committee requests a full report on the Council's current and planned development works at the Hollypark site in Shankill. The report should include an update on the housing plans for the site, timelines for any construction or redevelopment phases, and a detailed plan for how existing tenants are being supported and relocated. Jeanette White, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department responded to this Motion providing an update in relation to the residential units at Holly Park, Shankill acquired through the Tenant In-Situ Scheme."

The report of the Chief Executive was **CONSIDERED**.

A discussion took place during which Ms. Jeanette White, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department responded to Members' queries.

It was **AGREED** the Housing Department would provide updates to Members on proposed works at Hollypark once assessment of units and tender process for contractor has completed.

The report of the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

DLC/052/26

(Agenda Item No. 6) St Helen's Court

It was **AGREED** to **RE-ENTER** the following motion in the name of Councillor M. Halpin to the next meeting of the Dún Laoghaire Area Committee (Community, Culture, Housing, Economic, Planning and Parks Business).

"This Committee notes that the Housing Report December 2025, discussed at February Council meeting, shows that the only planned council social homes to be delivered in 2026 in the administrative area of this committee is 3 Units at St Michaels TAU (Travellers Accommodation Unit). Accordingly, this Committee requests that the Chief Executive provide a report outlining all the options available to him to accelerate the acquisitions programme including whether revisiting the possibility of engaging with the owners of the St Helen's Court Apartment complex in Dún Laoghaire Town is one of them, where up to 18 apartments have remained vacant following a mass eviction that began in 2016."

DLC/053/26

(Agenda Item No. 7) Ministerial/Departmental/Other Correspondence

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

DLC/054/26

(Agenda Item No. 8) Shanganagh Cliffs Masterplan 2024

It was proposed by Councillor C. Smyth and seconded by Councillor J. Gildea:

"That the Chief Executive complete the works i.e. installation of toilets, installation of litter bin, improved accesses, incorporate notable historical structures that were included in the Shanganagh Cliffs Masterplan 2024."

The report of the Chief Executive was **CONSIDERED**.

A discussion took place during which Ms. Bridget Treacy, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent and Mr. Jim Ryan, Senior Executive Officer, Parks Department responded to Members' queries.

It was **AGREED** a report will come back to a future meeting once a full audit has been done of all the Council's playing pitches highlighting what the Parks Section have identified as needed in each of those areas in terms of changing areas or toilets.

The motion was **AGREED**.

DLC/055/26

(Agenda Item No. 9) Parking problems at the car park and access road to Shanganagh Park

It was proposed by Councillor Cllr J. Gildea and seconded by Councillor J. Burke:

"That this Committee discuss the parking problems at the carpark and access road to Shanganagh Park and Cemetery and that the Chief Executive provides the Committee with options available to alleviate the congestion which is caused, in the main, by the construction workers on the nearby Woodbrook development and the use of the road and carpark by commuters on the recently opened Woodbrook DART station."

The report of the Chief Executive was **CONSIDERED**.

A discussion took place, during which Mr. Jim Ryan, Senior Executive Officer, Parks Department responded to Members' queries.

The report of the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

DLC/056/26

(Agenda Item No. 10) Ministerial/Departmental/Other Correspondence

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

DLC/057/26

Re-entering of Items

It was **AGREED** to **RE-ENTER** Item Nos:6 to the May meeting of the Area Committee Dún Laoghaire.

DLC/058/26

Conclusion of Meeting

The meeting concluded at 6:08 PM.

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE AREA COMMITTEE

06 May 2026

Affordable Purchase and affordable Rental Units under construction

Question: Councillor J. Gildea

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on how many affordable purchase and affordable rental units are expected to be provided to the end of 2026 in the remit of this Area Committee by location?

Reply:

There will be a total of 328 Cost Rental units (102x One Bed, 226x Two Bed) at Woodbrook, Shankill, delivered by the LDA by end of 2026.

There will be 40 affordable purchase units in the Dundrum area to be delivered at St. Laurence's Park, Stillorgan in the coming weeks.

Owner: Jeanette White, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department.

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE AREA COMMITTEE

06 May 2026

Elevator in Glashtule Buildings

Question: Councillor J. Moylan

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the installation of the elevator in Glashtule Buildings and to include a timeframe for installation and completion and costs following on from my previous request?

Reply:

The proposed installation of an elevator in Glashtule Buildings has now received Stage 3 approval from the Project Governance Board. This approval authorises the procurement of a Design Team and allows work to begin on the preparation of detailed design and tender documentation.

The Design Team will develop the full suite of design documents required for the next governance stage. Once these documents are complete, the project will return to the Project Governance Board for Stage 4 approval, which is required before proceeding to tender.

We anticipate issuing the tender in Q3 2026. Until tender submissions are received, it is not possible to confirm a precise project cost. However, current estimates place the likely cost in the region of €400,000–€450,000.

Owner: Karen Cahill, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE AREA COMMITTEE

06 May 2026

Irish Flag in Blackrock Park

Question: Councillor M. Baker

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an explanation as to why the national flag was removed from Blackrock Park, 1916 garden in recent weeks?

Reply:

The national flag in Blackrock Park had to be taken down as the lighting located at 1916 garden was broken and we could not adhere to the protocol for flying the national flag.

The flag will be reinstated as soon as the lighting has been repaired.

Owner: Jim Ryan, Senior Executive Officer, Parks Department, Community and Cultural Development.

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE AREA COMMITTEE

06 May 2026

Kill Abbey Cemetery

Question: Councillor D. Carson

To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to arrange tours of Kill Abbey Cemetery over the summer months?

Reply:

There are no plans at present to arrange guided tours of Kill Abbey Cemetery over the summer months.

This decision is based on site specific constraints, including limited safe access, uneven ground conditions, and the absence of appropriate visitor infrastructure to accommodate group tours without risk to public safety or potential damage to the site.

The site will continue to be maintained and opportunities for inclusion in future heritage tours may be reviewed should conditions and resources allow.

Owner: James Ryan, Senior Executive Officer, Parks Department , Community and Cultural Development.

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE AREA COMMITTEE

06 May 2026

Carysfort Park Playground

Question: Councillor M. Fanning

To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to brief the Ward Councillors on the design for the planned upgrade to Carysfort Park and to confirm when the plan is available?

Reply:

A briefing session on the upgrade of the playground in Carysfort Park will be arranged for the Ward Councillors during the first week of May.

Owner: Bridget Treacy, Senior Executive Park Superintendent, Parks and Landscape Services, Community and Cultural Development.

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE AREA COMMITTEE

06 May 2026

Carysfort Park Playground Refurbishment

Question: Councillor M. Fanning

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the proposed refurbishment of Carysfort Park playground prior to works starting?

Reply:

A briefing session on the upgrade of the playground in Carysfort Park will be arranged for the Ward Councillors during the first week of May.

Owner: Bridget Treacy, Senior Executive Park Superintendent, Parks and Landscape Services, Community and Cultural Development.

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE AREA COMMITTEE

06 May 2026

Thomastown Park Signage and Road Works

Question: Councillor T. Joseph

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on resurfacing the pathway inside Thomastown Park, particularly on the Beechwood Lawn side, and on the reinstatement of the "Thomastown Park" signage at the Rochestown Entrance, along with the expected timeline for these works.

Reply:

A new sign to replace the previous removed sign noting "Thomastown Park Changing Rooms" has been installed at the previous location near the park entrance at Rochestown Park.

Works to upgrade paths at the Beechwood Lawn end of the park and other localised repairs around the club house and adjoining paths will commence by the end of May.

Owner: Bridget Treacy, Senior Executive Park Superintendent, Parks and Landscape Services, Community and Cultural Development.

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE AREA COMMITTEE

06 May 2026

Public Lighting to the Play Area

Question: Councillor T. Joseph

To ask the Chief Executive if there are any plans to extend public lighting to the play area in Clonkeen Park to improve safety and accessibility, particularly during darker evenings, and to outline whether environmentally sensitive lighting options could be provided while minimising any potential impact on nearby residents and local biodiversity?

Reply:

Public Lighting is provided within Clonkeen Park along the main shared pedestrian/cycle route running from Kill Ave to Johnstown Road and along some of the paths connecting up to the adjoining estates such as Mc Intosh Park and Meadowvale.

We do not provide lighting in playgrounds as they are accessed by Children for play during daylight hours. It is not advisable to encourage children into such spaces after dark for Health and Safety reasons.

Owner:Bridget Treacy,Senior Executive Park Superintendent, Parks and Landscape Services, Community and Cultural Development

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE AREA COMMITTEE

06 May 2026

Pump Track in Clonkeen Park

Question: Councillor T. Joseph

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the progress of the proposed pump track in Clonkeen Park, which was agreed following a motion at a previous County Council meeting, and to outline the expected timeline for delivery?

Reply:

This will be considered as part of the Play Policy and the projects that arise from it. Projects are prioritised based on available funding and resources. An update to the Play Policy projects was brought to the two area committees in September and October 2025 with the next update to be provided in September/October 2026. The pump track in Clonkeen Park will be considered at that stage.

Owner: Eoin O'Brien, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Parks & Landscape Services, Community and Cultural Development.

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE AREA COMMITTEE

06 May 2026

Grass Cutting

Question: Councillor J. Moylan

To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to detail the areas of grass to be cut in the open green spaces in public areas in Ardmore Park and Carriglea Downs, just off Kill Avenue and if this includes the verges and borders within the park / open space?

Reply:

The open green spaces/parkland in Ardmore Park and Carriglea Downs are maintained on a schedule of every ten working days (two weeks). It was noted that one or two of the smaller areas were missed in the earlier part of this season, and these areas have now been cut and will fall in line with the schedule going forward. Those verges and borders associated with the park / open spaces are quite evident now as they have been recently cut and are due next cut in the first week of May.

Owner: Bridget Treacy, Senior Executive Park, Superintendent, Parks and Landscape Services, Community and Cultural Development.

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE AREA COMMITTEE

06 May 2026

Grass Cutting Schedule

Question: Councillor J. Moylan

To ask the Chief Executive for the proposed schedule agreed within the contract for the grass cutting and upkeep of the open green spaces / parkland in Ardmore Park and Carriglea Downs, just off Kill Avenue?

Reply:

The open green spaces / parkland in Ardmore Park and Carriglea Downs are maintained on a schedule of every ten working days (two weeks). It was noted that one or two of the smaller areas were missed in the earlier part of this season, and these areas have now been cut and will fall in line with the schedule going forward.

Owner: Bridget Treacy, Senior Executive Park Superintendent, Parks and Landscape Services, Community and Cultural Development.

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE AREA COMMITTEE

06 May 2026

Playground

Question: Councillor J. Moylan

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the new children's playground that was identified in the DLR Play Policy as per section 3.5.2 "Proposed New Play Spaces" for the amenity green space at Longford terrace for the Monkstown/Seapoint area and to confirm when the public consultation is anticipated to open for this play area?

Reply:

An update to the Play Policy projects was brought to the two area committees in September and October 2025 with the next update to be provided in September/October 2026. The Longford Terrace play space will be considered further at that stage.

Owner: Eoin O'Brien, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Parks and Landscape Services, Community and Cultural Development

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE AREA COMMITTEE

06 May 2026

Tully Park Café

Question: Councillor C. Smyth

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the Tender Process for Tully Park Café at Tully Park, Cherrywood?

Reply:

The Parks Section has engaged the services of a procurement specialist/consultant to advise and support the overall procurement process for our cafés.

A Call for Tender (CFT) was issued in January 2026, with a closing date for receipt of submissions on 27th February 2026.

The tenders received are currently being evaluated. This evaluation process includes a detailed assessment of compliance, quality, operational proposals, and financial submissions in line with the criteria set out in the tender documentation.

The remaining tenderers in this process have been invited to attend a clarification meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 5th May 2026. This meeting forms part of the Single Stage Negotiated Procedure and provides an opportunity for tenderers to present the key elements of their proposal and for DLR to seek clarification on any aspect of the submitted tender response.

The meeting is structured around the qualitative award criteria. Tenderers will be required to speak on all aspects of their submission, including their proposed licence fee and to answer questions from the dlr Evaluation Panel on any element of their proposal.

Once the assessment is complete, a recommendation will be prepared for approval in accordance with the Council's procurement procedures.

Owner: Dermot Nolan, Administrative Officer, Parks and Landscape Services,

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE AREA COMMITTEE

06 May 2026

Meeting Re Fires/Wildfire Management Plan for Ticknick

Question: Councillor C. Smyth

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the outcome of the meeting between representatives of Dún Laoghaire's Parks Department, Dublin Fire Brigade and landowners in relation to land fires and to outline the Wildfire Management Plan for Ticknick, Cherrywood?

Reply:

The Parks Section and the owners of the adjacent lands next to Ticknick Park met with Dublin Fire Brigade towards the end of the summer 2025. DFB advised in relation to the creation of fire breaks which involved the strategic removal of gorse in a number of locations. This work has been completed by DLR Parks in Ticknick Park, and the adjacent landowner has also cut back the burnt vegetation adjoining the park.

Owner: Helena McGorman, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks and Landscape Services, Community and Cultural Development.

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE AREA COMMITTEE

06 May 2026

Loughlinstown Linear Park

Question: Councillor C. Smyth

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the proposed works and on-going maintenance to enhance Loughlinstown Linear Park since the site visit on the 19th of November 2025, which was agreed when discussing this item at the Area Committee meeting on the 4th of June 2025?

Reply:

There has been considerable consultation in relation to the Teen Space, including engagement with Comhairle nan Og/ young people, site visit and Have your Say consultations. Parks section continues to engage with the Community Section on consultation feedback on the Teen Space and will update Ward Councilors in due course.

The contractor engaged in maintenance of Loughlinstown Linear Park has been contacted in relation to the ongoing issue of long grass along railings and litter within the park and is following up on these items to ensure high standards are achieved. At the November site meeting with Councilors this issue of vegetation maintenance along railings was discussed, and future plans for the provision of a hedgerow along the railings was seen to be a positive solution to this ongoing issue. This type of planting will enhance both the visual aesthetic and biodiversity value of the park and will be included in the developing Master Plan. Arrangements have been made for immediate removal of damaged gym equipment.

Owner: Bridget Treacy, Senior Executive Park Superintendent, Parks and Landscape Services, Community and Cultural Development.

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE AREA COMMITTEE

06 May 2026

Shanganagh Park Entrance from St Anne's Park

Question: Councillor C. Smyth

To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to enhance the entrance to Shanganagh Park from St. Anne's Park so the path does not exit directly onto a road and connects with the footpath?

Reply:

This area will be reviewed to take account of existing layout and services in the area, with a view to facilitating a connection to the existing adjoining pedestrian path.

While there is currently no budget available for this work, we will look to include it in a future works programme when funding becomes available.

Owner: Bridget Treacy, Senior Executive Park Superintendent, Parks and Landscape Services, Community and Cultural Development.

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE AREA COMMITTEE

06 May 2026

Ballybrack Village Landscaped Areas/Replace Dead Trees

Question: Councillor C. Smyth

To ask the Chief Executive to outline when will the works be carried out to the landscaped areas and can it include replacing dead trees and enhancing the landscaped areas in Ballybrack Village that was assessed by the Parks Section in May 2025?

Reply:

The failed Cherry's will be removed to stump/ bollard height level in coming months. As these trees are in a paved setting, arrangements will be made to liaise with Roads Section and a contractor to lift and relay the granite paving when removing and replanting trees at these locations.

We are reviewing the current maintenance arrangements for the area to determine if additional work will be needed over the summer months.

Owner: Bridget Treacy, Senior Executive Park Superintendent, Parks and Landscape Services, Community and Cultural Development.

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE AREA COMMITTEE

06 May 2026

Install Bench Along Embankment at Bayview Beach Field

Question: Councillor C. Smyth

To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to install a bench similar to those installed on the green area at Shanganagh Cliffs as part of the Shanganagh Cliffs Masterplan on the old Railway Embankment at Bayview Beach Field opposite the vehicular entrance onto Killiney Beach so the view of the sea is visible?

Reply:

There are currently two benches along this stretch of footpath on the old railway embankment. A review will be carried out in conjunction with a previous request for bench to be located in the adjoining beach field open space on the far side of the embankment. An update will be issued to the Councilor once a review has been carried out.

Owner: Bridget Treacy, Senior Executive Park Superintendent, Parks and Landscape Services, Community and Cultural Development.

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06 May 2026

Stonebridge Wood Taking-in-Charge

Question: Councillor J. Gildea

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Taking-in-Charge of Stonebridge Wood, Shankill?

Reply:

The Taking-in-Charge drawing is currently being finalised. It is expected that the Taking-in-Charge of Stonebridge Wood, Stonebridge Lane, Shankill (BC 1916) development will be brought to the next Area Committee.

Owner: Claire Casey, Senior Executive Engineer, Building Control, Planning Department.

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE AREA COMMITTEE

6 May 2026

Taking in Charge Areas of Chester Square

Question: Councillor J. Moylan

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the areas of Chester Square that have been taken-in charge by DLR and to provide a map of same?

Reply:

Building control do not have any record of areas of Chester Square that have been TIC by DLR.

The record shows that the road is non-public. Chester Square is not a recent development.

Owner: Claire Casey, Senior Executive Engineer, Building Control, Planning Department.

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE AREA COMMITTEE

6 May 2026

Taking in Charge Village Gate Estate in Dalkey

Question: Councillor J. Moylan

To ask the Chief Executive if the original taking in charge criteria in relation to the Village Gate estate in Dalkey, specifically in relation to public liability relating to the footway and roadways, can be reviewed as the estate facilitates a far greater level of permeability than may have been originally anticipated serving residents and pedestrians from surrounding estates?

Reply:

The Village Gate development was granted under planning permission reference 717/88 on 23/03/1989. Condition 19 of this permission states that all open spaces, grouped carparking areas and access roads within the estate should remain in private ownership and be maintained by a properly constituted management company. It has been confirmed by the Infrastructure and Climate Change Department that the public lighting is taken in charge by DLR.

As it was a condition of the planning permission that the open space, car parking and access roads within the development should remain in private ownership, these elements of the development were never intended to be taken in charge by the Local Authority and would therefore not be considered for taking in charge.

It is dlr's policy that residential developments which are conditioned to be private should remain under the control of an estate management company. In this instance, the responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of the footway and roadways of this development would therefore remain under the control of the estate management company.

Owner: Claire Casey, Senior Executive Engineer, Building Control, Planning Department



The Village Gate Pedestrian Survey 24-29 March 2025

DRAFT NOTES V2 24 April (includes edits and suggestions)

594 pedestrians daily

49 pedestrians hourly

4,152 pedestrians weekly

Key Points

- The estate has two established public rights of way (one to Dalkey town and a second to Dart via Cunningham Road)
- The levels of pedestrian traffic are currently very high (see survey below)
- High risk/ liability of residents due to high level of pedestrian traffic
- The estate no longer functions as a private estate given the level of public usage
- There was no agreement between by the residents that they would assume liability of this magnitude
- Due to high levels of pedestrian traffic estate should be taken in charge by DLR County Council

Pedestrian Survey samples

The pedestrian survey was designed with a sample of six hours each day. These hours included two hours from the early morning, two from the early afternoon and two early evening hours. The survey covered four weekdays (Monday-Thursday inclusive) and Saturday, a weekend day.

Objectives:

1. To calculate how many people walk through The Village Gate on their way to/from the DART/on their way to/from the town
2. To estimate how many people are likely to walk through the Village Gate each day based on the six hour sample survey.
3. To estimate how many people are likely to walk through the Village Gate per hour based on the six hour sample survey.



The Village Gate Pedestrian Survey 24-29 March 2025

Raw Data

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday	TOTALS	Total people
7-8am							
to/from Dart	16	19	24	14	10	83	83
to/from town	1	7	7	5	3	23	23
	17	26	31	19	13	106	
8-9am							
to/from Dart	43	45	31	41	13	173	173
to/from town	51	39	37	36	6	169	169
	94	84	68	77	19	342	
2-3pm							
to/from Dart	25	18	27	24	40	134	134
to/from town	29	17	15	20	13	94	94
	54	35	42	44	53	228	
3-4pm							
to/from Dart	23	22	27	29	25	126	126
to/from town	26	27	17	12	27	109	109
	49	49	44	41	52	235	
5-6pm							
to/from Dart	46	51	42	31	58	228	228
to/from town	18	28	18	7	35	106	106
	64	79	60	38	93	334	
6-7pm							
to/from Dart	40	36	42	20	31	169	169
to/from town	10	15	5	13	26	69	69
	50	51	47	33	57	238	
Total each day	328	324	292	252	287	1483	
Total people exc. Dogs							1483
Average per day *							297
Average per hour **							49

*Average per day based on five sample days

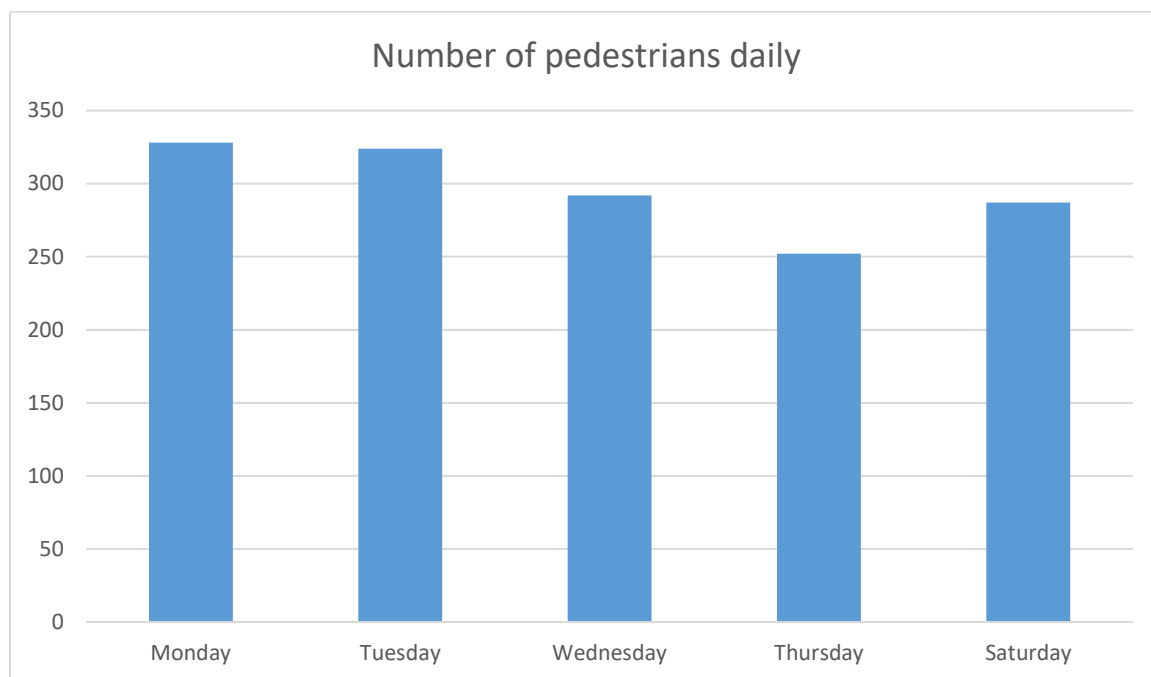
** Average per hour based on six sample hours

Key Findings

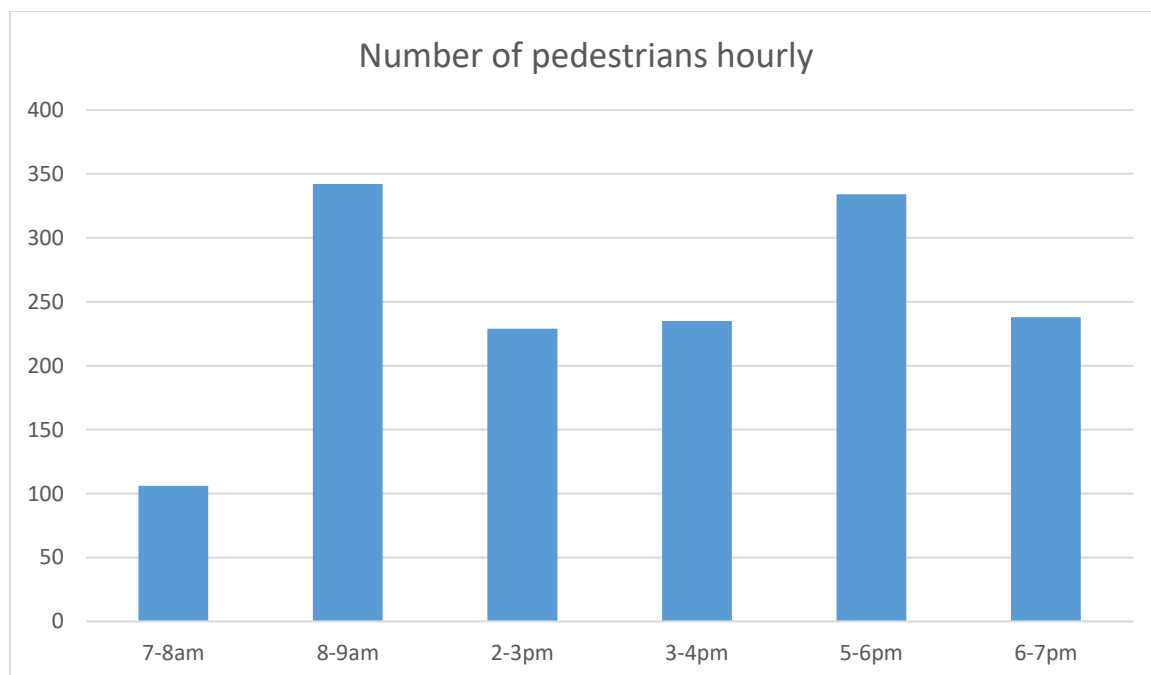
- **1,483 pedestrians in total** walked through The Village Gate between 24-29 March during the six sample hours over five days
- **297 pedestrians on average per day** over the sample six hours
- **49 pedestrians on average per hour** over the sample six hours



The Village Gate Pedestrian Survey 24-29 March 2025



*Based on sample six hours each day



*based on sample five days



The Village Gate Pedestrian Survey 24-29 March 2025

Estimates

- **594 pedestrians (297 x 2) walk through The Village Gate daily.** Based on an average of 297 pedestrians walking through the Village Gate over six hours daily, it is reasonable to estimate 594 pedestrians (297 x 2) walk through The Village Gate over 12 hours
- **49 pedestrians walk through The Village Gate hourly.** Based on an average of 49 pedestrians per hour during the 6 sample hours, it is reasonable to estimate that 49 pedestrians walk through The Village Gate each hour.
- **4,152 pedestrians walk through The Village Gate weekly.** Based on a total of 1,483 pedestrians walking through The Village Gate during the six sample hours over five days, it is reasonable to estimate that 4,152 pedestrians walk through The Village Gate weekly. (TOTAL pedestrians divided by 5, multiplied by 7, multiplied x 2)

594 pedestrians daily

49 pedestrians hourly

4,152 pedestrians weekly

Background

The Village Gate is a small housing estate consisting of 46 houses. Phase 1 of the construction commenced c. 1988 and the houses were completed c. 1991. The estate was built on a derelict and abandoned site known locally as “the gut”. The site spanned the area between the entrance at Cunningham road and the exit at Dalkey Avenue. This former site was considered undesirable and unsafe with numerous burnt out cars and was generally avoided by local residents. When construction was completed at The Village Gate, there was therefore little or no pedestrians passing through the estate for several years.

Planning permission had been granted to the estate on 29 March 1989 and condition number 19 specified that the communal open spaces and access road would be maintained by a properly constructed management company:



The Village Gate Pedestrian Survey 24-29 March 2025

19. The proposed communal open spaces, grouped carparking areas and access road within the site of the development shall be retained in private ownership and maintained by a properly constituted management company. Confirmation that this management company has been so constituted shall be submitted to the Corporation before any development commences on site.

The Gate Management Committee have developed, landscaped, repaired and maintained these communal spaces and the access roads since its inception. A considerable proportion of residents' management fees are set aside for these repairs and maintenance and also for public liability insurance and landscaping costs.

As a result of the improved safety and condition of the public access roads, pedestrian traffic has continued to increase in The Village Gate over the years. Now in 2025, The Village Gate has effectively become a busy public thoroughfare with numerous pedestrians passing through the estate to walk towards the DART at the Cunningham Road entrance and to walk to/from the town over the railway bridge via the Church car park.

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE AREA COMMITTEE

6th May 2026

Ministerial/Departmental/Other Correspondence

No business

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE AREA COMMITTEE

06 May 2026

St Helen's Court

Motion: Councillor M. Halpin

This Committee notes that the Housing Report December 2025, discussed at February Council meeting, shows that the only planned council social homes to be delivered in 2026 in the administrative area of this committee is 3 Units at St Michaels TAU (Traveller's Accommodation Unit). Accordingly, this Committee requests that the Chief Executive provide a report outlining all the options available to him to accelerate the acquisitions programme including whether revisiting the possibility of engaging with the owners of the St Helen's Court Apartment complex in Dún Laoghaire Town is one of them, where up to 18 apartments have remained vacant following a mass eviction that began in 2016.

Report:

The Council has issued a call to home builders and developers to offer houses and apartments with planning permission in unbuilt or partially commenced developments to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council under an **advance purchase turnkey arrangement** for social and/or affordable housing. This is a scheme primarily to activate un-commenced or stalled housing projects. Priority will be given to high quality projects that deliver earliest, subject to value for money considerations. To date, several submissions have been received under this arrangement and they are currently being examined.

dlr recently received confirmation of funding allocation for **second hand acquisitions** including the priority categories of needs and eligibility criteria from the Department of Social Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Several properties are currently being examined with a view to progressing the acquisition under this funding stream.

In relation to St. Helen's Court, an Approved Housing Body submitted an expression of interest in 2024 to purchase the 18 apartments under the Capital Advance Leasing Facility however the Approved Housing Body had to withdraw from the purchase as the purchase price for the apartments was considered prohibitive.

The Council understands most of the units in this scheme have been sold on the open market. The Acquisitions Team has contacted the property owner to confirm whether any units are vacant and to invite them to engage with us regarding the potential acquisition of these units.

Owner: Jeanette White, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department.

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE AREA COMMITTEE

06 May 2026

Essential Maintenance

Motion: Councillor J. Moylan

That the Chief Executive would consider prioritising an inspection of (address Supplied) with a view to carrying out essential maintenance as the home is in urgent need of repair and to state when works can be carried out.

Report:

Previous reports were undertaken on this property, and a plan of work was prepared. The required works necessitated moving the tenant to an alternative property for the duration of works. An alternative property was sourced for the transfer, but the tenant did not wish to move as they were unhappy with the property allocated for the temporary transfer. An alternative property suitable for the tenant was unavailable at that time.

A new report is now required to determine if the extent of works remains the same. The tenant has asked for confirmation of a specific property before she will commit to moving. A property suitable for the transfer is being sought and discussions continue with the tenant. As the works are of a structural nature, they will be carried out by the Construction Section.

Owner: Karen Cahill, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE AREA COMMITTEE

06 May 2026

Programme of works

Motion: Councillor M. Halpin

That this Committee calls on Chief Executive to draw up a programme of works to upgrade the homes with chronic damp and mould across the administrative area of this Committee.

Report:

Any reports of damp and mould are assessed individually, and in most instances, the issue can be resolved through ventilation improvements and resident guidance, rather than major building works.

However, where a more serious or underlying issue is identified, it is fully inspected, and any necessary remedial works carried out.

To further improve our response to complex cases, we sought and received additional funds in the Housing Maintenance Budget for 2026. Work has taken place to draft a tender document to establish a new framework with specialist contractors to help us respond more effectively to more extreme or recurring problems. This tender will be advertised on e-Tenders in the coming weeks.

Owner: Karen Cahill, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department.

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6th May 2026

Ministerial/Departmental/Other Correspondence

No business

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE AREA COMMITTEE

06 May 2026

Kill Abbey Cemetery Maintenance

Motion: Councillor D. Carson

That the Chief Executive arranges for remedial maintenance works at Kill Abbey Cemetery and to provide the Elected Members with an update on how the cemetery is incorporated into the Council's ongoing grounds maintenance schedule.

Report:

Kill Abbey Cemetery is a closed burial ground. Access to the cemetery is generally restricted, with the site enclosed by boundary walls and gated for protection. This approach reflects both public safety considerations and the need to safeguard the historic fabric of the church's ruins, gravestones, and underlying archaeology.

The cemetery forms part of the Council's portfolio of historic burial grounds and is incorporated into the landscape maintenance contract for routine works. Any remedial or conservation related maintenance works are arranged as required having regard to archaeological sensitivity and heritage value.

Owner: James Ryan, Senior Executive Officer, Parks Department, Community and Cultural Department.

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE AREA COMMITTEE

06 May 2026

Honey Park Public Safety

Motion: Councillor T. Joseph

That the Chief Executive identify suitable additional locations for the installation of CCTV in Honey Park, including the park and lake areas, and work with An Garda Síochána to install CCTV to help minimise antisocial activities and improve public safety. Furthermore, that a report be brought to the next Area Committee outlining the identified locations and proposed actions.

Report:

The GDPR Officer has stated that Local Authorities are only allowed to install CCTV where they have a legal basis to do so and before any CCTV can be installed a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) must be completed. Currently the Council does not operate any CCTV in Honey Park.

Installing CCTV in Honey Park would fall under a Community CCTV Scheme. Information received from the National Office for Community Safety is that Community CCTV Schemes are a separate process and are provided for under Part 5 of The Garda Síochána (Recording Devices) Act 2023. This Act provides for a new regime for the authorisation and operation of CCTV schemes, and Part 5 of this Act will introduce these new arrangements. There is a requirement under that Act for the Garda Commissioner to develop a Code of Practice for CCTV, which will set out the procedures to be followed. Part 5 cannot commence until this Code is completed and published. An Garda Síochána have advised that work on the draft code is at an advanced stage and is being finalised ahead of a public consultation, which has commenced.

Any applications for Community CCTV will need to be made by local authorities and will need to comply with the new Code of Practice once it is published. S.I. 28(3)(c) of Part 5 provides that the local authority would consult with the Joint Policing Committee (now Local Community Safety Partnership) in relation to the location of a Community CCTV Scheme before requesting authorisation from the Commissioner.

Owner: Deirdre Cronin, Coordinator Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Local Community Safety Partnership

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE AREA COMMITTEE

06 May 2026

Football Pitch located beside the playground in Kilbogget Park

Motion: Councillor F. McNamara

That the Council repair the multi-use football pitch located beside the playground in Kilbogget park - the area in front of the goal (at the entrance end) is in urgent need of repair, the surface is torn and is pulled up and dangerous for children playing.

Report:

Part 8 for the Kilbogget Park Community Sports Centre is currently out to public consultation. This proposed development includes the extension and relocation of the mini astro pitch with the inclusion of floodlighting and a skills wall. While these plans are being considered, the existing mini astro pitch is being repaired as necessary.

Owner: Eoin O'Brien, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Parks and Landscape Services.

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE AREA COMMITTEE

06 May 2026

Pump Tracks in the South of the County

Motion: Councillor C. Smyth

That the Chief Executive to provide a report on possible sites in the south of the County for additional pump tracks, in light of the level of public interest.

Report:

It is noted that there are existing pump tracks which have been very successfully integrated into several areas in recent years, including at Clonkeen Park, Dun Laoghaire Harbour and Blackrock Park.

In line with the DLR Play Policy 2023-2028, the Parks Strategic Planning team will be reviewing the geographical spread of these amenities throughout the county and may be able to propose additions, subject to funding. An update will be brought to the area committees in September/October 2026.

Owner: - Dara O'Daly, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE AREA COMMITTEE

06 May 2026

Restoration of Columban Hall

Motion: Councillor F. McNamara

That the Council assist in the restoration of Columban Hall, Ballybrack (which was the original Ballybrack National School dating back to 1856) and assist in grant applications in the Community Climate Action Programme and/or the Historic Structures Fund.

Report:

An application was received under the Historic Structures Fund (HSF 2026) for this building. We received 11 no. grant applications and in accordance with the HSF Guidance Circular for Local Authorities 2026 each local authority can only put forward 3 no applications that are in Private Ownership to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for their consideration.

The applications were assessed under the Categories of Selection Criteria set out in the HSF Circular 2026, these are:

1. **Significance** of the Structure
2. **Efficacy** of the grant in achieving the aims of the Historic Structures Fund
3. **Quality** of the methodology and technical merit of the works proposed
4. Contribution of the proposed works **to keeping the structure in use, or bringing it back into use**
5. **Broader public or community benefit** of the project

Conservation works must be designed, specified and overseen on site by appropriately qualified and experienced building conservation professional(s) who will be required to confirm that works have been carried out to a satisfactory standard (HSF Circular)

The Columban Hall, Ballybrack was not one of the shortlisted projects, however, the applicants were advised to apply in the future under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) Grant Scheme as it is more suitable for a building of this type and the scope of works proposed.

The HSF Scheme is highly competitive and tends to fund buildings of larger scale and/or of national importance. <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-housing-local-government-and-heritage/services/historic-structures-fund/>

As this building is in private ownership, the council would not progress works or prepare the grant application for the building. However, we could review any future application and provide some guidance on the necessary reports and documentation that is required for all Conservation Grant Schemes.

We advised the applicant to submit a grant application in the future under the BHIS grant scheme. The primary aim of the BHIS is to provide financial assistance to owners in carrying out appropriate conservation works to their historic properties. The scheme supports the basic principles of good conservation practice focusing on the repair of historic fabric and the use of traditional materials. See attached list of Qualifying and Non-Qualifying works:

https://assets.gov.ie/static/documents/BHIS_2026_Qualifying_and_Non_Qualifying_Works.pdf

I wish to advise that based on previous years, it is anticipated that the BHIS 2027 Grant Scheme will be launched by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in the

last week of July 2026. The window for applications will then be open until the end of September 2026. Successful applicants will be notified in January 2027.

Community Climate Action Programme

The Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP) closed for applications in December 2025. In advance of the application deadline, all prospective applicant groups were advised to engage with the Community Climate Action Officer (CCAO) prior to submitting an application. This engagement process was in place to support groups in understanding the programme requirements and to advise them of any additional information or documentation required to accompany their application.

In relation to Columban Hall, a community group made an application to the CCAP seeking funding for renovation works. However, it is important to note that the CCAP is not a grant scheme for the restoration of historic buildings. The programme is primarily focused on supporting climate action initiatives, including the retrofitting of buildings that are already in active use, in line with national climate objectives.

The CCAP is a highly competitive funding programme. The Council received an overall allocation of €883,000 from the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment (DCEE); however, the total funding requested across applications submitted was approximately €2.1 million.

The CCAP operates under strict project eligibility criteria set by the DCEE. These criteria include the following requirements:

- Projects must be fully completed within 18 months of the signing of the grant agreement with the local authority.
- The building or area supported by the grant must be accessible to members of the public for a minimum period of five years following completion of the works.
- Where the applicant group does not own the building or land, written permission from the owner must be provided, confirming that the group may use the building or land for a minimum of five years.
- This letter of consent, along with planning permission for any works requiring planning approval, must be submitted as part of the application.

All applications received under Phase 2 of the Community Climate Action Programme have been evaluated by an internal evaluation panel within the Council and have been submitted to the DCEE for final consideration and approval. At this time, the Council is awaiting confirmation from the Department in respect of the projects approved for funding.

Owner: Julie Craig, Senior Executive Conservation Officer, Architects Department.

Owner: Cynthia O'Mahony, Climate Action Officer, Community Climate Action

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE AREA COMMITTEE

06 May 2026

Enhancement Of Courts and Surrounding Areas for Anniversary Celebration

Motion: Councillor C. Smyth

That the Chief Executive to provide a report on the progress to enhance the Courts (Cedar, Cypress, Ennel, Holly and Inagh) and surrounding areas (Glencar and Sheelin) in time for the Anniversary celebrations.

Report:

A process of engagement with local community reps for the Anniversary Celebrations is ongoing.

A working group of local community reps, stakeholders and dlr staff has been formed and are holding regular conversations and workshops with the community in Loughlinstown seeking ideas for how best to mark the Anniversary of the Courts. Community engagement in this process has been strong with many ideas and suggestions put forward including Arts Projects, Planting and Biodiversity Projects, Heritage Projects and individual street / estate celebrations.

dlr Parks section continue to engage with the local Community in relation to green spaces within the Courts, development of a local Teen Space, Play Space and wider plan for the Linear Park area.

Our colleagues in Road Maintenance have carried out condition surveys of the footpaths within the Courts areas. That survey deemed that the condition of the footpaths in the Courts is generally good with only some isolated areas requiring attention, which Roads Maintenance will endeavor to include in a future works programme.

Updates will issue to local Elected Representatives as an agreed Anniversary Celebration plan is in place and projects are progressed.

Owner: Sandra Kelly, Senior Community Officer Community, Cultural Services & Parks Department

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6th May 2026

Ministerial/Departmental/Other Correspondence

No business

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6th May 2026

Ministerial/Departmental/Other Correspondence

No business

DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Area Committee Dún Laoghaire Meeting held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 5:00 PM

PRESENT:

Baker, Marie	Hall, Lorraine
Burke, Jacqueline	Joseph, Thomas
Carson, Dan	Kivlehan, Thomas
Clark, Michael	Lewis, Hugh
Dockrell, Maurice	McNamara, Frank
Durkan, JP	Moylan, Justin
Fanning, Martha	Smyth, Carrie
Fayne, Mary	Tuite, Lauren
Gildea, Jim	

Absent: Councillor Conor Dowling

Apologies for inability to attend were received for: Councillor Melisa Halpin and Councillor Dave O'Keeffe

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor JP Durkan presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Elizabeth Clarke (Senior Executive Officer, Planning and Economic Development Department), Karen Cahill (Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department), Deirdre Cronin (Administrative Officer, Community and Cultural Services Department), Jeanette White (Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department), Eoin O'Brien (Senior Parks and Landscape Officer, Community and Cultural Services Department), Sandra Kelly (Senior Community Officer, Community and Cultural Services Department), Cynthia O'Mahony (Climate Action Officer, Community Climate Action), Julie Craig (Senior Executive Conservation Officer, Architects Department), Gerry Concannon (Senior Engineer, Water and Drainage), Deirdre Black (Heritage Officer, Community and Cultural Services Department), Janet Smyth (Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs Department), Oisín Prendergast (Assistant Staff Officer, Community and Cultural Services Department), Lela Tierney, (Assistant Staff Officer, Community and Cultural Services Department)

DLC/059/26

(Agenda Item No. 1) Confirmation and Adoption of Minutes

Minutes of the Area Committee Dún Laoghaire (Community, Culture, Housing, Economic, Planning and Parks Business) meeting held on Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Councillor T. Joseph noted that a commitment was given at the March Dún Laoghaire Area Committee CHEPP Business meeting to have a report as a headed item on the James Joyce Tower (DLC/036/26) at the Area Committee meeting in May. It was **AGREED** to have such a headed item brought to the June meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Gildea, seconded by Councillor T. Kivlehan and **RESOLVED.**

"That the minutes of the Area Committee Dún Laoghaire (Community, Culture, Housing,

Economic, Planning and Parks Business) meeting held on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**."

DLC/060/26

(Agenda Item No. 2) CEISTEANNA / QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor J. Moylan, seconded by Councillor T. Kivlehan and **RESOLVED**:

"That pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (c) question numbers A 2.1 to A 2.21 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**."

(Agenda Item No. 2.01) Affordable Purchase and affordable Rental Units under construction

(Agenda Item No. 2.02) Elevator in Glasthule Buildings

(Agenda Item No. 2.03) Irish Flag in Blackrock Park

(Agenda Item No. 2.04) Kill Abbey Cemetery

(Agenda Item No. 2.05) Carysfort Park Playground

(Agenda Item No. 2.06) Carysfort Park Playground Refurbishment

(Agenda Item No. 2.07) Thomastown Park Signage and Road Works

(Agenda Item No. 2.08) Public Lighting to the Play Area

(Agenda Item No. 2.09) Pump Track in Clonkeen Park

(Agenda Item No. 2.1) Grass cutting

(Agenda Item No. 2.11) Grass cutting schedule

(Agenda Item No. 2.12) Playground

(Agenda Item No. 2.13) Tully Park Cafe

(Agenda Item No. 2.14) Meeting Re Fires/Wildfire Management Plan for Ticknick

(Agenda Item No. 2.15) Loughlinstown Linear Park

(Agenda Item No. 2.16) Shanganagh Park Entrance from St Anne's Park

(Agenda Item No. 2.17) Ballybrack Village Landscaped Areas/Replace Dead Trees

(Agenda Item No. 2.18) Install Bench Along Embankment at Bayview Beach Field

(Agenda Item No. 2.19) Stonebridge Wood Taking-in-Charge

(Agenda Item No. 2.2) Taking in Charge Areas of Chester Square

(Agenda Item No. 2.21) Taking in Charge Village Gate Estate in Dalkey

DLC/061/26

(Agenda Item No. 3) Ministerial/Departmental/Other Correspondence

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

DLC/062/26

(Agenda Item No. 4) St Helen's Court

It was **AGREED** to **RE-ENTER** the following motion in the name of Councillor M. Halpin to the next meeting of the Dún Laoghaire Area Committee (Community, Culture, Housing, Economic, Planning and Parks Business).

"That this Committee notes that the Housing Report December 2025, discussed at February Council meeting, shows that the only planned Council social homes to be delivered in 2026 in the administrative area of this committee are 3 Units at St Michaels TAU (Travellers Accommodation Unit). Accordingly, this Committee requests that the Chief Executive provide a report outlining all the options available to him to accelerate the acquisitions programme including whether revisiting the possibility of engaging with the

owners of the St. Helen's Court Apartment complex in Dún Laoghaire Town is one of them, where up to 18 apartments have remained vacant following a mass eviction that began in 2016."

DLC/063/26

(Agenda Item No. 5) Essential Maintenance

It was proposed by Councillor J. Moylan and seconded by Councillor T. Kivlehan:

"That the Chief Executive would consider prioritising an inspection of (address Supplied) with a view to carrying out essential maintenance as the home is in urgent need of repair and to state when works can be carried out."

The report of the Chief Executive was **CONSIDERED**.

A discussion took place, during which Ms. Karen Cahill, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department, responded to Members' queries.

The report of the Chief Executive was **AGREED**.

DLC/064/26

(Agenda Item No. 6) Programme of works

It was **AGREED** to **RE-ENTER** the following motion in the name of Councillor M. Halpin to the next meeting of the Dún Laoghaire Area Committee (Community, Culture, Housing, Economic, Planning and Parks Business).

"That this Committee calls on CE to draw up a programme of works to upgrade the homes with chronic damp and mould across the administrative area of this Committee."

DLC/065/26

(Agenda Item No. 7) Ministerial/Departmental/Other Correspondence

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

DLC/066/26

(Agenda Item No. 8) Kill Abbey Cemetery Maintenance

It was proposed by Councillor D. Carson and seconded by Councillor J. Gildea:

"That the Chief Executive arranges for remedial maintenance works at Kill Abbey Cemetery and to provide the Elected Members with an update on how the cemetery is incorporated into the Council's ongoing grounds maintenance schedule."

The report of the Chief Executive was **CONSIDERED**.

A discussion took place, during which Ms. Deirdre Black, Heritage Officer, Parks Department, responded to Members' queries.

It was **AGREED** that Ms. Deirdre Black would liaise with the Parks Department regarding landscape maintenance and biodiversity of Kill Abbey Cemetery and look into the possibility of guided tours.

The report of the Chief Executive was **AGREED**.

DLC/067/26

(Agenda Item No. 9) Honey Park Public Safety

It was proposed by Councillor T. Joseph and seconded by Councillor T. Kivlehan:

"That the Chief Executive identify suitable additional locations for the installation of CCTV in Honey Park, including the park and lake areas, and work with An Garda Síochána to install CCTV to help minimise antisocial activities and improve public safety. Furthermore, that a report be brought to the next Area Committee outlining the identified locations and proposed actions."

The report of the Chief Executive was **AGREED** on the condition that a request is to be sent from the Area Committee to the Chief Executive Officer to write a letter to the Garda Commissioner.

DLC/068/26

(Agenda Item No. 10) Football pitch located beside the playground in Kilbogget park

It was proposed by Councillor F. McNamara and seconded by Councillor J. Gildea:

"That the Council repair the multi-use football pitch located beside the playground in Kilbogget park - the area in front of the goal (at the entrance end) is in urgent need of repair, the surface is torn and is pulled up and dangerous for children playing."

The report of the Chief Executive was **CONSIDERED**.

A discussion took place, during which Mr. Eoin O'Brien, Senior Parks and Landscape Officer, Parks Department, responded to Members' queries.

The report of the Chief Executive was **AGREED**.

DLC/069/26

(Agenda Item No. 11) Pump Tracks in the South of the County

It was proposed by Councillor C. Smyth and seconded by Councillor J. Gildea:

"That the Chief Executive to provide a report on possible sites in the south of the County for additional pump tracks, in light of the level of public interest."

The report of the Chief Executive was **CONSIDERED** and **AGREED**.

DLC/070/26

(Agenda Item No. 12) Restoration of Columban Hall

It was proposed by Councillor F. McNamara and seconded by Councillor J. Gildea:

"That the Council assist in the restoration of Columban Hall, Ballybrack (which was the original Ballybrack National School dating back to 1856) and assist in grant applications in the Community Climate Action Programme and/or the Historic Structures Fund."

The report of the Chief Executive was **CONSIDERED**.

A discussion took place, during which Ms. Julie Craig, Senior Executive Conservation Officer, responded to Members' queries.

The report of the Chief Executive was **AGREED**.

DLC/071/26

(Agenda Item No. 13) Enhancement of Courts and Surrounding Areas for Anniversary Celebration

It was proposed by Councillor C. Smyth and seconded by Councillor J. Burke:

"That the Chief Executive to provide a report on the progress to enhance the Courts (Cedar, Cypress, Ennel, Holly and Inagh) and surrounding areas (Glencar and Sheelin) in time for the Anniversary celebrations."

The report of the Chief Executive was **CONSIDERED**.

A discussion took place, during which Ms. Sandra Kelly, Senior Community Officer, responded to Members' queries.

The report of the Chief Executive was **AGREED**.

DLC/072/26

(Agenda Item No. 14) Ministerial/Departmental/Other Correspondence

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

DLC/073/26

(Agenda Item No. 15) Ministerial/Departmental/Other Correspondence

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

DLC/074/26

Re-entering of Items

It was **AGREED** to **RE-ENTER** Item Nos 4 and 6 to the June meeting of the Area Committee Dún Laoghaire.

DLC/075/26

Conclusion of Meeting

The meeting concluded at 6:12 PM.