

No haul for alleged poachers as Inland Fisheries grab equipment

Fishing is not allowed in Corkagh Park and Inland Fisheries enforces regulations

INLAND FISHERIES Ireland officers attended the scene of an alleged incident of poaching that happened at Corkagh Park recently and seized a net at the location, reports Stephen Farrell.

"Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) is aware of an incident that took place at Corkagh Park recently. IFI officers attended the scene, and seized a net at the location," the IFI said in a statement to *The Echo*.

IFI enforces bye-laws and regulations to protect, manage and conserve Ireland's freshwater fisheries and sea-angling resources.

South Dublin County Council (SDCC) has also stated that an increased presence of Park Rangers has been arranged during park hours.

These reports of alleged poaching were brought to the attention of Councillor Francis Timmons (Ind).

"Recently tench were being brought home until a passerby challenged them, the poacher would have caught them alive and then thrown them into a bag where they [would have] died. Do not take them home!" said Cllr Timmons.

The Clondalkin representative also related another alleged incident of poaching at the Corkagh Park lakes and the concerns of genuine fishing people.

"Again more fish where caught in a net and poached [and] I have had a number of distressed genuine fishing people onto me who catch and release," said Cllr Timmons.

The Independent Councillor is very concerned with the issue and called on IFI and SDCC to address the issue.

"Corkagh Park fishing is getting destroyed by poaching at the minute. Inland Fisheries Ireland and South Dublin County Council need to do something to sort it or the fishing will be gone," he said.

Councillor Timmons added that he has a few questions gone into SDCC and that he intends to raise the issue at the October area meeting as a motion.

However in its response to queries from *The Echo*, Ms Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer, Environment, Water and Climate Change, said that the fishing facility in Corkagh Park is closed and that SDCC do not allow the public to fish there, adding that if Park Rangers come across members of the public fishing, they are requested to stop.

"Section 5.3 (a) of the Park & Open Spaces Bye Laws 2011 which relates to waters . . . [states that], no person shall walk, swim, fish, or bathe, in any waters in a park except in those areas which may be set aside for that purpose," said Ms Conroy.

If any poaching equipment is found unattended SDCC will remove it, added Ms Conroy.

IFI urges the public to report instances of fish kills, water pollution, habitat destruction, or illegal fishing to its confidential 24/7 number, 0818 34 74 24.



INCIDENT: Fishing in Corkagh Park

Jobstown Park upgrade goes ahead with projected costs of around €2 million

UPGRADE works at Jobstown Park are well underway, with the project costing approximately €2 million, reports William O'Connor.

Of this, €250,000 is to be spent on the play area which will provide a big boost to the local area.

The new playground in Jobstown Park forms part of the major park upgrade scheme which is due to be completed in October.

A spokesperson for South Dublin County Council said: "The new playground in Jobstown Park forms part of the major park upgrade scheme which is due to be completed in October.

"The overall cost of the upgrade project is approximately €2m with around €250,000 of this to be spent on the play area."

Construction workers are currently on site and are making good progress.



COSTLY: Works ongoing in Jobstown Park

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS (AS AMENDED)

PART 8 PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT BY A LOCAL AUTHORITY

Proposed development to protected structure to demolish one-storey west annex and construct two story extension for lift & stairs, Clondalkin Library, Monastery Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22.

The proposed development includes:

- The introduction of a new vertical circulation route to manage universal access, by means of a lightweight 2 story extension and the demolition of single storey boiler house/ bin store for this proposal.
- Internal works include 3no. new openings & 1no. opening up of existing doorway, in external fabric to provide access for circulation. New staff work/storage room to ground floor reading room. New glazed entrance Lobby & external door, including upgrading of External fire door, and fire lining of stairs & opening of original door opening to stair lobby for access to proposed public WC. 2 no. roof lights to 1970's extension.
- Upgrade of internal finishes including floor coverings, joinery, shelves, & paint work.
- Conservation and repair work to existing Fabric, Windows, and replacement where necessary.
- Conservation and repair work to Roof, gutters, facias/ soffits & Chimneys where required.
- Upgrading of Mechanical & Electrical services.
- Upgrading of external area to front/rear of Library, including, Lighting, signage & soft Landscaping.
- All associated ancillary works required to carry out above works.

The plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy from 5th September 2024 up to and including 17th October 2024 during office opening hours at:

South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24, D24 A3XC.

The plans and particulars of the proposed development are available for inspection online during the same period on the Council's Public Consultation Portal website (<http://consult.sdblincoco.ie>)

A screening for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) has been carried out and concludes that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development. A determination has been made that an EIA is not required.

A screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) has been carried out in respect of the proposed development and concludes that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on a European site or sites. A determination has been made that an AA is not required.

A person may question the validity of any decision of the planning authority by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986), in accordance with sections 50 and 50A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Signed: Director of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development, SDCC.

Website: www.sdcc.ie

Date Public Notice: 5th September 2024.

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