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Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge, Co. Kildare

The members considered the Chief Executive's report on the part 8 Report for the Celbridge Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge, Co. Kildare (Ref P82022.07) circulated by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department.

The members welcomed the report as being such an important piece of work for Celbridge Town especially for vulnerable road users, as the current footpath was not fit for purpose. Members noted that this will not solve all issues but is seen as a very good starting point.

The members sought clarification regarding whether a presentation was expected at the meeting and whether any identified amendments should be raised today.

Mr Hodgins advised no presentation is due as the members had already been furnished with the Chief Executives report and that the purpose for today was to make a decision to either.

- a) Accept the report
- b) Not accept the report, or
- c) Accept the report with modifications.

Mr Hodgins advised that any modifications if any, needed to be agreed today prior to final decision. Following discussions, the members raised the following;

- They noted that this is a great step for accessibility into Celbridge Town. It will be safer for all crossing the bridge, and consequently opens up possible cycleways and other infrastructure for the town.
- That there is a need to remove the pole outside the Bank of Ireland and underground cables
- To retain two lanes exiting Main Street Celbridge to the bridge, with consequential amendments to pedestrian crossing
- Asked would a raised pedestrian crossing be an option and for the crossing to be bought back a couple of metres?
- What lighting will be in place on the bridge?
- The timeframe available for completion?

Mr Hodgins advised the members that;

- It is intended in the County Development Plan to have all new paths with lighting as part of the criteria at application phase.
- The type of lighting on the bridge will be determined during the next stage on this project and that the intended lighting, height of lights, sensitivity and ecological habitats will all be looked into during this phase.
- Subject to agreement from the Members a consultant is already procured, and a recommendation will then be sent to the chief Executive's Office.
- He confirmed that the NTA have funded up to detail design.
- For the request of a raised pedestrian crossing and any alteration in size this would be assessed at design stage. During the design stage a 3d design would be done and issues such as drainage and the incline/decline of the area would be looked into. Mr Hodgins agreed to include this request in the assessment process.

On the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Cussen the amendments below were agreed by the members.

- 1) To retain two lanes exiting Main Street Celbridge to the bridge, with consequential amendments to pedestrian crossing.
- 2) The removal of the pole outside the Bank of Ireland and underground cables.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Cussen, the report was including amendments agreed by all members.