

Minutes of Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Meeting
Held at 10.00 am on Friday 15 September 2017
In the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara.

Members Present: Councillor M Coleman (Cathaoirleach)
Councillors K Byrne, B Caldwell, I Cussen, A Larkin,
J Neville and B Young.

Present: Mr P Minnock (District Manager), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Ms E Wright (Senior Executive Officer) Mr C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Ms V Cooke (Administrative Officer), Ms K Keane (Meetings Administrator) and Mr J Hannigan (Meetings Secretary).

CL01/0917

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the members to the meeting and extended his sympathy to Anna Marie Campbell on the death of her mother and also remembered his brother Pat who had passed away recently.

A moments silence was observed.

CL02/0917

Minutes and progress report

The members considered the minutes of the annual meeting held on 21 July 2017 and the monthly meeting held on 21 July 2017 of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District, together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Neville that the minutes of the annual meeting of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District on the 21 July 2017 be confirmed and taken as read.

On the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Caldwell that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District held on 21 July 2017 be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CL03/0917

Matters Arising

Update on second crossing of the River Liffey (CL05/0717)

Councillor Young asked could a meeting be scheduled for the members to receive an update on the RPS Groups feasibility report on the River Liffey Crossing.

Castletown Backlots (CL06/0717)

Councillor Young asked if it was necessary to meet with Ms S. Kavanagh Director of Services, Economic Development, Community and Culture to receive an update on the Back Lots.

Submission to South Dublin Co.Co. (CL27/0717)

Councillor Young asked that a copy of the report due from South County Dublin County Council on the public consultation on Weston Aerodrome be requested for the members of the Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District.

Church Car Park Leixlip (CL14/0717)

Councillor Larkin welcomed the response from Fr McNamara Administrator, Leixlip Parish Office as it clarified the times that the church car park was open.

Update on plans for new road from Adamstown to Lucan (CL21/0617)

Councillor Neville asked about the new road from Adamstown and whether there had been a response from South Dublin County Council (SDCC) to the correspondence that had issued. Councillor Neville asked that we request a copy of the report from SDCC.

Dog Walking St Catherines Park

Councillor Young enquired about the Bye-Laws for dog control in St Catherine's Park, Councillor Caldwell asked that signs be erected informing dog owners that dogs must be kept on a leash.

Cabling Works Celbridge Lucan Road

Councillor Young enquired about cabling works being carried out on the Celbridge Lucan road. The Municipal District Engineer confirmed that Eir were carrying tests out in the area for upgrading works.

CL04/0917

Update on the municipal district road works

The Municipal District Engineer gave a comprehensive update to the members on the municipal district road works in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District. The Municipal District Engineer informed the members that the anti skid surface in Crodaun, the extension of anti skid surface in Captains Hill, the footpath from Newtown Hill to Oaklawn and the Pedestrian Crossing Shinkeen Road were complete

The members thanked the Municipal District Engineer for his work.

CL05/0917

Wall at Lucan Roundabout

The members agreed to consider item 3 and item 14 on the agenda together.

Item 3 – Motion Councillor Caldwell

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Caldwell.
That South Dublin County Council take immediate action to prevent the wall from falling apart between the Lucan roundabout to Leixlip and to cut back the over growth on the roundabout between Lucan and Leixlip.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Byrne

Item 14 –Question Councillor Neville

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Neville.
Can the council get an update on surveys/works done on the wall on the Dublin road opposite the Springfield Hotel by South Dublin County Council?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Roads Department had sought an update from South Dublin

County Council and if the members were in agreement, a further letter could be sent to South Dublin County Council requesting that action be taken to repair the wall.

Councillor Caldwell expressed his concerns about the condition of this wall and Councillor Neville asked that when repairs were carried out that the character of the wall be retained. A number of councillors expressed the view that South County Dublin County Council were not treating the councillors concerns seriously

Ms Wright informed the members that there was good communication between both Local Authorities.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Byrne that the report be noted and a further letter sent to South Dublin County Council on the matter.

CL06/0917

Mobility Week

Ms E Wright outlined that a car sharing scheme, pilot project had been agreed with GoCar for a 6 month period in Celbridge. The project will utilise a free car parking space for the duration of the pilot. This proposal was brought to the Transportation, Safety and Emergency Services SPC in September and is part of EU Mobility Week initiatives. Also a tender for provision of on street bicycle lockers is completed, new locations need to be identified. Ms Wright confirmed that URBO is to trial 'dockless bicycles' in NUI Maynooth. The trial will be monitored with a view to dockless bicycles being made available in other towns in the county.

The members welcomed the initiative and enquired about the possibility of other operators and the possible location of the cycle lockers.

CL07/0917

Car park at the Castletown Inn

Ms Wright informed the members that attempts had been made to engage with Solicitors for the Castletown Inn.

CL08/0917

Ponding on Road at Oldtown Mill

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Byrne.

That the council resolve to repair the roadway opposite Saint Judes apartments and No. 2 The Drive, Oldtown Mill, as severe ponding occurs every time it rains and this is a dangerous area for pedestrians and it needs to be corrected as soon as possible.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Caldwell.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this estate was only recently taken in charge. There was no budget allocation in 2017 for repairs in this estate.

Councillor Byrne asked if this could be considered in the budget allocation for 2018.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Caldwell that the report be noted.

CL09/0917

Castletown House Car Park Entrance

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cussen.

That the council contact the Office of Public Works in respect of the entrance to the car park at Castletown House and liaise with them to ensure that pedestrian(s) and vulnerable road users can access the area more safely.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Coleman.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that if the members are in agreement the Office of Public Works will be contacted to discuss concerns regarding the entrance to the car park at Castletown House.

Councillor Cussen stated that in her opinion there was a danger to pedestrians at this location and she was supported in this by Councillor Neville and Councillor Coleman.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Coleman that the report be noted and that the Transportation Department contact the OPW to raise the safety of pedestrians using the car park.

CL10/0917

Request for Street Light at Squirrel Wood, Ryevale Lawns

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Neville.

That a light be installed on the road at the back entrance of Squirrel Wood, Ryevale Lawns.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Caldwell.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Public Lighting engineer will survey the location and it will be assessed using a priority system within Kildare Lighting Priority Schedule (KLIPS). As and when funding becomes available and depending on the volume of requests within KLIPS, the installation of the light can be considered.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Caldwell that the report be noted.

CL11/0917

Location of Electronic Safety Sign

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Neville.

That the electronic safety sign off the Kilmacreddock roundabout show the same speed limit as the static speed limit sign.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Caldwell.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the electronic safety sign was located in a 60kph zone and this is the speed it displays.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Caldwell that the report be noted.

CL12/0917

Parking Bays Scoil Na Mainistreach

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Coleman.

That safety barriers be installed to protect pedestrians using the footpath at the parking bays in front of Scoil Na Mainistreach.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Caldwell.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there was no funding available currently for this request.

Councillor Coleman stated his view that this was a safety issue and should be treated as a priority when allocating LPT funding. Councillor Caldwell informed the members that parents needed to be more aware of the dangers. The Municipal District Engineer informed the members that he had met the school but could get no buy in to a solution to the issue. It was agreed that Councillor Coleman would meet the Municipal District Engineer on site.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Caldwell that the report be noted and that Councillor Coleman meet the Municipal District Engineer on site.

CL13/0917

Review of Safety Measures at the opening at Scoil Na Mainistreach onto the path that leads into Priory Way

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Coleman.

That safety measures be carried out where cyclists and pedestrians enter at the opening at Scoil Na Mainistreach onto the path that leads into Priory Way, St. Raphael's Manor.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Caldwell

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there was no funding available currently for this request.

Councillor Coleman stated his view that this was a safety issue and needed to be given priority.

Councillor Cussen informed the members that safety around the school needed to be reviewed.

It was agreed that this would be examined when Councillor Coleman met the Municipal District Engineer on site (10/0917 refers).

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Coleman seconded by Councillor Caldwell that the report be noted and that Councillor Coleman meet with the Municipal District Engineer on site.

CL14/0917

Light Standards on Pound Street

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Larkin.

That the light standards on Pound Street outside old Ryevale Tavern be taken in charge.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Larkin seconded by Councillor Byrne.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the public lighting engineer would visit the site and survey the existing public lighting and ensure that prior to adoption of installation that it adhered to Kildare County Councils street lighting policies and street lighting technical specification. Councillor Larkin informed the meeting that there was construction works going on and offered to meet the lighting engineer on site. The members agreed that this would be very helpful.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Larkin, seconded by Councillor Byrne that the report be noted and Councillor Larkin would arrange to meet with the lighting engineer on site.

CL15/0917

Litter Bins Avondale/Newtown Park

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Caldwell.

Can a litter bin be placed in the area of Avondale/Newtown Park?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that as previously stated there was no capacity for emptying any additional bins.

Councillor Caldwell expressed his dissatisfaction with the response and asked that the matter be reviewed.

The report was noted.

CL16/0917

Street Lighting Ardclough Road

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Caldwell.
Can the members be given an update on the installation of the street lighting on the Ardclough Road?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this project is out to tender at present. Members will be notified once this process is completed and the contractor is appointed.

The report was noted.

CL17/0917

Road Markings at McIntyres Corner

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Byrne.
Can the council put back the road markings in the centre of the road at the dangerous corner (McIntyres) and to look at the possibility of some traffic calming as the speed limits are frequently exceeded on this roadway?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that changes to the road marking guidelines mean a centre line is not applied to roads less than 6meters in width, instead yellow edge lines are applied. Vehicle Information Signs were installed at this location advising motorists of their speed and to "Slow Down".

The report was noted.

CL18/0917

Installation of Public Lighting Oldtown Road

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Coleman.
Can an update be given on the progress of the installation of public lighting on the Oldtown Road?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the public lighting units have been ordered by the council's

public lighting contractor and are awaiting delivery. The lead-in time for such columns and luminaires is approximately 12 weeks. Once the units arrive, these works would be prioritised.

The report was noted.

CL19/0917

Graffiti on walls between St Patricks Park and Dara Court

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Coleman.

Can the graffiti be removed from the walls at the permeability between St Patricks Park and Dara Court?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the information requested was not currently available but would be conveyed, in writing, to the members as quickly as possible as per standing order number 13.

The report was noted.

CL20/0917

Overgrowth along the Path at Young's Cross

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Larkin.

Can the overgrowth along the path from Young's Cross to the bridge be pruned back?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this area had been cut back recently.

The report was noted.

CL21/1917

Technical Assessment and Advisory Group (TAAG)

Ms Wright gave the members an update on TAAG and informed them the members there were 213 referrals for the county and that 31 issues had been identified in the Celbridge-Leixlip municipal district and 10 site visits had been carried out. The resignation of the Senior Executive Engineer in the TAAG team had caused difficulties for the work of the TAAG team

and it was hoped the recruitment process would commence shortly. In the meantime the work of the team would continue.

CL22/1917

Leixlip House Hotel

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Neville.
Can the council clarify what is the status of the Leixlip House Hotel and the services provided there?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that no services are being provided to Kildare County Council by the Leixlip House Hotel.

Councillor Neville stated this was not an answer to the question he had asked.
The report was noted.

CL23/0917

Caretaking Arrangements Donaghcomper Cemetery

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Cussen.
Can a review of the caretaking arrangements for Donaghcumper Cemetery, Celbridge be carried out?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that it had reviewed the number of annual interments in the cemetery. The number of interments are less than 40 annually. As such, this number does not necessitate the provision of a permanent caretaker. The cemetery is currently served by a temporary caretaker. Councillor Cussen asked that this item be referred to the Environment Strategic Policy Committee for review.

The report was noted and this item to be referred to the Environment SPC for review.

CL24/0917

Pollution Incidents River Liffey

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Young.

Have there been any reports to the council of pollution in the River Liffey in the area of the municipal district over the summer months, or of possible sources of pollution?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) notified Kildare County Council in June 2017 regarding a complaint it received in relation to environmental monitoring of two streams in the Oldtown area of Celbridge. Kildare County Council has informed the EPA that a surface water sample was taken downstream of a site at Griffinrath Celbridge. The EPA was advised that further sampling will be undertaken in the area.

Councillor Young enquired when were the samples taken and what was the outcome and was there likely to be further samples taken. Mr Dunne informed the members that the results were not of major concern but further sampling would be undertaken.

The report was noted

CL25/0917

Strategic Housing Development

Mr McLoughlin confirmed this item had been discussed at the Corporate Policy Group on Monday 11 September 2017 regarding the processes/timelines for these developments of 100+ houses to An Bord Pleanála and referred to the report that was circulated to the members before the meeting. He stated that it was a three-stage process during which the members had an opportunity to give their views and stated consideration be given to these discussions being held in-committee.

The members enquired if the permission was granted through this process did the builder have to commence construction within a certain time frame, Mr McLoughlin informed them that it was the same as a standard planning application where they would have to seek an extension of time if they did not build within the lifetime of the permission. Following further questions by the members, Mr McLoughlin advised them they would be briefed by the Planning Department on all applications received under this scheme.

The report was noted.

CL26/0917

Gazebo Castletown

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Byrne.
That the council look into the possibility of erecting the Gazebo at a different location in Castletown Estate, Celbridge at a location that would be acceptable to the residents.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Coleman.

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the Gazebo was the subject of court proceedings which resulted in a settlement being reached which included the landscaping of the original location of the Gazebo and the erection of a plaque. These works had been completed to the satisfaction of the council. The council had no plans to erect the Gazebo at an alternative location.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Coleman the report be noted.

CL27/0917

Chapter 15 County Development Plan and Permeability

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cussen.
That this municipal district seeks clarification in respect of Chapter 15 of the County Development Plan and Permeability. Permeability to existing housing estates shall be subject to local public consultation, Section 15.8.1 refers. It is not sufficient for this public consultation process to be simply tagged into the planning application.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Byrne.

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that where permeability between existing housing estates is considered necessary, the council will ensure that such development is considered in a suitable and sustainable manner in consultation with the local community. In the case of planning applications for new estates, the issue of permeability will be considered as part of the planning application process and all members of the public will have an opportunity to express their views by way of submissions as part of the standard planning application process.

Councillor Cussen informed the members that it was clear that existing housing estates should be subject to local public consultation and it was also evident from the County Development Plan that where new estates are considered, there should be a public consultation process in relation to permeability.

Councillor Byrne supported the views of Councillor Cussen. Councillor Larkin said there needed to be a bit of resilience required on both sides, when dealing with access.

Councillor Young noted access routes between houses can be problematic due to noise issues.

Councillor Cussen informed the members that consultation gives the people an opportunity to express their views, she didn't accept the answer it didn't address the needs of Rinawade residents, the County Development Plan needs to address this issue more permanently.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Byrne that the report be noted.

CL28/0917

Outdoor Exercise Equipment

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Caldwell.

That funding is provided in our next budget to purchase outdoor adult exercise equipment and to place this equipment around our municipal district.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Byrne.

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that there was no objection in principle to the consideration of this proposal for the 2018 budget. However the identification and design of appropriate locations would have to be identified and considered.

Additionally this request would also have to be considered in the context of other amenity projects that had been highlighted and requested by the municipal district to be provided .

Choices would have to made around the sequencing and priority of delivering these projects in relation to the amount of finance and staff resources available in annual budgets.

Councillor Caldwell stated that this type of initiative would reinvigorate areas.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Byrne that the report be noted.

CL29/0917

Survey at Oldtown Mill

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Byrne.

Can the council carry out a survey of Oldtown Mill Estate on the trees in the estate as it very difficult to walk on the paths as most of the branches are very low to the ground and a danger to pedestrians.

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that a survey will be carried out and any work that is necessary will be considered for the tree works programme that we hope to start before the end of the year.

The report was noted

CL30/0917

Works at Roantree Park

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Larkin.

Can the committee get an update on Roantree Park works?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that work in Roantree Park was complete.

The report was noted

CL31/0917

Celbridge Leixlip Draft Budgetary meeting

The Meetings Administrator advised the members that the draft budgetary meeting for the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting would take place in advance of the October monthly meeting at 9.30 am on Friday 20 October and it would be in committee.

The members suggested that the meeting should start at 9.00am to allow time to discuss capital budget considerations. The Meeting Administrator advised she would check if it this was possible and would revert to the members.

CL32/0917

Budget for Public Realm Strategy

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Cussen.

Can a budget be identified for a Public Realm Strategy for Celbridge and Leixlip as we make input to Budget 2018?

A report was received from the Finance Department informing the members that this shall be considered as part of the overall budget consideration for 2018. The members should be aware that financing of this may be required from retained LPT funds for the Municipal District.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.