

**Minutes of Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Meeting
Held at 10.00 am on Friday 16 June 2017
In the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara.**

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

Present: Mr K Kavanagh (A/District Manager), Mr L Dunne and Ms E Wright (Senior Executive Officers), Mr W Hannigan (Senior Executive Engineer), Mr B Martin (Administrative Officer), Mr C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Ms A Corbett (Senior Community Worker), Mr S Cunningham (Staff Officer), Ms K Keane (Meetings Administrator) and Ms A M Campbell (Meetings Secretary).

CL01/0617

Minutes and progress report

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 19 May 2017 were approved subject to amendment of item (CL03/0517) to "Councillor Cussen stated that she attends the local history group ACL and is also involved in the Abbey Community Project."

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Cussen, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 19 May 2017 be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CL02/0617

Matters Arising

Vacant Housing Report Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District (CL04/1703)

Councillor Cussen noted that the request to revert to the original format of the vacant housing report has still not been brought before the Strategic Policy Committee.

Organisation of green waste day for residents in Leixlip and Celbridge (CL24/0517)

Councillor Cussen stated that this item had not considered at the Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) and said that it should have been organised before the summer. Councillor Neville stated that something should be organised as soon as possible and it should not have to wait until the next SPC meeting.

Update/report on current status of Kilmacredock/Barrogstown Group Sewerage Scheme (CL26/0417)

Councillor Cussen requested that a copy of the report received from Nicholas O'Dwyer Consultants be issued to the members.

Taking in charge of Black Avenue, Leixlip (CL22/0417)

Councillor Young stated that the report did not deal with the taking in charge of Black Avenue and he asked if there was any actual progress on the taking in charge.

Entrance to St. Catherines Park (CL14/1603)

Councillor Young outlined his concern about the proposal to remove the traffic lights stating there was an issue on the avenue with the volume of sludge tankers. He asked that a traffic count be carried out to assess the volume of commercial traffic on the avenue. The Municipal District Engineer stated that he would make enquiries and report back to the members.

CL03/0617

Second river crossing in Celbridge

In response to Councillor Cussen's request for a discussion on the email that was sent to the members in relation to the future delivery of a second river crossing in Celbridge, the A/District Manager stated that this item would be noted on the Action Plan for the Director of Transport.

CL04/0617

Update on 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 stated that most schemes were currently at design stage adding that works on the extension to the anti-skid surface on Captain's Hill and the repairs to the footpath from

Primrose Hill school to the ESB had been completed. The Municipal District Engineer informed the members that works currently being carried out on the footpath from Celbridge GAA to the Tennis Club were nearing completion and repairs to the footpath from the Mill to the pedestrian lights at St. John of Gods would commence the following week. The Municipal District Engineer stated that a contractor had been appointed for the fencing in Crodaun and traffic calming scheme in Loughnamona.

Councillor Coleman thanked the Municipal District Engineer for the work that was carried out on the footpath in Primrose hill, Ardclough Road and asked if the markings for parking in Simmonstown could be looked at. In response, the Municipal District Engineer stated that he accepted that there was an issue there and he would discuss it with the Senior Executive Officer.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Municipal District Engineer for his report.

CL05/0617

Date and venue for Annual Meeting

The members agreed to hold their annual meeting on Friday 21 July 2017 at 10.00 a.m. in the council chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Co. Kildare.

CL06/0617

Assessment of safety at entrances to St. Raphael's Manor

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cussen
That the entrances to St Raphael's Manor (Clane Road and Shackleton Road) be assessed for safety in respect of the width of the entrances.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will carry out an assessment and advise the members at the next meeting.

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

CL07/0617

Request to Aldi to maintain grass verges at their premises

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

That a letter issue to Aldi on the Maynooth Road Celbridge requesting that they regularly maintain the grass verge at their premises.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that if the members are in agreement a letter of request will be issued to Aldi.

Councillor Cussen stated that the council has to write to Aldi every year to request that they cut the grass verge at their premises which they inturn do but then they do not carry out regular maintenance on it and have to be requested again the following year, so she requested that the letter should request that Aldi regularly maintain the grass verge.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Caldwell that the report be noted and that the letter to issue specifically requests that Aldi regularly maintain the grass verge at their premises.

CL08/0617

Provision of safe crossing point at entrance to Oaklawn to Castletown Estate

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

That the council provide a safe crossing point at the entrance of Oaklawn to Castletown Estate.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there is no funding in the municipal district budget, however, the members do have Local Property Tax (LPT) funding assigned to this road and could allocate this funding to provide a safe crossing point. The Traffic Management section would need to look at this also.

Councillor Caldwell stated his concerns of the speed of traffic on this road and the number of people who use it. The Municipal District Engineer suggested that the members should delay any decision on this matter until they received a response from the National Transport Authority (NTA) on funding.

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

CL09/0617

Request to Eir and Virgin Media to repair paths in Crodaun

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Byrne
That the council request Eir to repair the path at house number (details provided) Crodaun and the council also request Virgin Media to repair the path at house number (details provided) also in Crodaun and to commend the council on fixing uneven paths in several estates in Celbridge.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office will contact Eir and Virgin Media on this matter.

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

CL10/0617

Submission to public consultation on changes in bus services

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Young
The Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District resolves to make a submission to the forthcoming public consultation on changes in bus services in the Greater Dublin Area. This submission will include, among other matters, a call for a day-time service on Easton Rd – Green Lane and an increase in the existing peak-time services on this route; a high-frequency shuttle service between Louisa Bridge, West Leixlip, Celbridge and Hazelhatch station; an orbital service linking Lucan, Leixlip (including any proposed new park-and-ride facility), Blanchardstown and north Dublin business parks; a return to the 2009 fleet size of 1,200 buses from the current 967 to increase the number of orbital routes and frequencies across the Greater Dublin Area – including North Kildare – in response to the population increase of

approx. 204,000 since 2006 and to reverse the continued decline in public transport spending over that period.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the National Transport Authority (NTA) is seeking the public's views on the issues raised in the Choices Report and in particular, on the possible strategies that could be implemented in the redesign of the bus network – these are set out in Chapter 5 (Strategies for a Redesigned Bus Network) of the report.

The Choices Report can be downloaded at <http://www.busconnects.ie/media/11113/dublin-area-bus-network-redesign-choices-report-17-06-05-web.pdf>

An online web survey is available at www.BusConnects.ie or at this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X8K2RB6> . The responses to the survey will be used to inform the network redesign process which will produce a detailed Network Review Report that will be published later this year. That report will itself be open to a further process of public consultation in early 2018 before any recommendations are implemented. The Network Review is one element of BusConnects, NTA's plan to radically transform public transport in the Dublin region, which was published last week.

The public consultation process commenced on 6 June and submissions should be made before 5 p.m. on Friday 7 July.

Councillor Young stated that he and the Director of Roads Transportation and Public Safety had attended a seminar at the end of May on the proposals to reconfigure bus services. Councillor Young expressed his concern that the focus seemed to be on Dublin and that there was very little mention of the huge volume of commuters on orbital routes outside of Dublin. He stated that a park and ride was mentioned in one of the documents they were given but that was not integrated into the discussion. Councillor Young informed the members that at a press release on June 6 the consultant's report stated that no additional buses should be required and that maybe the number of buses required could be less which was alarming as the bus fleet had been reduced dramatically since 2008 and simultaneously the population, volume of cars, journey times and congestion has risen.

The A/ District Manager advised that the report from roads noted the date of the public consultation process and it was for the members to make a submission either singularly or as a group on these issues.

The Senior Executive Officer for Roads, Transportation and Public Safety advised the members to ask a series of questions in their submission as the consultant would have to answer their questions and these would then be published.

A discussion ensued among the members and they decided to make a group submission with Councillor Young undertaking to co-ordinate same.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Cussen that the report be noted and the members make a group submission.

CL11/0617

Repairs to cycle lane on Dublin Road at junction with Shinkeen Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Coleman
That repairs on the section of the cycle lane at the pedestrian/traffic lights on the Dublin Road at the junction with the Shinkeen Road be carried out for the safety of cyclists and pedestrians.

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 this issue has been referred to the Technical Assessment and Advisory Group (TAAG).

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

CL12/0617

Repairs to footpath opposite Ross Cottage on Church Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Coleman
That repairs on the section of the footpath opposite Ross Cottage on Church Road be carried out for the safety of pedestrians.

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 this has been added to the Overseer's task list for repair in the coming weeks.

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

CL13/0617

Installation of anti-slip surface at Main Street, Mill Lane junction and before Salmon Leap Bridge

The members agreed to consider item 11 and item 12 on the agenda together.

Item 11 – Motion Councillor Larkin

That an anti-slip surface be put in at Main St and Mill Lane junction.

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

Item 12 – Motion Councillor Neville

That the council put down anti skid surface before the Salmon Leap Bridge on the way out of the town.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there is currently no allocation for this in the 2017 budget. However, the request will be kept on file should funding become available.

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

CL14/0617

Request to steam clean the Rye River Bridge

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Caldwell
Can the council steam clean the Rye River Bridge on Main Street Leixlip?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will investigate the best possible method to clean this bridge and see if funding can be identified.

The report was noted.

CL15/0617

Repair of footpaths in the Grove Estate, Celbridge

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Byrne
Can the council repair the footpaths at the following locations in the Grove Estate, Celbridge outside houses (details provided).

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this has been added to the Overseer's task list for repair in the coming weeks.

The report was noted.

CL16/0617

Cleaning of ditch at the Glenashlin Nursing Home

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Byrne
Can the ditch at the Glenashlin Nursing Home be cleaned as it is in a bad condition and could lead to flooding in the event of heavy rain on the Oldtown Road.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this road is not under the jurisdiction of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Engineer as it is mainly in the Maynooth Municipal District area and will be referred to the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer as such for inspection.

The report was noted.

CL17/0617

Progress of boardwalk on the Liffey Bridge, Celbridge

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Young
Can the council report on progress regarding a boardwalk on the Liffey Bridge in Celbridge?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this scheme is being considered by the National Transport Authority. They are in discussion with the council about the scope of the project.
The report was noted.

CL18/0617

Funding for upgrading of footpaths on Main Street, Celbridge

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Coleman
Can funding be procured for major upgrading to the footpaths on the Main Street, Celbridge which is required as seen from the age friendly walkability audit in Celbridge recently?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer agrees that major upgrade works are required however finance would need to be identified in consultation with the Senior Engineer.
The report was noted.

CL19/0617

Repair of dished kerbing at Rinawade Crescent

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Larkin
Can the dished kerbing at Rinawade Crescent be repaired?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that these works have been completed.
The report was noted.

CL20/0617

Replacement/upgrade of yellow and go slow signs at area around Liffey Bridge

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Larkin
Can the yellow lines and go slow signs be replaced/upgraded at area around Liffey Bridge, Dublin Road?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the yellow lines and go signs have been replaced and upgraded.
The report was noted.

CL21/0617

Update on plans for new road from Adamstown to Lucan

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Neville
Can the council give councillors an update on the plans for a new road from Adamstown to Lucan. From initial view it seems like this is bringing traffic to the Leixlip/Celbridge exit but do we have traffic counts etc. to ensure traffic will not be blocked entering and exiting Leixlip/Celbridge?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Roads section will seek a report from South Dublin County Council on the proposed project and update the members.

The report was noted.

CL22/0617

Update on next phase of development/repair and funding at Wonderful Barn buildings

The members agreed to consider item 21 and item 29 on the agenda together.

Item 21 – Motion Councillor Neville

That the council give an update on the next phase of development/repair at the Wonderful Barn buildings itself.

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

Item 29 – Question Councillor Caldwell

To get an update on funding for the Wonderful Barn.

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that there is a €100k budget available for the Wonderful Barn which was allocated by Leixlip Town Council. This money is still available to fund work on the Wonderful Barn. It is envisaged that the initial phase of any development of the site would be to provide accommodation on the site and help to secure the buildings from ongoing vandalism and antisocial behaviour. It is proposed that prior to any development a conservation plan will be developed for the site which will incorporate the various reports done on the buildings, designed landscape archaeology and potential uses for the site, to inform the development of the site. It is hoped to progress this in 2018.

Councillor Neville stated that he was disappointed in the report as it was at the same stage that it was at two to three years ago. Councillor Neville stated that anti-social behaviour would still happen at this location until the proposed residential development takes place. He called for a time frame to be confirmed definitely for this project.

Councillor Caldwell said that this was one of the most historic sites in Kildare and that it had been talked about since the time of the town council. He said that there was huge potential to increase tourism in the area if this project could be progressed and called for a task force to be set up to move this project on.

Councillor Larkin expressed his concern that the funding of €100,000 allocated to this project was too small and would limit what it could achieve and an investment of €1,000,000 would be needed to make any progress.

The A/District Manager stated he noted the members concerns and he would reflect them back to the Senior Parks Superintendent and District Manager on his return the following week.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Caldwell that Mr. Kavanagh would forward the members concerns on the lack of progress on the Wonderful Barn to the Senior Parks Superintendent and the District Manager.

CL23/0617

Enforcement of rule to leash dogs in St. Catherine's Park except in designated areas

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

That Kildare County Council and Fingal County Council enforce the rule that all dogs being walked in St Catherine's Park be kept on a lead, except in the area designated for dog exercise.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that there is a general requirement for owners to ensure that their dog(s) is kept under effectual control at all times. The area will be monitored by the council's Dog Warden. The Environment section will liaise with Fingal County Council regarding this matter.

Councillor Caldwell stated that there is a serious issue of people letting their dogs off the leash in St. Catherine's Park, noting some people were afraid and nervous of dogs and it was preventing people from using the park which should not happen.

Councillor Neville agreed and stated that this was also a problem in Castletown House estate.

Councillor Cussen noted that this was happening in all open public spaces and by law dogs should be kept on a leash at all times in public places unless they were in designated areas.

Mr L Dunne stated that all dog owners need to keep their dogs under effectual control at all times and he undertook to engage with the dog warden to investigate this matter.

Councillor Caldwell called for dog owners to show respect for other people by keeping their dogs under control at all times so that everyone can enjoy open public spaces.

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

CL24/0617

Taking in Charge of Private Housing Estate

The members considered the taking in charge of the following private housing estates:

Oldtown Mill, Celbridge.

Wolstan Haven, Celbridge.

Mr W Hannigan read the following report into the record:

It is proposed to take the following estates in charge in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended at the request of a majority of the owners of the houses involved.

1. Oldtown Mill, Celbridge.
2. Wolstan Haven, Celbridge.

Oldtown Mill and Wolstan Haven in Celbridge were built by three different developers. A majority of the owners of all of the houses in Oldtown Mill and Wolstan Haven requested the council to take the estate in charge in accordance with Section 180 of The Planning and

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Development Act 2000 as amended. Shelester Properties also requested the Council to take in charge that part of the development built by them.

Oldtown Mill and Wolstan Haven were on public display for taking in charge from the 6 March 2017 to 7 April 2017 inclusive and the period for submissions ended on the 26 April 2017. No submissions were received in relation to the taking in charge during the statutory period.

Irish Water has approved the taking in charge of both estates and the water and wastewater infrastructure shall be transferred to Irish Water.

Oldtown Mill and Wolstan Haven consists of 661 houses. Having considered the financial implications and as the roads are of general public utility it is recommended that the following estates are formally taken in charge by Kildare County Council.

1. Oldtown Mill, Celbridge.
2. Wolstan Haven, Celbridge.

The members queried if there were any outstanding issues with these estates before they are taken in charge.

Mr W Hannigan informed the members that these estates have to be taken in charge as the residents have requested it and that Irish Water will not carry out any maintenance if they are not taken in charge, he also confirmed that all of the items on the snag list for Shelester have been attended to.

In response to Councillor Coleman's query regarding the total number number quoted on the report of 661 houses, Mr Hannigan informed the members he would check this number.

The Municipal District Engineer stated that he understood that the council have to take these estates in charge but he had been contacted previously by all the councillors with issues such as fencing, speeding, trips etc and that there is a finite amount of funding with the Municipal District Office to fix all these problems.

The A/District Manager stated that any issues are dependent on resources and funding and it was the council's recommendation for these estates to be taken in charge. The A/District

Manager informed the members that this was the last meeting that Mr W Hannigan Senior Executive Engineer would attend as he was leaving due to retirement and he thanked him for the great work that he carried out in the Planning Department.

The members thanked Mr Hannigan and wished him well on his retirement.

Resolved with the agreement of all the members that Oldtown Mill, Celbridge and Wolstan Haven, Celbridge be taken in charge by Kildare County Council.

CL25/0617

Request to utility service providers to install cables to the council's set standard

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

That the council write to all utility service providers asking that they install cables to homes and businesses to a standard set by Kildare County Council. That cables should not be installed so as to spoil the aesthetics in our Community.

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that works carried out by utility service providers or statutory undertakers are provided for in the Planning and Development Regulations. Any works to provide telecommunication services which are carried out by statutory undertakers which are listed in the Exempted Development Regulations 2001 (class 31 of Schedule 2) are exempt from the requirement for planning permission. Any works which exceed these limitations require planning permission at which stage the council as the Planning Authority can impose specific requirements subject to planning legislation and council policies. Developers are obliged to comply with the plans submitted as part of their planning application unless those plans and specifications are amended during the planning process. Conditions requiring the provision of cable-related infrastructure typically require that service lines and cables servicing the proposed development are located underground.

Councillor Coleman stated that some utility companies were leaving unsightly cables running down walls. He requested that some form of policy should be put in place to prevent this.

Councillor Cussen stated that she supported this motion and that it was unacceptable to have these cables running along walls. She asked if it was possible for the council to have its own rules of best practice for these companies.

The A/ District Manager confirmed that within specific limitations these works were generally exempt from planning permission. Anything in excess of these limitations required planning permission where the council can impose specific requirements subject to planning legislation and council policies.

Councillor Larkin stated that it was down to the end user not to accept unsightly cables on their premises.

Councillor Coleman confirmed that it was public walls in the community areas where the problem occurred.

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

CL26/0617

Review of equipment in playgrounds in Celbridge

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Byrne
That the council do a review of the equipment in the playgrounds in Celbridge and report back to the municipal district when the review is completed.

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

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that a review of the equipment has been completed and all the current equipment meets the relevant safety standards.

In reply to the members question that it was their understanding at the May meeting that this review had not been done, the Meetings Administrator informed the members that it had been agreed at the last meeting that a review of playground policy and provision be brought before the Local Community and Cultural Strategic Policy Committee (SPC).

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

CL27/0617

Replacement of proclamation stone in the Garden of Remembrance, Leixlip

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

That the Garden of Remembrance Leixlip proclamation stone be replaced.

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

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that a new stone is on order and delivery is expected in the next 2 weeks.

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

CL28/0617

Organisation of a Roadshow event in Leixlip

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

Can a Roadshow event be organised in Leixlip with the Local Enterprise Office to engage with businesses in respect of a number of initiatives to include Shop Front Scheme and also the Irish Language?

A report was received from the Local Enterprise Office(LEO) informing the members that LEO held a series of business briefings for businesses throughout the county on the following dates:

Athy Business Briefing - 9 February 2017

Kildare/Newbridge Business Briefing - 16 February 2017

Maynooth Business Briefing - 23 February 2017

Celbridge/Leixlip Briefing - 28 February 2017

Naas Business Briefing - 9 March 2017

Ms. Jacqui McNabb, Head of LEO briefed the businesses on the various supports and training available. The events also included speakers on the Shopfront Grant Scheme, Trading Online Vouchers and MicroFinance.

Councillor Cussen stated that she was disappointed in the report, noting she was at the briefing that was held in Celbridge which was poorly attended and had a discussion with the

Head of Enterprise, Ms McNabb afterwards who suggested maybe holding a follow up. Councillor Cussen undertook to contact the Head of Enterprise and the Senior Community Worker in relation to this event.

The report was noted.

CL29/0617

Extension of Shopfront Scheme to include improvements for accessibility

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Cussen
Can the Shopfront Scheme be extended to include improvements for accessibility?

A report was received from the Local Enterprise Office informing the members that the Shopfront Scheme fund was specifically allocated for painting of shop fronts in order to revitalise the shop fronts in the various towns throughout the county.

In response to Councillor Cussen's question the A/District Manager suggested that Councillor Cussen discuss with the Director of Service, Ms S Kavanagh in relation to extension of this scheme or provision of an alternative to improve accessibility to shops and businesses.

The report was noted.

CL30/0617

Retirement of Meetings Administrator

The Cathaoirleach stated that Ms Mary Dalton was retiring at the end of June, and wished to thank her for all her help and assistance over the years and he wished her well on her retirement.

Councillor Byrne stated that he had dealt with her in her different roles over the years and he said that she was excellent at her work and a lovely person to deal with.

The members all wished to convey their thanks and well wishes to Ms Dalton on her retirement.

The meeting concluded.