

**Minutes of Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Meeting
Held at 10.15 am on Friday 24 March 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 P. Minnock (District Manager), Ms E. Wright (Senior Executive Officer), Ms S. Bookle (Integrated Services Programme Director), Mr C. Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Mr O. Brady, Ms V. Cooke and Mr B. O’Gorman (Administrative Officers), Ms K. Keane (Meetings Administrator) and Ms A.M. Campbell (Meetings Secretary).

On the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Brett and agreed by all the members the Cathaoirleach suspended standing orders allowing the meeting to commence at 10.15 a.m.

CL01/1703

Parks Section Works Programme 2017

The Senior Parks Superintendent gave a comprehensive report to the members on the Parks Section Works Programme for 2017. Mr Wallace advised the members they needed to agree projects and amounts to be allocated to them from the €60,000 allocation from Local Property Tax (LPT) funding for 2017.

The Cathaoirleach requested that the Parks Superintendent email the members with the list of proposals for this funding of €60,000 and the members could then consider it.

A discussion followed amongst the members on potential projects for funding.

In response to Councillor Neville's question, Mr Wallace advised that there was currently no policy to deal with issues such as pruning and planting of trees, however he was hopeful that a policy could be put in place to develop standards for best practice.

Councillor Byrne queried if work could be carried out on sheds in the Wonderful Barn where the ceiling has fallen in.

Councillor Young stated that benches in the St. John of God playground needed refurbishment and he also said that the path at the back of the car park in Loughnamona needed to be made safer as it was dangerous due to a bad surface.

Mr Wallace informed the members that this car park had been a Part 8 process which had been developed as an area for clubs using the pitches and also as an overflow for the CIE car park and he advised that he would re-instate the work done on this path over the summer, however he also advised that anti-social issues at this location should be reported to the Gardaí.

In response to Councillor Cussen's questions, Mr Wallace informed the members that funding for playgrounds came from three strands. Funding from the Annual Revenue Budget was used for maintenance, playground initiatives such as the trial of pieces of equipment in playgrounds and new equipment was funded from the Capital Budget.

Mr Wallace also confirmed that companies can pay a fee to install their sign on a roundabout but that the maintenance of roundabouts was the responsibility of the council.

Resolved with the agreement of all the members that the Parks Superintendent forward a list of proposals for the funding of €60,000 from the Local Property Tax funding for 2017.

CL02/1703

Minutes Silence

On the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Young and with the agreement of all the members a minutes silence was observed on the recent passing of former Deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness and the crew members of the Irish Coast Guard rescue helicopter 116 following the tragedy that took place in county Mayo.

CL03/1703

Minutes and progress report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 17 February 2017, together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Larkin, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 17 February 2017 be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CL04/1703

Matters Arising

Response from the National Transport Authority and Bus Shelters (CL03/1701)

Councillor Young reiterated his concerns and a letter to be issued to Dublin Bus in advance of their proposals being made, on requirements such as the extension of the bus service to the Easton Road and extra early morning services.

Ms Wright confirmed that these concerns have been relayed to Dublin Bus and the Roads department are talking to the National Transport Authority (NTA) and Dublin Bus on these issues.

Upgrading of Public Lighting on Main Street, Celbridge (CL06/1702)

The members queried the publication of information in relation to this issue in the Liffey Champion and noted the questions they raised on this had not been answered. Councillor Cussen requested that the Director for Roads, Transportation and Public Safety inform the members who gave out the information, who was it given to and why was it given before the members were informed.

Letter to Dublin Bus and Bus Éireann (CL16/1702)

Councillor Cussen noted that there was no response on this issue from Bus Éireann and she requested that this be followed up.

Assessment for footpath on Loughlinstown Road, Celbridge (CL15/1612)

Councillor Cussen noted the report and stated that she looked forward to the discussion on the schedule of municipal district works with the Municipal District Engineer.

Noise level study on both sides of the M4 at Leixlip-Celbridge (CL21/1601)

Councillor Cussen queried the time frame for this review.

Timelines for a Columbarium Wall at Confey Graveyard (CL23/1702)

Councillor Cussen queried if this wall was always dependent upon the local area plan.

**Request for deputation to a meeting of South Dublin County Council (CL02/1702)
(CL10/1612) (CL13/1611)**

In response to an update from Ms. Wright, Councillor Larkin confirmed that the members had previously agreed a motion that a request issue seeking a deputation for members of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District to attend a meeting of the Lucan Area Committee.

Water issues in Ballygoran Housing Estate (CL22/1702)

Councillor Young stated that it was unsatisfactory that houses and estates are affected by low pressure and he asked that a clarification be sought from Irish Water on how the issue of low water pressure at this location will be dealt with.

Council owned land in Donaghcomper Estate (CL21/1702)

Councillor Young stated that the map that the Parks Superintendent circulated to the members did not correspond with the Local Area Plan map with regard to the boundaries and requested clarification on this issue.

Vacant Housing Report - Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District

Councillor Cussen noted that the format of this report had changed adding that the new format lacked detail and she requested that the report revert to its original format.

CL05/1703

Agree adjustment to Local Property Tax (LPT)

Councillor Caldwell asked the members to consider the allocation of €8,000 to the Decade of Commemoration from Local Property Tax (LPT) funding.

A discussion followed among the members as to where this money could be reallocated from. The District Manager informed the members, that in his opinion, they could consider it from within the allocation of Community Grants of €60,000.

In reply to Councillor Young's question, the Municipal District Engineer informed the members that the council had received no formal notification from the National Transport

Authority (NTA) that funding of €10,000 was being provided by them to carry out a study on the provision of a boardwalk in Celbridge but that the project was being discussed.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by all the members that subject to confirmation that the Celbridge Boardwalk Study would be funded by the National Transport Authority (NTA), €8,000 would be allocated to the Decade of Commemoration from the €10,000 allocation of Local Property Tax funding (LPT) 2017 and the remaining €2,000 be reallocated also.

CL06/1703

Integrated Services Programme

Ms Bookle circulated the Integrated Services Programme (ISP) for Celbridge Children, Young People and Health and the Celbridge Tourism and Heritage Forum Implementation Plans for 2017. Ms Bookle also circulated an overview of the Celbridge Implementation Plan priorities for 2017 and gave a detailed presentation on the update of progress since January 2017, thanking the members for their support.

In response to Councillor Caldwell and Councillor Cussen's questions, Ms Bookle informed the members that setting up an ISP programme in Leixlip was resource dependent. Ms Bookle said support from the elected members was vital and looked for their engagement in the programme. Ms Bookle agreed with Councillor Cussen's suggestion that Councillor Byrne, who is the chairperson for the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC), could be considered as a representative from the members for inclusion in this programme.

CL07/1703

Schedule of Municipal District Works 2017

The District Manager informed the members that they needed to agree the schedule of municipal district works for 2017 advising them that specific projects needed to be identified as the list had not yet been completed.

The Meetings Administrator informed the members that the Schedule of Municipal District Works 2017 needed to be formally agreed before the 31 March 2017 and she suggested that a special meeting be held to agree this schedule.

The Municipal District Engineer requested that the members forward their proposals for this funding to him and that an in committee meeting could be scheduled in the Maynooth area

office as requested by Councillor Young, to discuss these proposals followed by a special meeting to agree the schedule of municipal district works for 2017.

CL08/1703

Deputation on behalf of St. Raphael's Special School

It was proposed by the Cathaoirleach with the agreement of all the members to accept a deputation on behalf of St. Raphael's Special School at their April meeting.

CL09/1703

Nomination of member to the Kildare Cycling Forum

The members considered the nomination of a member of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District to the Kildare Cycling Forum.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Coleman and agreed by all the members that Councillor Young be nominated to the Kildare Cycling Forum.

CL10/1703

Taking in charge of Shinkeen Road, Celbridge

The members considered a report that was circulated from the roads department on the taking in charge of Shinkeen Road, Celbridge.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Larkin and agreed by all the members that Shinkeen Road, Donaghcomper, Celbridge, County Kildare under the Declaration of a Public Road – Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 be taken in charge.

CL11/1703

Inspection and repair of footpath on Main Street, Leixlip

It was agreed by the members to take items 8 and 12 of the agenda together as both items relate to the same issue.

Item 8 – Councillor Caldwell – Motion

That the council carry out an inspection of the footpath on Main Street, Leixlip. There are many areas that need urgent repairs.

Item 12 – Councillor Larkin – Motion

That a study of the paths on main street Leixlip be carried out to identify any faults, loose cobble etc., with any repair improvements to be carried out followed by a deep clean by either sand blast or high pressure and to include the Rye Bridge in the clean.

The motions were proposed by Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Larkin.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that an inspection has been carried out and minor repairs will be completed in the coming weeks. The report also advised that more major work is required at certain locations however funding would need to be identified to address this.

Councillor Larkin stated that he spent roughly three weeks working with the St. Patrick' Day committee and had witnessed the disrepair and bad condition of the footpaths on the main street in Leixlip. Councillor Larkin noted the cobblelock had lost its colour and he suggested a deep clean like sand blasting be carried out and if this did not work, that maybe the whole area should be re-cobblelocked.

Councillor Caldwell expressed his concerns that some areas of the footpath were dangerous and needed urgent attention.

The Municipal District Engineer stated that he agreed with the members that the cobble lock was in place for a long time and said that he would try to clean a test patch to see what result could be achieved, however he advised the members that a more suitable product to install would be matcrete rather than re-cobblelocking this area, but costing for this would need to be obtained. The Municipal District Engineer said he took on board the comments being made in relation to the footpaths and he would investigate the heavily trafficked areas but funding for more substantial works would need to be identified.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Larkin that the Municipal District Engineer carry out repairs to the footpaths on Main Street, Leixlip and a deep clean/sand blasting of a test patch of cobble lock to be carried out and the outcome to be reported back to the members.

CL12/1703

Pipe and fill of ditch near Odlums House at Ardrass, Straffan

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

That the council pipe the roadside ditch near Odlums House at Ardrass, Straffan and fill it in as it is dangerous to motorised traffic.

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 roadside ditch forms an important part of the surface water and land drainage system for the area and that there are no plans to pipe this drain as funding would need to be allocated.

Councillor Byrne stated that this ditch was on an exceptionally dangerous bad bend on the road in Ardrass and he would like to see it being filled in.

Councillor Cussen supported the motion and asked that if a costing for this work could be prepared.

The Municipal District Engineer undertook to examine this issue again.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Caldwell that the Municipal District Engineer investigate and cost the piping and filling in of this roadside ditch.

CL13/1703

Repair of footpath near The Glade, Oldtown Mill, Celbridge

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

That the large lip on the footpath near The Glade, Oldtown Mill, Celbridge be repaired as a matter of urgency.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Oldtown Mill is not in charge.

Councillor Byrne stated that this footpath was in a very dangerous condition and as the estate was due to be taken in charge soon could it be looked at then.

The Municipal District Engineer agreed to look at this issue when it was taken in charge but stated that it should be in a suitable condition prior to being taken in charge.

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

CL14/1703

Repair of path surface between the two Leixlip train stations

It was agreed by the members to take items 11 and 22 on the agenda together as both of these items relate to the same issue.

Item 11 – Councillor Neville - Motion

That the council request the path surface between the two Leixlip train stations be repaired. When it rains there are pools of water on the surface that are making it impossible for pedestrians.

Item 22 – Councillor Larkin – Question

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

Can the council write to Inland Waterways and ask them to carry out remedial works on the tow path between Louisa and Cope bridges?

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 if this refers to the walkway along by the canal this is a matter for Waterways Ireland and if the members are in agreement, a letter of request will be issued to Waterways Ireland.

The members agreed that a letter should issue to Waterways Ireland and Councillor Neville requested that the letter should emphasise that this path is a public amenity for the people of Leixlip.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Caldwell that a letter issue to Waterways Ireland, to request that the path surface between the two Leixlip train stations be repaired, emphasizing that this pathway is a public amenity for the people of Leixlip.

CL15/1703

Dishing of paths at entrance to Hewlett Packard

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

That the paths at the entrance to Hewlett Packard be dished for ease of use.

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 this has been added to the Overseer's task list and will be completed in the coming weeks.

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

CL16/1703

Review and repair of ramps in Riverforest

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

That the council review and repair the ramps in Riverforest as required.

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 these ramps are scheduled for replacement this year.

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

CL17/1703

Yellow Box on the Maynooth Road at entrance to Beatty Park

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

That a yellow box be installed on the Maynooth Road at the entrance to Beatty Park.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there is no clear requirement for a yellow box at this location and that yellow boxes cannot be installed at every estate entrance.

Councillor Byrne stated that he was not happy with this report and informed the members that there were 175 houses in Beatty Park that could not get access onto the Maynooth Road due to traffic. Councillor Byrne stated that there were two yellow boxes opposite servicing access onto this road for 7 houses.

Councillor Cussen supported the motion and agreed that a yellow box was necessary to service Beatty Park.

Ms Wright informed the members that the roads department was setting up a Technical Assessment and Advisory Group and it is hoped that this group would make assessments and use best practice on the use of resources. Ms Wright informed the members that this team would be in place from April 2017 and they would be in a position to report back to members bi-monthly advising that this would enable the prioritising of requests in a much more structured way.

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

CL18/1703

Traffic/Speed survey on the Loughlinstown Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Coleman.
That a traffic/speed survey be carried out on the Loughlinstown Road.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a speed and volume survey will be carried out in the coming weeks.

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

CL19/1703

Additional pedestrian crossing at the bottom of Captains Hill, Main Street

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Caldwell.
Can the council provide an update on a motion lodged last year regarding an additional pedestrian crossing at the bottom of Captains Hill, Main Street?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the provision of an additional crossing point at this junction will have a negative effect on the performance efficiency of the traffic signals at this junction. The council has examined the provision of a diagonal crossing but the narrow width of the footpaths does not provide sufficient space to safely upgrade the crossing.

Councillor Caldwell stated that he did not agree with the report and said that there was a need for an additional pedestrian crossing at this location and he hoped that this issue could be investigated again.

The report was noted.

CL20/1703

Poles on footpath near Oaklee, Maynooth Road, Celbridge

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

Can the two poles on the footpath near Oaklee, Maynooth Road, Celbridge be removed for safety reasons as the road is used by students attending the two nearby schools?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that clarification on the exact location is required and the issue can then be examined by the municipal district office in conjunction with the planning department.

The Municipal District Engineer stated that he was aware of the location of the two poles and he would have an update for the members at the next meeting.

The report was noted.

CL21/1703

Provision of lighting on the Dublin Road/Lucan Road

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

Can the council approach South Dublin County Council with a view to providing lighting on the Dublin Road/Lucan Road from the boundary with South Dublin County Council, as the road is extremely busy at peak times?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a meeting date between South Dublin County Council and

members and officials from Kildare County Council will be confirmed in the coming weeks and all issues relating to the Dublin Road/Lucan Road can be discussed and addressed.

Councillor Larkin stated that his motion at the December meeting which was agreed by the members was to attend a meeting of the Lucan Area Committee as a deputation and not to have a meeting here with South Dublin County Council and asked Ms Wright to request this deputation.

The report was noted.

CL22/1703

Provision of disabled parking bay at Donaghcumper Cemetery

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

Can a Disabled Parking Bay be provided in close proximity to the entrance gate at Donaghcumper Cemetery?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a disabled parking bay will be installed in the coming weeks.

The report was noted.

CL23/1703

Number of accidents and repairs on the bridge at Salmon Leap

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

Can the council be informed by South Dublin County Council of the number of accidents and repairs on the bridge at the Salmon Leap in the last eighteen months?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a meeting date between South Dublin County Council and members and officials from Kildare County Council will be confirmed in the coming weeks and all issues relating to the Salmon Leap Bridge can be discussed and addressed.

Councillor Larkin stated that his motion at the December meeting which was agreed by the members was to attend a meeting of the Lucan Area Committee as a deputation and not to have a meeting here with South Dublin County Council and asked Ms Wright to request this deputation.

The report was noted.

CL24/1703

Traffic/Speed survey in Abbey Farm Estate

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

Can a traffic/speed survey be carried out in Abbey Farm Estate?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that clarification on the exact location is required and the issue then can be examined by the Municipal District Engineer.

The report was noted.

CL25/1703

Installation of school warning signs at Scoil Mochúa, Aghards Road

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

Can flashing amber school warning signs be installed at Scoil Mochúa, Aghards Road, for the safety of school children?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will examine this and report back to the members.

Councillor Coleman stated that the School Warden was only outside the school for 15 minutes at the time the junior pupils were exiting and again when the senior pupils were exiting and stated that there was not enough warning to traffic on approach to the bad bend at the school. Councillor Coleman offered to accompany the Municipal District Engineer when he goes to examine the issue at this location.

The report was noted.

CL26/1703

Pilot municipal district for a Repair and Lease Scheme

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

That the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District be selected as a pilot municipal district for a Repair and Lease Scheme in respect of vacant residential units.

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

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that a key component of the Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness is a new scheme, the Vacant Housing Repair and Leasing Initiative, which targets the delivery of social housing and also ensures that existing housing stock is used to the maximum degree possible. Information with regard to the scheme was included in the monthly management report circulated to elected members in advance of the March full council meeting. It is expected that further guidance material will be published by the Department of Housing, Planning and Community and Local Government in the coming days. The report further advised that consideration is currently being given to what resources, both technical and administrative, are required to manage the scheme, however it is anticipated, that the scheme will be made available countywide.

Councillor Cussen stated that she was not happy with the delay in the implementation of this scheme and said that Carlow and Waterford were chosen for pilot projects in 2016 and this scheme was currently up and running in some counties. Councillor Cussen suggested that Celbridge-Leixlip could be used as the pilot district for the scheme in Kildare as she said the bulk of the housing list was in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.

In response to a question from Councillor Cussen, Mr Brady informed the members that the council are awaiting guidance on the implementation of this scheme and he undertook to revert to the members with the implementation date.

Councillor Cussen asked if the council had been progressive in trying to identify vacant houses and engage and encourage owners to allow use of their properties.

Mr Brady informed the members that this scheme would be advertised in the county and he agreed to communicate with Councillor Cussen on this issue.

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

CL27/1703

Houses in Celbridge-Leixlip in ownership of the council

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

How many houses in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District are in the ownership of the council and what does this comprise as a percentage of the total housing stock in the

Celbridge-Leixlip area; how many houses in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District are social houses in the ownership of approved housing bodies (ABH) and what does this comprise as a percentage of the total housing stock in the Celbridge-Leixlip area; what is the total number of houses in Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS), Housing Assistance Payment Scheme (HAP) and other state-supported housing schemes in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the county council housing stock in the towns of Celbridge and Leixlip is 453 units however information in relation to stock owned by the council by municipal district is not available. The total number of households as per the 2011 Census in Celbridge and Leixlip is 11,687 and based on this figure the housing stock owned by the county council represents 3.88% of the total housing stock. The report also noted that there are 105 units in RAS, 115 in HAP and 222 in other state supported schemes in these areas. Units in the ownership of approved housing bodies in Celbridge and Leixlip is 216 and this represents 1.85% based on the 2011 Census figures above.

Councillor Young stated he was disappointed that this information is not available by municipal district and expressed his concern as to how the stock of housing, is to be increased.

The report was noted.

CL28/1703

Number of people in Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District on the housing list

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

How many people on the council's housing list are resident in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that there are 1451 applicants on the housing list in Celbridge and 1156 in Leixlip however information in relation to numbers on the housing list by municipal district is not available. It should be noted that as applicants have the option of choosing up to three areas of preference, each carrying equal status, there is significant duplication of need identified in these areas. e.g. applicants applying for housing in north Kildare will often identify Celbridge and Leixlip as their areas of preference.

The report was noted.

CL29/1703

Publicising funding initiatives and/or announcements

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cussen. That this municipal district asks the council to commit to adopting a new process policy whereby the council initiatives and/or announcements in respect of funding, projects etc. are made public in the first instance via the council, the Mayor or by the Chair of the municipal district as relevant.

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

A report was received from the Director of Service for the Corporate Services Department informing the members that this motion will be considered by the Senior Management Team and he will revert to the members through the Protocol Committee with a process having regard to procedures for communication already in place.

Councillor Cussen thanked the Director of Corporate Services for the report and said that she was looking forward to receiving the report back on this issue.

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

CL30/1703

Services provided through the emergency number

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Larkin. Can the council provide an outline of exactly what services are provided through the emergency number 1890500333?

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that 11890 Ltd were appointed as contractor to provide the Out of Hours-Non Emergency-Call Answering Service for Kildare County Council in April 2015. A Service Level Agreement is in place between the council and 11890 Ltd detailing agreed protocols relating to handling of all out of hours calls on weekdays. 11890 Ltd provide service at weekends, public holidays and all other closure days. The Service Level Agreement sets out detailed procedures, as agreed departments, in terms of how out of hours calls relating to their service should be

dealt with. In all cases, a comprehensive list of contacts is made available to 11890 Ltd along with a call sequence specifying the order the calls should be made in e.g. in the case of water issues the overseer is first to be notified, then the caretaker, then the engineer etc. A mobilisation procedure is also in place for Major Emergencies. A daily email is sent from 11890 Ltd to all out of hours contacts in Kildare County Council with a record of all calls and their outcomes taken from close of business at Kildare County Council until opening hours the following day.

The report was noted.

CL31/1703

Provision of green waste area in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District

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

That the council provide a green waste area for the coming season in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that it is progressing plans for a new civic amenity site to serve North Kildare with the preferred location of Kilmacredock Upper being considered. It is intended that such a facility will accept green waste. In the interim, requests for the removal of green waste from local community/residents groups is being accommodated by the environment crew serving the municipal district.

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

CL32/1703

Request to stop refuse companies entering estates until 7am

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

Can the council ask all refuse companies not to start entering estates until 7am?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that restrictions are now in place for the collection of refuse in urban areas under the Waste Management (Collection Permit)(Amendment) Regulations 2016. These allow operators to

only collect refuse material between the hours of 6am and 10pm in speed limit areas of 60km or less however as this is a national regulation, it is not possible for an individual authority to make more restrictive arrangements.

The report was noted.

CL33/1703

Initiation of recycle fair/event to be held in Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District

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

Can the Environment section work with the members to initiate a recycle fair/event to be held in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District ?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that it is organising a local 'reuse/ repair' event in each municipal district area in association with Tidy Towns Committees and details of the local event will be advised to members when arranged.

In response to a request from Mr O'Gorman, Councillor Cussen agreed to revert to him with her proposals for a series of events before the next Environmental Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) meeting.

The report was noted.

CL34/1703

Crodaun Forest Park Residents Association

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

Can the council give an update on the approach taken on issues as identified at the forest as raised by Crodaun Forest Park Residents Association?

A report was received from the parks department informing the members that the section of forest referred to is owned by the Office of Public Works (OPW). Furthermore there is no budget available to provide a boundary fence at the location. The report noted that any trees causing issues with public lighting will be listed for removal in the next pruning programme which is hoped to be completed by the end of the summer. The issue with public lighting is a matter for the Public Lighting section in the Roads Department.

Councillor Neville stated that he was not happy with this report and advised that at a meeting held the previous week between the Gardaí and residents it was noted that a number of

people were congregating in the forest and carrying out anti-social activities. Councillor Neville stated that both the council and the Office of Public Works (OPW) owned the forest and he said that a boundary fence should be put in place.

Councillor Young stated that he attended that meeting and that it was not clear where this anti-social activity was taking place.

Councillor Neville confirmed he would meet with Mr Wallace to clarify this issue. The report was noted.

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Celbridge Local Area Plan Meeting

Ms Cooke stated that the council chamber was not available on the morning of the 25 April 2017, for the special meeting to consider the Chief Executive's report on the submissions received on the Draft Celbridge Local Area Plan 2017-2023, and as this was a public meeting, she asked that the members consider rescheduling it.

It was agreed by all the members to hold this meeting on the 26 April 2017 at 9.00 a.m. in the council chamber.

The meeting concluded.