

Minutes of Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Meeting
Held at 10.00 am on Friday 17 November 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 K Kavanagh (Senior Executive Officer), Mr B Martin, Ms V Cooke and Mr B O'Gorman (Administrative Officers), Mr C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Ms A Corbett (Senior Community Worker), Mr J Doyle (Senior Staff Officer), Ms K Keane (Meetings Administrator) and Ms A M Campbell (Meetings Secretary).

Ms Cooke apologised on behalf of Mr Kavanagh stating that he had been delayed and said that he would be deputising for the District Manager who due to another commitment could not present at the meeting until later that morning.

CL01/1117

Minutes and progress report

The members considered the minutes of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on 20 October 2017, together with the progress report.

Resolved On the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Caldwell that the minutes of the monthly Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on 20 October 2017 be confirmed and taken as read.

CL02/1117

Matters Arising

**Taking in charge of Black Avenue, Leixlip (CL22/0417) & Matters Arising (CL02/0617),
Taking in charge of Distillery Lane, Captains Hill (CL14/1702)**

In response to Councillor Young's question as to how to proceed with the taking in charge of Black Avenue and Distillery Lane, the Meetings Administrator stated that the progress report outlined the reasons why these roads would not be taken in charge.

Pole on footpath near Oaklee, Maynooth road, Celbridge (CL20/1703)

Councillor Byrne asked again that something would be done to remove the pole that is in the middle of the footpath on the Maynooth Road.

The Municipal District Engineer stated that the Roads Department received a response from Eir who have stated that the pole has been in place for a long number of years, however the pole was against the boundary wall but the wall has since been moved back. The Municipal District Engineer advised the wall was moved as part of a planning application by a developer and this item should be referred to the Planning Department to follow up on any planning conditions relating to that development that would have required the developer to relocate any services to facilitate the development.

Clean up of side and back of electricity box in Loughnamona (CL25/1017)

Councillor Neville conveyed his thanks on behalf of himself and the residents to the Litter Warden for the clean up in Loughnamona.

Condition of commercial and local authority signage in the Municipal District (CL10/0417) & Matters Arising (CL03/1017).

Councillor Cussen stated that this item would be considered at a joint meeting of the Planning and Environment Strategic Policy Committees in December and said that it was unfortunate that there had been such a delay in discussing this issue.

Progress or update on off-peak bus service on Easton Road-Green Lane (CL20/1017)

In reply to Councillor Young's question on a date for this meeting, the Meetings Administrator stated that she would ask Ms Wright to circulate any correspondence received from the National Transport Authority to the members.

CL03/1117

Schedule of 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 updated the members on the remaining projects that were at design stage, the Easton Park entrance, Clane Road, Celbridge, footpaths on Main Street, Leixlip and footpaths and bus stop at Killeenlea which he hoped would progress in March 2018. The Municipal District Engineer stated that the ESB had provided power to the traffic lights on the Shinkeen Road since the last meeting.

The Municipal District Engineer said that Roads had a major problem with the collection of leaves in the municipal district due to people sweeping leaves from their own gardens out and piling them up at the kerbs. The Municipal District Engineer stated that the sweeper could not pick up these pilings and staff had to walk in front of the sweeper to break them up as otherwise they would block the drains. The Municipal District Engineer stated that leaf collection was in excess of 800 sweeper loads so far this year and that he would talk to the Environment Department to investigate a better collection method.

Councillor Cussen stated that the council might look at the scheme Dublin County Council had put in place with residents for leaf collection as that seems to work.

Councillors Cussen, Coleman and Caldwell thanked the Municipal District Engineer and the Roads Department for their work in the installation of the pedestrian crossing on the Shinkeen Road.

The Cathaoirleach with the agreement of the members took item number 4 and item number 10 together on the agenda at this point in the meeting.

CL04/1117

Consideration of Christmas parking arrangements

The members agreed to consider item 4 and item 10 on the agenda together.

Item 4 - To consider and agree Christmas parking arrangements in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District for 2017.

Item 10 - Motion Councillor Coleman

That this municipal district agree on the following days of free parking with the suspension of enforcement for Christmas 2017 in Celbridge and Leixlip from 17 December at 4.00pm to 2 January at 10.00am.

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 of Christmas arrangements in Celbridge and Leixlip in 2016: pay parking was suspended from 10.00am on Monday 19 December 2016 to 4.00pm Monday 2 January 2017. The members can agree the pay parking suspension period for Christmas 2017/2018.

Councillor Cussen stated that she would like it noted that when a member seconded a motion it did not mean that the member necessarily supported the motion but rather allowed the motion to be moved at the meeting.

The Meetings Administrator informed the members that there was no listed definition in the standing orders regarding seconding a motion but advised that if a motion was not seconded then that motion would fall.

Councillor Coleman stated that for the last number of years in Celbridge there had been free parking at Christmas with no enforcement and in his opinion that worked well but last year enforcement was not suspended and this caused problems as parking wardens were visible during this period and people were reluctant to avail of free parking in case of incurring fines as a result.

Councillor Caldwell stated that he had changed his view in relation to free parking as he felt it was being abused with people parking at night and leaving their cars there all day the following day. These cars were blocking up parking spaces that should be kept vacant for people who want to come in to the town to shop over the Christmas period and therefore bringing business into the town. Councillor Caldwell stated that he was opposed to free parking this year.

Councillor Cussen stated that she agreed with free parking for the Christmas period but it should only be during day time from 10.00am to 4.00pm and that there should be enforcement because otherwise there would be a free for all with people parking on double yellow lines etc.

Councillor Larkin asked to be provided with the statistics on pay parking in Maynooth which was a relatively new introduction.

Councillor Young stated that he was opposed to what Councillor Coleman proposed as he said that if there was a suspension of enforcement then people would park illegally such as in bus stops etc.

In reply to Councillor Larkin's question, Mr Doyle stated that pay parking was introduced in Maynooth last year and there was no suspension for Christmas 2016 and they had received no complaints from businesses or residents.

Councillor Byrne stated that there should be suspension of parking but with enforcement.

In response to Councillor Coleman's request to amend his motion the Meetings Administrator advised him to put his amended motion in writing for consideration and this matter could be discussed at a later point in the meeting. The members agreed to defer this issue for discussion at a later stage in the meeting.

At this point in the meeting, Mr Kavanagh joined the meeting and apologised for his delay and stated that he would be deputising as District Manager until Mr Minnock could attend.

CL05/1117

Deputation from Department of Foreign Affairs

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Amanda Bane from the Department of Foreign Affairs, Mr Frank O'Rourke TD and Mr Jarlath Daly from Celbridge Tidy Towns Committee.

Ms Bane thanked the Cathaoirleach and the members for the opportunity to attend the meeting and give a presentation on the possible Twinning of Celbridge with Versailles, France. Ms Bane stated that the idea of establishing a town-twinning arrangement between Versailles and Celbridge came about as a result of interaction between the Embassy of Ireland in Paris and the Mayor's Office in Versailles in preparation for the European Football Championship 2016. The authorities in Versailles, impressed by the influx of Irish football fans to support the Republic of Ireland team in the tournament, requested the Embassy's assistance in finding a suitable town to twin with. Simultaneously, Celbridge had actively been seeking twinning opportunities and had formed a Twinning Committee comprising representatives from the Tidy Towns Committee, the Celbridge Business Association,

Castletown Foundation, Celbridge Guided Tours and Celbridge Community Council, under the umbrella of ISP Celbridge Tourism and Heritage Forum.

The Deputy Mayor of Versailles visited Celbridge on 9 and 10 October 2017 to assess the potential for twinning and Ms Bane informed the members that she had just received a letter informing her that Versailles want to actively pursue this twinning. Ms Bane stated that the Twinning Committee is now seeking the support of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District members to establish this first town twinning for Celbridge noting the many community, educational, cultural and economic benefits it is likely to bring to both communities in Celbridge and Versailles.

Councillor Caldwell stated that he had been involved with the twinning of Leixlip and Bressuire, France and he thought that this twinning was a good idea and he offered his support.

Councillor Neville agreed with Councillor Caldwell and said that it would be good to see this twinning come to fruition.

Councillor Larkin stated that he thought that the twinning would be beneficial for the area.

Councillor Cussen stated that Leixlip was twinned very successfully and people are surprised that Celbridge is not currently twinned with another town and stated that this twinning could be very beneficial to both towns.

Councillor Coleman thanked the deputation for their presentation and stated that this Twinning would be of huge benefit to Celbridge under the headings of tourism, education and culture.

CL06/1117

Part 8 report on proposed upgrading of Public Lighting on Main Street, Celbridge

The members considered the Part 8 report for the proposed upgrading of Public Lighting on Main Street, Celbridge. Reference P082017.012.

A discussion ensued among the members and it was agreed that all members were in favour of the proposed upgrading of the Public Lighting proposal.

In reply to Councillor Larkin's question, the Municipal District Engineer stated that once light standards were selected it would take 12 weeks to supply them and it was hoped that the civil works would be carried out early in 2018.

Mr Kavanagh advised the members that a design for the light standards should be agreed as soon as possible so that these works could progress.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by all the members that the Part 8 for the proposed upgrading of Public Lighting on Main Street, Celbridge, Reference P082017.012, be approved.

CL07/1117

Amendment to Councillor Coleman's Motion No. 10 on the Agenda

The Meetings Administrator read the following amended motion received from Councillor Coleman to the members for their consideration.

That this municipal district agree on the suspension of pay parking in Celbridge and Leixlip for Christmas 2017 from 10.00am on Monday 18 December 2017 to 4.00pm on Tuesday 2 January 2018.

Mr Doyle asked the members to clarify if unauthorised and illegal parking was to be enforced or suspended in addition to free parking for this period.

A discussion ensued among the members and it was decided to put the proposal of the suspension of pay parking in Celbridge and Leixlip from 10.00am on Monday 18 December 2017 to 4.00pm on Tuesday 2 January 2018 with unauthorised and illegal parking to be enforced to a vote.

With four members voting in favour and three voting against the amended motion, the amended motion was carried.

Resolved with four members voting in favour, three voting against, the motion was carried that pay parking would be suspended in Celbridge and Leixlip from 10.00am on Monday 18 December 2017 to 4.00pm on Tuesday 2 January 2018 with unauthorised and illegal parking to be enforced.

The Cathaoirleach, with the agreement of the members, took item number 2 on the Supplementary Agenda at this point in the meeting.

CL08/1117

Celbridge Draft Appointed Stands (Taxi) Bye-Laws 2017

The members considered the Celbridge Draft Appointed Stands (Taxi) Bye-Laws 2017.

Mr Doyle informed the members that he had received a complaint from a taxi driver in

Celbridge that he cannot stand for hire in the rank as other vehicles were parking in them

and that these Bye-Laws could not be enforced without the members adopting them. Mr

Doyle stated that the Gardaí in Leixlip/Celbridge have indicated that they have no objection

to these Bye-Laws and were unaware of any previous objections from An Garda Síochana.

Mr Doyle clarified that the council had received one objection from the Naas Garda Station

during the statutory display period and the member that made the objection was on leave.

A discussion ensued among the members and they outlined their concern about the

pedestrian crossing that was in the vicinity of the taxi rank but decided to proceed with the

Bye-Laws.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Larkin and agreed

by all the members that the Celbridge Draft Appointed Stands (Taxi) Bye-Laws 2017 be

approved.

CL09/1117

Road widening between Temple Manor and The Grove, Celbridge

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

Given the urgency of widening the road between Temple Manor housing estate and The

Grove housing estate, Celbridge on the Ardcloagh Road and given the proposed extensive

housing development at Simmonstown, that land be purchased to enable these urgent works

to be carried out.

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 there is currently a project in train to improve footpath and public

lighting on a short section of the Ardclough Road in Celbridge. There are currently no plans for any further road improvement projects on this route.

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

CL10/1117

Repair of broken fence along the Shackleton Road

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

That the broken fence along the Shackleton Road near the junction with Oldtown Road and adjacent to Scoil na Mainistreach be repaired and if the council are not responsible that the land owner be contacted as there is a dangerous drain /ditch inside the fencing.

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 Kildare County Council will contact the landowner on this matter.

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

CL11/1117

Closure of bridge in Celbridge

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

That the council give details of any plans it has in place, if there was an incident in Celbridge that would result in the closure of the bridge for a considerable length of time.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that in the event of a temporary closure of the bridge, the council would utilise the existing road network in Celbridge and Leixlip and temporary diversion signs would be put in place.

Councillor Caldwell stated that this was a serious matter and he would expect a provision to be put in place should an incident take place that would close the area.

Councillor Cussen agreed and said that the motion necessitated a more comprehensive response and if a contingency plan did not exist then one should be put in place.

Councillor Coleman stated that a second bridge would be the solution to this matter.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Cussen that a more comprehensive response be sought from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department.

CL12/1117

Traffic calming measures and/or pedestrian crossing Maynooth Road, Celbridge

The members agreed to consider item 9, item 11 and item 15 on the agenda together.

Item 9 – Motion Councillor Young

That this Municipal District Committee requests that the council assess the possibility of installing traffic calming measures and/or a pedestrian crossing on the Maynooth Road, Celbridge, between Shackleton Road and the north entrance to the Castletown Estate and a site visit be done as part of this assessment.

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

Item 11 – Motion Councillor Coleman

That a signalised pedestrian crossing be installed on the Maynooth Road adjacent to the northern entrance to Castletown Estate, Celbridge for the safety of all road users.

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

Item 15 – Question Councillor Byrne

Can the council examine the possibility of providing a controlled pedestrian crossing on the Maynooth Road, Celbridge where, or near where the north exit from Castletown Estate emerges?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer can meet the members on site to examine and discuss the issues.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Coleman that the Municipal District Engineer would meet the members on site to examine and discuss the issues.

CL13/1117

Review of the gap used at Easton Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Larkin.
That the gap being used at Easton Road be reviewed to make it safer for users.
The motion was proposed by Councillor Larkin, seconded by Councillor Coleman.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer can meet Councillor Larkin on site to look at this issue.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Larkin, seconded by Councillor Coleman that the Municipal District Engineer would meet Councillor Larkin on site to look at this issue.

CL14/1117

Recent audit/report on road from junction at Cedar Park to Glen Easton roundabout

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Larkin.
That the recent audit/report of the road from the junction at Cedar Park to Glen Easton roundabout be discussed and a plan of action outlined.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer would suggest a separate meeting be held to discuss this matter if the members are in agreement.

The members agreed to a meeting to discuss this issue in the Maynooth Area Office on Wednesday 22 November 2017 at 8.30am and the Municipal District Engineer would meet the members on site at the Maynooth Road, Celbridge to examine and discuss the issues as previously discussed in items 9,11 and 15 on the agenda.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Larkin, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by all the members that a meeting be held to discuss this issue in the Maynooth Area Office

on Wednesday 22 November 2017 at 8.30am and the Municipal District Engineer would meet the members on site at the Maynooth Road, Celbridge to examine and discuss the issues as previously discussed in items 9,11 and 15 on the agenda.

CL15/1117

Controlled pedestrian crossing on the Hazelhatch Park, Spine Road, Celbridge

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

To ask the council if there is any progress in providing the controlled pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of the crèche on the Hazelhatch Park, Spine Road, Celbridge?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there is no funding available for this at present. Also due to a lack of resources in the Traffic Management Section it is not possible to carry out an assessment at present.

The report was noted.

CL16/1117

Update on the taking in charge of the Black Avenue and Distillery Lane, Leixlip

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

Can an update be given on the taking in charge of the Black Avenue and Distillery Lane in Leixlip?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that as part of the procedure to take a road in charge, an examination of the above roads has been carried out to determine compliance with the council's policy on the declaration of public roads - i.e., Kildare County Council considers "general public utility" to mean that the road is a through road over which a public right of way exists and which serves at least five domestic dwellings and/or a commercial premises, and based on the condition of the road. An examination of the area has determined that public lighting is not to a standard suitable for a public road and as there is no significant traffic flow, the taking in charge would result in the use of public funds, which are constrained and to be reduced in 2018.

The report was noted.

CL17/1117

Cut back of overgrowth on Shillichan Lane and Distillery Lane

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

Can the council cut back the overgrowth on Shillichan Lane and Distillery Lane (scouts end) as soon as possible, as both are used heavily on a daily basis?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that both locations were cut back two weeks ago and will form part of the annual maintenance programme next year.

The report was noted.

CL18/1117

Frequency of call outs of Fire Service in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District

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

How many times was the Fire Service called out in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District over the recent Halloween bank holiday weekend?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare Fire Services advised that between the dates of Saturday 28 October to Tuesday 31 October 2017 inclusive, Leixlip Fire Station were called to a total of 13 incidents. Of these 13 incidents, 8 involved attendance at bonfires.

The report was noted.

CL19/1117

Installation of double yellow lines at entrance to Leixlip Park

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

Can double yellow lines be installed at the entrance to Leixlip Park as requested by residents?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that if the members are in agreement, the Roads Department will progress the necessary statutory procedures under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994, in consultation with the Municipal District Engineer.

Councillor Coleman stated that he would submit a motion on this item for a future agenda.
The report was noted.

CL20/1117

Safety review of the Forest Park entrance

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Larkin.
Can a safety review of the Forest Park entrance be carried out and any recommendations be implemented?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer can meet Councillor Larkin on site to examine the issue.

The report was noted.

CL21/1117

Review of Alcohol Byelaws in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Cussen.
Can the process of reviewing the Alcohol Byelaws in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District be scheduled and commence?

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that it is proposed to bring a review of the Kildare County Council - Celbridge Town (control of Consumption and Possession of Alcohol in Public Places) Bye-Laws 1999 and the Leixlip Town Council - Bye-Laws for the (control of consumption and possession of intoxicating liquor in public places 2004) to the December meeting of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.

The report was noted.

CL22/1117

Consideration of receipt of deputation from the Tea Lane Graveyard Committee

The members considered receiving a deputation from the Tea Lane Graveyard Committee.
Resolved by all the members to receive a deputation from the Tea Lane Graveyard Committee to the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting on Friday 15 December 2017.

CL23/1117

Initiation of Section 55 in respect of a property in Leixlip

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

That a Section 55 process be initiated in respect of a property in Leixlip. (Details supplied)

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that this property is on a list of protected structures that is being examined by the Conservation Officer with a view to it being included in a Section 55 process.

Councillor Cussen asked the members that the Section 55 process be initiated by the members.

A discussion ensued and the members agreed to await the report from the Conservation Officer so that they could make an informed decision on this matter.

Councillor Cussen requested that the Conservation Officer attend and/or provide his report on this issue for their December meeting

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Caldwell that the Conservation Officer attend and/or provide his report on this issue for their December meeting.

CL24/1117

Preparation of a Character Statement for Leixlip

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

That a Character Statement be prepared for Leixlip in accordance with its Architectural Conservation Area classification.

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that it is an objective of the Draft Leixlip Local Area Plan (LAP) 2017-2023 to 'prepare a character statement appraisal and area specific policy objectives for the Leixlip Architectural

Conservation Area'. The Draft Leixlip LAP will be considered by full council on the 20 November.

Councillor Cussen asked that this issue be placed on the progress report and a timeframe for the Character Statement be requested.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Coleman that this item be placed on the progress report and a timeframe for the preparation of the Character Statement be requested.

CL25/1117

Update on mast at the Leixlip ESB site

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

Can the council give the municipal district councillors an update on the mast at the Leixlip Electricity Supply Board site and the rationale for its requirement at such a prime location in the village?

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that if the members are in agreement a letter can issue to the ESB, asking the rationale for the requirement at such a prime location in the village. For information, the ESB mast at Main Street, Leixlip is the subject of a current retention planning application.

The members agreed that a letter should issue to the ESB on this issue.

The report was noted.

The District Manager joined the meeting at this point.

CL26/1117

Setting up a Men's shed in Leixlip

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

That the council consider setting up a Men's shed in Leixlip.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Department informing the members that the Irish Men's Shed Association (IMSA) is a member-based organisation which exists

to maintain links and share information among the network of men's shed in Ireland. To this end, IMSA provides information, resources and support to the development of the burgeoning Men's Sheds nationally. Link to website <http://menssheds.ie/>

A discussion ensued among the members and they stated that they were fully supportive of this motion.

In response to Councillor Caldwell's suggestion of a site for a men's shed the District Manager stated that the location at the back of the ESB site was at stage two of a three stage process for an infill housing development for the elderly.

Councillor Caldwell agreed to arrange a meeting with the District Manager and the members to discuss a location and premises for setting up a men's shed in Leixlip.

The District Manager suggested that the Community Department should be included in this meeting.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Larkin that Councillor Caldwell would arrange a meeting with the District Manager and the Community section to discuss the matter of setting up a men's shed in Leixlip.

CL27/1117

Pruning of trees in Leixlip as part of the 2017 programme

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Neville.
That the council begin the pruning of the trees in Leixlip as part of the 2017 programme.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Department informing the members that the works were currently out to tender and it was hoped to commence works before Christmas.

Councillor Neville noted that the report stated that it was hoped to carry out this work before Christmas but he stated that it was likely that it would not happen until the New Year. He sought clarification that two tree pruning programmes would be carried out next year, the first

tree pruning programme should come out of the 2017 budget allocation and the second one should come out of the 2018 budget allocation.

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

CL28/1117

Installation of lighting at the Wonderful Barn

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Neville. That the council put lighting at the Wonderful Barn as it would help with security and increase its visibility at night and in an effort to improve visibility to the Wonderful Barn from Castletown House, could the Office of Public Works be asked to prune the trees at the avenue near the back car-park entrance at the N4.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Department informing the members that it is not proposed to light the Wonderful Barn at present until a conservation plan and master plan for the site is complete which will inform the development of the overall site. The Office of Public Works will be contacted in relation to pruning the trees.

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

CL29/1117

Notification of residents in respect of the Senior Alert Scheme

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Cussen. Can the council notify the residents in Celbridge/Leixlip details of the groups registered to contact in respect of the Senior Alert Scheme, by way of a public advertisement and all other avenues of publicity?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Department informing the members that communication will be sent through the Public Participation Network informing all registered community groups of this scheme. The Community Development Officer has also circulated information to the Kildare Older Persons Council under the Age Friendly Programme in an attempt to circulate the information as widely as possible.

Councillor Cussen stated that members of the public were contacting her asking for details of who to contact in respect of the Senior Alert Scheme and queried how can she inform them of these details when she did not know who to contact herself.

Ms Corbett stated that this was not a council scheme but a national scheme and she would talk to the Public Participation Network Coordinator and ask them to circulate the details of groups and contact numbers for the Senior Alert Scheme to enable the members to inform members of the public who request information on a personal alarm system.

The report was noted.

Mr Minnock apologised to the members and stated that he had another meeting to attend and Ms Cooke would deputise for him for the remainder of the meeting.

CL30/1117

Maintenance plan for St. Catherine's Park

The members agreed to consider item 30 and item 31 on the agenda together.

Item 30 – Question Councillor Coleman

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

Can the council initiate a maintenance plan for St. Catherine's Park, within the Kildare boundary, that can compliment the rest of St Catherine's Park?

Item 31 – Question Councillor Neville

Can the council ensure that the Leixlip side of St Catherine's Park be invested in to bring it into line with the Dublin side, issues include mobility access, painting of seats and grass cutting etc.?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Department informing the members that there is already an existing maintenance plan for St Catherine's Park. This involves the assistance of the soccer club with cutting some of the grass areas and other contractors to maintain trees and the wildflower areas. Some issues have arisen with cutting some of the grass areas and this is being discussed with the soccer club. Arrangements will be made to paint the seats in 2018 and examine the access issues.

The report was noted.

CL31/1117

Consideration of LPT projects for 2018

The members agreed to adjourn item 1 on the Supplementary Agenda until the meeting of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District to be held on 15 December 2017.

The meeting concluded.