

**Minutes of Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Meeting
Held at 10.00 am on Friday 19 May 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), Mr L. Dunne (Senior Executive Officer), Mr B. Martin and Mr. B. O'Gorman (Administrative Officers), Mr C. Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Ms A. Corbett (Senior Community Worker), Ms. B. Loughlin (Heritage Officer), Ms K. Keane (Meetings Administrator) and Ms A.M. Campbell (Meetings Secretary).

CL01/0517

Condolences

The Cathaoirleach welcomed members, officials and press to the meeting, he offered his condolences to the family and colleagues of the late Ger Duff a former employee of Kildare County Council who died recently and requested that a minutes silence be observed in the council chamber as a mark of respect. A minutes silence was observed.

The members in turn spoke about the untimely and unexpected death of Ger and how he would be sadly missed by the members and staff of Kildare County Council. They spoke about how efficient , thorough and co-operative he was and added that he was a gentleman and was always a pleasure to deal with.

The District Manager thanked the members for their kind words and undertook to convey their condolences to the family of Ger Duff.

CL02/0517

Introduction of Administrative Officer

The District Manager introduced Mr. Brian Martin and informed the members that he has taken up the position of Administrative Officer in Roads, Transportation and Public Safety.

Mr. Martin said that he previously worked with Dublin County Council, that he would be representing Ms. Wright at the meeting and he looked forward to working with the members.

CL03/0517

Grants for Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District

The Cathaoirleach with the agreement of the members decided to take items number 19 and 24 on the agenda at this point of the meeting.

The District Manager stated that the members should make known any association or expression of interest that they might have in these organisations or applications prior to adoption of the Residents Association and Community and Festival Grants for the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.

Councillor Neville stated that he is the Director of the Leixlip Youth Premier Group and is involved in Leixlip G.A.A club and also Confey College Board.

Councillor Cussen stated that she attends the Local History Group ACL and is also involved in the Abbey Community Project.

Councillor Larkin stated that he lives in Rinawade, is a member of Barnhall Rugby Club, Leixlip G.A.A. Club and also the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

Councillor Caldwell stated that he is involved in the Confey College Board, Leixlip Christmas Lights, Leixlip Festival and the St. Patricks Day Parade committees.

Councillor Coleman stated that he is involved in Street Festival and Thornhill Gardens Residents Association.

Councillor Byrne stated that he is involved in the Celbridge Town committee.

Item 19 - Residents Association Grants

The members considered the Residents Association Grants for the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.

Mr L Dunne, Senior Executive Officer informed the members that an amendment had been made and circulated the amended copy of the Residents Association Grants to them. Mr Dunne stated that the amendment related to the fact that only one estate falls within the category of estates that are under 5 years old. As this will distort the distribution of the grant under this heading it was agreed that this estate will receive €454 under the age of estates heading and the balance of €600 will be distributed among the 34 estates which are 15 years and over.

Councillor Cussen stated and it was agreed by the members that it should be discussed and agreed before the next grants were awarded whereby a minimum amount payable should be set e.g. €100.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Byrne and with the agreement of all the members that the Residents Association Grants for the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District be approved.

Item 24 - Community/Local Property Tax (LPT) and Festival Grants

The members considered the Community/Local Property Tax (LPT) and Festival Grants for the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.

In response to a query from Councillor Larkin, Ms. Corbett clarified that the grant of €5,000 for the Celbridge St. Patrick's Day parade had been pre approved and was currently being processed for payment by the Finance department.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Coleman and with the agreement of all the members that the Community/Local Property Tax and Festival Grants for the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District be approved.

CL04/0517

Minutes and progress report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 21 April 2017 together with the progress report.

The minutes of the monthly meeting were approved subject to amendments of item (CL05/1703) to "Councillor Cussen stated that they had been informed by email in March that the council had been advised on the 30 January 2017 that funding would be provided by the National Transport Authority (NTA) in relation to the Celbridge Boardwalk Study. This information was not relayed to the members at either the February or March meetings with it also appearing in the Liffey Champion in advance of the members being notified.", item (CL10/0417) to "The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cussen." and item (CL24/0417) "Councillor Cussen asked if the identification of land for an extension of the cemetery would be constrained in the context of the review of the Local Area Plan."

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 21 April 2017 be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CL05/0517

Matters Arising

Council owned land in Donaghcomper Estate (CL21/1702) (CL04/1703)

Councillor Young stated that the map provided with the progress report on this item did not clarify where the council owned lands extended to and he asked that this would be clarified. The District Manager confirmed that Councillor Young had received this map from the Planning department and the previous one was circulated by the Parks Department and what was needed was to have both maps combined and he undertook to request this from the Planning department.

Pilot project for additional bins in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District (CL26/1701) (CL28/1612)

Councillor Cussen noted the report and stated if the plans were to build more housing in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District then there is a necessity to provide more bins and in addition more staff to maintain these bins and she undertook to bring this issue to the next Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) meeting.

Centennial Garden for Celbridge (CL01/1703) & Matters Arising (CL02/0417)

Councillor Cussen requested confirmation from the council as to how this matter would be progressed.

Invitation to Irish Water to give a report on proposed pipelines (CL27/0417)

In response to Councillor Young's question, the Meetings Administrator replied that a response is awaited from Irish Water on this matter.

Invitation to Planning or Transportation Department of Fingal County Council (CL13/0417)

In response to Councillor Young's question, the Meetings Administrator replied that an invitation had been issued, the Director of Services for Fingal County Council could not attend the May meeting and we are awaiting confirmation of attendance at another monthly meeting.

Response to requests for increased bus services (CL20/1609)

Councillor Caldwell asked if there was an update or response from Dublin Bus on the issue of increased bus services in Beech Park/Glen Easton.

Schedule of Municipal District Works 2017 Matters Arising (CL02/0417)

Councillor Caldwell requested an update on the request to Iarnrod Eireann to cut back the trees that are overgrown at Confey Bridge.

Review of Salmon Leap Bridge to roundabout (CL14/1701)

In response to Councillor Larkin's question, Mr. Martin confirmed that the Lucan Area Committee proposed to meet the members of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District on the 27 June 2017 between 2.15 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. in County Hall, Tallaght and that this meeting would be held in camera. The members agreed to this proposal.

CL06/0517

Community Heritage Grant Scheme Allocation

The members agreed to take item number 22 on the agenda at this point of the meeting.

The members considered the Community Heritage Grant Scheme allocation for the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.

Councillor Larkin thanked the Heritage Officer for her good work and said that there was a good spread of money over the five municipal districts which was great to see.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Larkin, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and with the agreement of all the members that the Community Heritage Grant Scheme Allocation for the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District be approved.

CL07/0517

Deputation on behalf of Ardclough Community Council

Mr. John Griffin and Mr. Gerry O' Sullivan gave a presentation to the members on behalf of Ardclough Community Council. Mr. Gerry O' Sullivan gave some background by informing the members that the old St. Anne's National School in Ardclough became available for use in 2013, it was taken over by the community council and managed by a sub-committee which was now formed into a limited company with the objective of making it available for community use. He outlined the findings of a Needs Assessment Survey which had been carried out identifying the needs of 250 households in the area. He thanked the members for their support which had provided €15,000 in 2016 from Local Property Tax (LPT) funding which had been used to provide a new heating system and the painting of the inside and outside of the building.

Mr. Griffin outlined the activities that are currently taking place in the centre and stated that future plans were to complete the refurbishment of the current building, erect an extension to provide some additional space for which the planning permission was already received. He said it was estimated by the quantity surveyor that the cost of the extension would be €400,000. He said that this centre could compliment the Arthur Guinness Way experience as a heritage centre and they hoped to develop the facilities for artists at the centre. He asked for support for an amendment to the LEADER programme which would assist in the funding of the much-needed extension. He also asked for support for applications under the LPT scheme to complete the refurbishment of the current building and to provide matching funding for LEADER grants. In addition he would welcome support for applications under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

The members thanked Mr. Griffin and Mr. O'Sullivan for their presentation. The members agreed that it was great to see the LPT funding put to such use in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District. They said that it was wonderful to see the community working together and they offered to provide support to the committee in any way they could.

The District Manager stated that it was great to see a group of volunteers who were working so hard to try and provide such worthwhile facilities to the community who in turn would

benefit greatly from this. He informed the committee that it was only the criteria that changed under the LEADER programme and that the committee needed to refresh their application and re-apply. He stated that there were only a limited number of towns successful in receiving the Town and Village Renewal funding last year but Ardclough Community Committee should apply again this year. He said the building of this extension would need a combination of funding. The District Manager requested that Mr. Griffin and Mr. O'Sullivan leave their contact details and he undertook to contact them to further discuss these matters.

CL08/0517

Update on Municipal District Road Works

The Municipal District Engineer gave a comprehensive update to the members on the Municipal District Road Works in Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District. The Municipal District Engineer outlined the list of projects which were at design stage and at tender stage, stating that they were currently working on the footpath from Celbridge GAA to the Tennis Club and that anti-skid works on Captain's Hill had been completed.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Municipal District Engineer for his update.

CL09/0517

Repair of anti-skid surface on slip road from M4

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Byrne
That the special anti-skid surface on the slip road from the M4 at the Celbridge Interchange be repaired as it is worn and dangerous.

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 matter has been referred to the Motorway Traffic Control Centre. The council have requested that their contractor carryout an inspection of the slip road and carryout any necessary repairs.

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

CL10/0517

Request to Airtricity to turn on public light

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Byrne
That Airtricity be instructed to turn on the public light near (details supplied) which was erected over a year ago.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety department informing the members that the Public Lighting Engineer and will inspect the light at the given location and report back to the members.

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

CL11/0517

Safety of pedestrians crossing at entrance and road at Glen Easton Wood

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Neville
That the council make the entrance and road at Glen Easton Wood safer for pedestrians crossing.

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

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

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

CL12/0517

Installation of streetlight on Old Station Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Neville
That the council insert a new streetlight on Old Station Road near the Garda station and Ryemount Abbey.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety department informing the members that the Public Lighting Engineer will inspect the light at the given location and report back to the members.

In reply to Councillor Neville's question, the Municipal District Engineer confirmed that Mr. Derek McCormack was the Public Lighting Engineer based in the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety department.

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

CL13/0517

Installation of fire hydrant location signs in Ardclough Village

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Coleman
That fire hydrant signs be installed to show the location of the fire hydrants in Ardclough village to assist the Fire Service.

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

A report was received from the Water Services department informing the members that Water Services plan to put marker plates at hydrant locations in the village of Ardclough.

Councillor Coleman said that he was happy with the report and stated that there had been a fire in Ardclough village the previous month where the Fire Service had been called out to attend to and they could not find the fire hydrant, so signage was necessary.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Caldwell that Water Services put marker plates at hydrant locations in the village of Ardclough.

CL14/0517

Repair to walls of the Liffey Bridge, Celbridge

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Coleman
That repairs be carried out on the walls of the Liffey Bridge, Celbridge where some stones are missing.

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 the municipal district engineer will investigate this and advise the members of what can be done.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Byrne that the municipal district engineer investigate the repair of the walls of the Liffey Bridge, Celbridge and advise the members of his findings.

CL15/0517

Reinstatement of cobblelock outside Deip, Main Street, Leixlip

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Larkin
That the path outside Deip, Main Street, Leixlip be reinstated to the cobblelock.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety department informing the members that a road/footpath opening was carried out here. It was reinstated temporarily with tarmac but has now been reinstated with cobble-lock.

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

CL16/0517

Reinstatement of road lining in Mill Lane

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Larkin
That the road lining in Mill Lane at fire station junction be reinstated.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety department informing the members that the road lining contractor has been requested to reline this junction.

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

CL17/0517

Update on street lighting along the Ardclough Road

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Caldwell
Can an update be provided on placing of street lighting along the Ardclough Road before you approach Chelmsford Estate?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety department informing the members that discussion and legal transfer of lands are ongoing with landowner. Kildare County Council are currently establishing a new framework for small works and this scheme will be completed once this new framework is in place.
The report was noted.

CL18/0517

Installation of collapsing bollards in Castletown

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Byrne
Can the council examine the possibility of placing collapsing bollards on the road at (details supplied) in Castletown (wooded area), or alternative measures be put in place if it is a public road to prevent stolen cars being burnt out and general anti-social behaviour?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety department informing the members that the municipal district engineer will investigate the options available at this location. It is important to note that there has to be access to the property.
The report was noted.

CL19/0517

Request for Airtricity to remove pole on laneway

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Byrne
Can Airtricity be requested to remove the pole on the laneway behind (details supplied), which was erected about three years ago but has never been used?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the public lighting engineer will inspect the light at this location and report back to the members.
The report was noted.

CL20/0517

Reduction of speed limit from roundabout to Beech Park, Easton Road

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

Can the 60 km/hr that is currently in place from the roundabout to Beech Park, Easton Road, Leixlip be considered for a change to 50 km/hr as part of the Speed Limit Review?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety department informing the members that this will be included for consideration as part of the County Wide Speed Limit Review.

In reply to Councillor Cussen's question, Mr B Martin stated that it was still possible to submit items for the County Wide Speed Limit Review.

The report was noted.

CL21/0517

Request to install mirrors at junction for Leixlip, Lucan and Clonee

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

Can the council request of Fingal County Council that mirrors be placed to improve visibility at the junction for Leixlip, Lucan and Clonee? This junction has been raised as a danger spot previously and nothing has been done.

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 Fingal County Council.

Councillor Neville stated that these mirrors were a necessity as this was a very dangerous junction. The members agreed that a letter should issue to Fingal County Council to request the installation of mirrors to improve visibility at the junction for Leixlip, Lucan and Clonee. The report was noted.

CL22/0517

Review of traffic management at Hazelhatch Canal Bridge

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

Can the council write to the Transport and Planning Department of South Dublin County Council and ask them to carry out a review of their current traffic management which they

installed at Hazelhatch Canal Bridge, and in particular to look at the traffic lights sequencing? There are major delays at peak times in the morning for traffic leaving Celbridge trying to access work, trains etc.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety department informing the members that while the Roads department engages and liaises with South Dublin County Council on an ongoing basis, the timing and sequencing of traffic signals across South Dublin's traffic management network are a matter for that local authority.

Councillor Coleman thanked the municipal district engineer and South Dublin County Council as this matter has since been rectified.

The report was noted.

CL23/0517

Request for detailed report on two sites for inclusion in Rebuilding Ireland

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cussen
That the Housing department give Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District members a detailed report on the two sites in the Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District which were provided to the Minister for inclusion in the Minister's Rebuilding Ireland announcement, 27 April 2017.
Report to include: details of flood issues; identified and suspected, Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) to date and future Flood Risk Assessments scheduled.

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

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that:

Site 1: Ardclough Road Celbridge

Folio Ref: KE 0021

Site Area: 6.27 hectares

Zoning: F2 - Strategic Open Space, I - Agriculture, C - New Residential, B - Existing Residential (draft Celbridge Local Area Plan (LAP) 2017 - 2023)

Description:

The site is to the south of Celbridge, bounded to the west by the river Liffey and to the east by the Ardclough Road. Approximately 1 ha of the site is zoned New Residential. Due to its proximity to the Liffey the site is at risk of flooding. A Strategic

Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) 2016 covering this site is included in the draft Celbridge Local Area Plan 2017 - 2023. The SFRA shows that a large portion of the land is at risk of both the 1 in 100 and 1 in 1000 flood events. However the lands at risk are predominantly located in the areas zoned Strategic Open Space or Agriculture. The areas at risk of flooding were taken into account when zoning of land in the draft Celbridge Local Area Plan (LAP) was being considered (a justification test was carried out of this site). The approximately 1 hectare zoned for new residential in Kildare County Council ownership appears to be outside of these risk areas. A site specific flood risk assessment will need to be carried out on connection with the development of this site.

Site 2: Hazelhatch Road

Folio Ref: KE 0022

Site Area: 1.02 hectares

Zoning: B - Existing Residential/Infill

Description:

The site is to the east of the R405 Hazelhatch Road. The site was previously considered by the Housing section for a halting site. The site is zoned for existing residential/infill in the draft Celbridge Local Area Plan. A justification test was carried out when the zoning of this land was being considered. A site specific flood risk assessment will need to be carried out on connection with the development of this site.

Councillor Cussen stated that in her view the report confirmed that these sites are unsuitable for housing and expressed her surprise to see them included on the Ministers list in the Rebuilding Ireland announcement that was made on the 27 April 2017. On this basis she called for the two sites to be retracted from inclusion on this list as soon as possible.

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

CL24/0517

Organisation of green waste day for residents in Leixlip and Celbridge

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

Due to the fact there is no recycling facility just yet, can the council organise a green waste day for residents in Leixlip and Celbridge?

A report was received from the Environment department informing the members that notwithstanding that the Environment section is progressing plans for the new North Kildare Civic Amenity Site at Kilmacraddock (Celbridge), the request has particular merit. However, it will be difficult to facilitate a 'green waste day' in the area without a suitable location that would allow the public to bring waste. It may be possible to arrange a suitable alternative initiative with local community/ tidy towns groups in the area. The proposal can be considered in more detail by the Environment and Water Services Strategic Policy Committee to consider specific options.

The report was noted.

CL25/0517

Installation of accessible car parking space in Confey Cemetery

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Coleman
Can an accessible car parking space be installed at Confey Cemetery?

A report was received from the Environment department informing the members that this proposal will be examined in conjunction with the Roads section to establish if an appropriate parking layout can be facilitated.

The report was noted.

CL26/0517

Provision of public consultation date in Celbridge Library

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Cussen
Can the council provide a public consultation date in Celbridge Library on the material alterations for Celbridge Local Area Plan, in the timeframe when material alterations are on public display, 17 May 2017 to 14 June 2017?

A report was received from the Planning department informing the members that the Draft Celbridge Local Area Plan 2017-2023 with Proposed Material Alterations will be on display at Celbridge Library, at Aras Chill Dara and on the council website for a period in excess of 4 weeks from the 16 May 2017 to 14 June 2017. In addition the Planning department has issued information regarding the public consultation to the Kildare Public Participation

Network (PPN) for distribution to its members and the council will also publicise details of the material amendments on its social media platforms for the duration of the public consultation. Details will also appear on the news feed of the Kildare County Council website. Given the extent of the programme of Local Area Plans currently being prepared, the Planning department is not in a position to commit to a public consultation session in Celbridge Library regarding material alterations to the Draft Celbridge Local Area Plan during the forthcoming public consultation stage.

Councillor Cussen expressed her disappointment that a public consultation session could not be held in Celbridge Library regarding Material Alterations for the draft Celbridge Local Area Plan. She clarified with the District Manager that it was not prohibitive to hold this public consultation but it was due to staff constraints that it could not be held.

The report was noted.

CL27/0517

Installation of playground in Saint Catherine's Park

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Caldwell
That the council explore the possibility of putting a playground on their section of land in Saint Catherine's Park.

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

A report was received from the Parks department informing the members that there is already a playground on the Fingal side of St Catherine's Park. This is considered sufficient to address the needs of users in the park.

Councillor Caldwell suggested that there was a need for a junior playground on the Leixlip/Confey side of St. Catherine's Park , stating that the existing playground was too far for people with small children that were pushing buggies and trying to walk to it.

Councillor Larkin noted that there was a need for a playground review in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District stating that the existing playground in St. Catherine's Park was second to none and he had seen a clever use of a green area in Beech Park that had been rarely used and now due to clever planning it was used by people of all ages.

Councillor Neville stated that the playground in St. Catherine's Park was not really suitable for small children due to its large size and that a smaller enclosed area was a good idea.

Councillor Cussen expressed her concern for the lack of supervision of children in the Abbey playground in Celbridge. She stated that this playground was in the vicinity of the river Liffey and could be very dangerous if children were left unsupervised.

The District Manager stated that it was a very good idea to have a review of the playgrounds in the county stating that there were 20 playgrounds with another 5 planned where there were none 16 years ago. The District Manager said that there were various different kinds of playgrounds catering for different age groups and in addition to the installation of the playground there were other issues to be addressed such as inspection and maintenance. Mr Minnock suggested that as Councillor Byrne was the chair of the Local Community and Cultural Strategic Policy Committee, a review of playground policy and provision could be carried out to learn from what had been done and plan for the future.

The members were in agreement.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Coleman that a review of playground policy and provision be brought before the Local Community and Cultural Strategic Policy.

CL28/0517

Cut back of hedging along Shillican Lane

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Caldwell
That the Parks department cut back the hedging along the Shillican Lane.

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

A report was received from the Parks department informing the members that this will be considered in the next programme of tree works which they hope to carry out by the end of the summer.

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

CL29/0517

Preparation of a Garden Licence in respect of Backlots, Castletown Housing Estate

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

That the council prepare a Garden Licence in respect of the Backlots, Castletown Housing Estate, Celbridge, as per motions 21, 22 and 24 - October 2016.

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

A report was received from Ms S Kavanagh, Director of Economic Development, Community and Culture informing the members that this matter was assigned significant resources in the past over a two year period and limited progress was made. If all the members are in agreement, this request will be included in the Community department's work programme and will receive attention when resources allow.

Councillor Cussen stated that this has been brought up in three different motions and that she had procured a copy of a Garden licence from Dublin County Council who have used them and which she had submitted with this motion. Councillor Cussen stated that she would like to see this issue progressed and requested a meeting with the Community department on this issue.

Councillor Byrne confirmed that the members had received emails from the residents stating that 8 were non controversial and in his opinion these could be signed-off on and that 2-3 were controversial.

Councillor Young stated that he had received correspondence from the residents also and he would like to see this resolved. Councillor Young stated that he agreed with Councillor Cussen that the members should meet with the Community department and together they might be able to assist and expedite the process.

The District Manager stated that the members should not underestimate the significant resource requirement to deal with this issue as there were planning, legal and ownership issues, adding that the members should meet with the Parks Superintendent in relation to this issue.

Councillor Cussen undertook to organise a meeting with the Community department in relation to this issue.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Young that Councillor Cussen organise a meeting with the members and the Community department in relation to Backlots, Castletown Housing Estate, Celbridge.

CL30/0517

Document circulated by Roads, Transportation and Public Safety

Councillor Coleman requested a discussion on the statement document which was circulated from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety department re the upgrading of public lights on Main Street, Celbridge.

The Cathaoirleach stated that this document could be discussed at the June monthly meeting.

The meeting concluded.