

**Minutes of Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Meeting
Held at 10.20 am on Friday 20 October 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), Ms E Wright (Senior Executive Officer), Mr B Martin, Ms V Cooke and Mr B O'Gorman (Administrative Officers), Mr C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Mr J Doyle (Senior Staff Officer), Ms K Keane (Meetings Administrator) and Ms A M Campbell (Meetings Secretary).

On the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by all the members, the Cathaoirleach suspended standing orders allowing the meeting to commence at 10.20 a.m.

CL01/1017

Minutes and progress report

The members considered the minutes of the Celbridge Local Area Plan Special Meeting held on 17 August 2017 and the monthly Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on 15 September 2017, together with the progress report.

The minutes of the Local Area Plan Special Meeting held on 17 August 2017 were approved subject to an amendment of items 14 and 15 "Resolved by the members present to reject the Chief Executive's recommendation and to reduce the density for Ballyoulster KDA from 35 to 30 and that the remains of discovered and undiscovered archaeology on the lands located within this KDA shall be safeguarded", items 40,41 and 42 "Resolved by the members present with 4 members voting in favour, 2 members voting against and 1 member abstaining, to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.", item 63 "Resolved by members present to accept the Chief Executive's proposed material alteration no. 27 subject to the rearranging of the text of the new MT1 by moving the words "subject to local public

consultation" to the end of the sentence" - *To promote enhanced permeability for pedestrians and cyclists within the urban environment in order to improve access to local shops, schools, public transport services and other amenities, in accordance with NTA published 'Permeability: Best Practice Guide (2015)', or any successor to same, subject to local public consultation.* and item 99 "Resolved by members present to accept the Chief Executive's proposed material alteration no 47 subject to an amendment of the end of the first sentence of point 1 to read "Set out a detailed roads and infrastructure strategy for the development as a whole to include upgrading of existing roads and the construction of new roads and any other safety measures."

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Coleman that the minutes of the Celbridge Local Area Plan Special Meeting held on 17 August 2017 be confirmed and taken as read subject to the above amendments.

Resolved On the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Coleman that the minutes of the monthly Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on 15 September 2017 be confirmed and taken as read.

CL02/1017

Caretaker of Confey Cemetery

On the proposal of Councillor Caldwell and with agreement of the Cathaoirleach and the members a minutes silence was observed for the late Matthew Mannering, former Caretaker of Confey Cemetery who died recently.

CL03/1017

Matters Arising

Castletown Backlots - Matter Arising (CL06/0717)

Councillor Young stated that following the meeting with Ms Kavanagh and Mr Wallace where the wording of a draft letter was agreed, he asked if a follow up meeting would be held to decide on the distribution of these letters. The members agreed to discuss this issue with Ms Kavanagh.

Schedule of Municipal District Works 2017 Matters Arising (CL02/0417),(CL05/0517), (CL06/0717)

Councillor Caldwell stated that the trees at Cope Bridge had still not been cut back and in addition and as a matter of urgency, Iarnród Éireann should be requested to cut back the trees on the slip road from Lucan to Leixlip again, as this area was very dark and dangerous.

Update on plans for new road from Adamstown to Lucan (CL21/0617) & Matters Arising (CL06/0717) (CL04/0917)

Councillor Neville encouraged all the members to make submissions when this road was being brought through the planning application process.

Wall at Lucan Roundabout (CL05/0917)

Councillor Caldwell thanked the Roads Department for forwarding the update from South Dublin County Council to the members on the wall at the Lucan roundabout and requested that a letter of thanks issue to South Dublin County Council on the good work that was being carried out by them.

Signage relating to speeding in estates (CL19/0417)

In response to Councillor Neville's questions Ms Wright stated that some grant money would be provided by the Department of Transport for this signage, that she would revert to the members when she had an update for them and the reason the engineering assessment would be carried out is to determine the best location for this signage.

Condition of commercial and local authority signage in Municipal District (CL10/0417)

Councillor Cussen expressed her concern that this issue had not yet been brought before the Environment and Planning SPC and had been on the Action Plan since April 2017.

CL04/1017

Update on the municipal district road works

The Municipal District Engineer gave a comprehensive update to the members on the municipal district road works in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.

The Municipal District Engineer informed the members that the following projects were at design stage: the Easton Park entrance, the Clane Road, Celbridge, footpath on Main Street, Leixlip, the footpath and bus stop at Killeenlea - the Japanese Knotweed was almost eradicated and it was hoped to carry out work here in February or March next year. He reported that the following projects were completed: fencing in Crodaun, the extension of the anti-skid surface on Captain's Hill, the footpath from Celbridge GAA to the Tennis Club, footpath repairs from the Mill to the pedestrian lights at St John of Gods and road and footpaths in Ardclough. The Municipal District Engineer notified the members that a second ramp was to be installed for traffic calming in Loughnamona, they were waiting on the ESB to hook up power to the pedestrian crossing on the Shinkeen Road, that road resurfacing

work would take place the following week in Ryevale Lawns, Leixlip and The Walled Gardens, Celbridge.

The Municipal District Engineer advised the members that the LPT spend for Transportation in 2018 must be agreed by December 2017 and he asked the members to agree a date for a meeting to discuss their LPT projects for 2018.

The District Manager advised the members to bring a list of the 2017 projects agreed and not agreed and requested that they forward an outline of projects that they wished to be considered for 2018 in advance of the meeting, to the Municipal District Engineer, to enable him to have an approximate cost of those projects available for the meeting.

It was agreed by the members to hold a meeting with the District Manager and the Municipal District Engineer in the Municipal District Office on the 9 November at 8.30 am to discuss their LPT projects for 2018.

CL05/1017

Celbridge Draft Appointed Stands (Taxi) Bye-Laws 2017

The members considered the Celbridge Draft Appointed Stands (Taxi) Bye-Laws 2017. A discussion ensued among the members as to the necessity for three designated parking spaces allotted for use by taxi drivers and the current under usage of these spaces. The members considered the reduction of the number of spaces as the taxis were parking elsewhere in the town. In response to the members concerns and a request for further discussion before adoption of these Bye-Laws, Ms Wright undertook to discuss this issue with the taxi providers and the Public Service Office of the Garda Síochána and revert back to the members on this issue before any changes were made.

CL06/1017

Provision of double yellow lines on Ardclough Road at Simmonstown, Celbridge

The members considered the Road Traffic Act 1994 - Section 38, provision of double yellow lines on Ardclough Road at Simmonstown, Celbridge.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Byrne and agreed by all the members, that the Road Traffic Act 1994 - Section 38, provision of double yellow lines on Ardclough Road at Simmonstown, Celbridge be adopted.

CL07/1017

One way system from Main Street, Celbridge to Castletown House

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

That the relevant authorities be asked to consider making a one way car and bus system from Main Street, Celbridge to Castletown House.

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 this would require an examination of the road network in the Celbridge area as it could lead to significant circuitous re-routing of traffic, potentially leading to longer journey times. To fully assess the impact of such a proposal, a study of local roads, traffic flow and vehicle movement/journey times would be required, including an assessment of the impact on the existing bridge.

Councillor Caldwell stated that a second bridge in Celbridge had been discussed for many years and it could be another ten years before a second bridge was provided so to alleviate traffic congestion in the mornings and evenings a one way system could work. Councillor Caldwell noted that Castletown House was a significant tourist attraction but because of the congestion in the village tourists were not accessing this venue through the main street and therefore not bringing the much needed business in to the town.

A discussion ensued among the members who unanimously disagreed with the motion.

Councillor Cussen stated that this issue should have been raised previously during the Celbridge Local Area Plan discussions, the members agreed that a one way system was not suitable and that it could exacerbate traffic congestion in the town, not alleviate it.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Cussen with no members in support of the motion, the motion was defeated.

CL08/1017

Removal of pole from footpath at entrance to the Oaklee Housing Trust

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

Further to my previous motion seeking the removal of a pole in the middle of the footpath at the entrance to the Oaklee Housing Trust, that action now be taken to remove this dangerous obstruction for pedestrians/students and in particular the residents of Oaklee.

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 if the members are agreement the Roads Section will write to Eir again on this matter.

Councillor Byrne requested that in addition to a follow letter being issued to Eir, a timeframe for the removal of this dangerous obstruction be requested.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Larkin and agreed by all the members that a letter issue to Eir seeking the removal of a pole in the middle of the footpath at the entrance to the Oaklee Housing Trust and a timeframe for this removal be requested.

CL09/1017

Provision of pedestrian crossing on the Shackleton Road

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

That a pedestrian crossing (non-signalised) be provided on the Shackleton Road (adjacent to HSE/Tesco pedestrian entrance) as per previous motions and site visit.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer would not be in favour of this as it would be too close to existing traffic signals. Also there is no funding available for this.

Councillor Cussen stated that Mr Deane had visited this area with her previously and had suggested that perhaps it would be possible to put a crossing approx 100 yards to the right of the H.S.E. building entrance. She stated that it was a necessity to have another crossing point on this road especially for the elderly people in this area.

Mr Buggie stated that he was totally against another crossing point as there were two full sets of signalised traffic lights already on this road.

Councillor Cussen stated that something needed to be done and that maybe consideration should be given to slowing the traffic down on this road. In response to Councillor Cussen's request, Mr Buggie agreed to walk the location with her.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Caldwell the Municipal District Engineer undertook to visit the location on the Shackleton Road with Councillor Cussen.

CL10/1017

Contact of Bus Eireann re bus stops, standing platforms and accessibility issues

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

That Bus Éireann is contacted in respect of the general condition of their bus stops and standing platforms and the accessibility issues in Celbridge and Leixlip.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the bus stop platforms are not the responsibility of Kildare County Council. If the members are in agreement, a letter will be sent to Bus Éireann advising them of the member's concerns on the general condition and accessibility of their bus stops and standing platforms.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Coleman and agreed by all the members that a letter issue to Bus Éireann advising them of the member's concerns on the general condition and accessibility of their bus stops and standing platforms.

CL11/1017

Review of P & T manholes on footpaths

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

That this council request that all P & T manholes on footpaths be reviewed in the Leixlip Area, details of two that need to be examined have already been supplied.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that further clarification from Councillor Neville indicated two locations where there is an issue with manholes, one of which is a matter for Water Services and the other is a matter for Eir. Water services have been contacted. A letter will issue to Eir in respect of the other location.

A report was received from the Water Services Department informing the members that Water works will investigate the hydrant cover and carry out repairs as required.

Councillor Neville thanked the departments for their reports but stated that all these old manhole covers should be investigated as over time they had sunk and it was a footpath maintenance issue.

Councillor Larkin asked what the council's policy was on overground fibre cabinets which were considerable in size.

Ms Wright stated that the council were facilitating the roll out of broadband in the county and fibre optic cabinets were part of Eir's infrastructure and did not require planning permission.

Councillor's Larkin and Young stated their concern at the location of these cabinets and suggested that they should not be located on footpaths.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Larkin that a letter issue to Eir in relation to a P & T manholes in the Leixlip area and that Water works would investigate the hydrant cover in the same area and carry out repairs as required.

CL12/1017

Installation of pull-in bays on the Killeenlea Road

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

That the council will consider placing pull-in bays on the Killeenlea Road to allow traffic to pass, given the increased volume of traffic on this route presently.

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

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

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

CL13/1017

Resurface work on Elton Court/Forest Park permeability

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Coleman.
That resurface work is carried out on the Elton Court/Forest Park permeability.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this area will be inspected and the Municipal District Engineer can meet Councillor Coleman on site.

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

CL14/1017

Presentations on updates on any major civil works in advance of commencement

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Larkin.
That this committee receive presentations on updates on any major civil works in our municipal district in advance of their commencement.

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

A report was received from the Water Services Department informing the members that Irish Water will be requested to advise members in advance of any major civil works commencing.

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that all Capital Housing projects are included in Monthly Management Reports to the members.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Roads Department will endeavour to keep the members informed of all major civil works carried out by them either through reports, presentations and special meetings.

Councillor Larkin stated that in the time of the Town Council the members were kept updated about works in their area by way of small presentations from departments which had been

very informative. Councillor Larkin requested that the members be given presentations of upcoming works in their area so that they would be informed and enabled to relay this information to the community that they served.

Mr Minnock agreed and stated this was something that the Town Clerk used to do and said that there were hundreds of projects in the county but that the members should be first and foremost informed. Mr Minnock informed the members that this issue was being looked at internally and ideally a Municipal District Administrator was what was required so that this information could be relayed to the members but this in turn would have staffing implications.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Larkin, seconded by Councillor Byrne that Irish Water would be requested to advise members in advance of any major civil works commencing and that the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department would endeavour to keep the members informed of all major civil works carried out by them either through reports, presentations and/or special meetings.

CL15/1017

Request Dublin Bus to install bus shelter at Beech Park Glen Easton

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Caldwell.
To ask Dublin Bus to put a bus shelter at Beech Park, Glen Easton.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that under the 'Bus Connects' plan from the National Transport Authority (NTA), the provision of bus shelters will be significantly expanded, with real time passenger information and better route and fare information. The Bus Connects plan states that a new style of bus stop will be introduced to reflect the essential components of a modern bus system.

The report was noted.

CL16/1017

Replacement of grass margin to the right of entrance to Tea Lane Cemetery

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Byrne.
To ask if the council would consider replacing the grass margin to the right of the entrance to the recently restored Tea Lane Cemetery on Church Road, Celbridge with a hard core surface.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer would be against this proposal as it is located on a bend and is not a suitable place for vehicles to park safely.

In response to Councillor Byrne's question, Mr Buggie stated that vehicles should not be parking at this location as it was not safe to do so and they might have to consider placing bollards at this location to restrict parking there.

The report was noted.

CL17/1017

Update on footpaths and public lighting from South Dublin County Council

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

To ask the council if there has there been any progress in providing footpaths and public lighting from the South Dublin County Council border to Tara Co-Op as per our request to South Dublin County Council?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Roads Department will request an update from South Dublin County Council on this issue.

The report was noted.

CL18/1017

Update on second river crossing in Celbridge

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

Can the members have an update on the second River Crossing in Celbridge, further to the email from Niall Morrissey, June 2017?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that arrangements are being put in place to procure a consultant to prepare a preliminary application to the Department of Transport (DTTAS) for funding for this project. The timeline for the procurement phase is early 2018.

The report was noted.

CL19/1017

Placement of Age Friendly parking signs and dishing of pavement

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

Can Age Friendly parking signs, large size, be put in place in Celbridge and Leixlip, and dishing of pavement carried out if required?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that larger signs have been ordered by the Parking Section. No space has been identified in Leixlip. Any kerbs that need dishing will be added to the Overseer's Task List for attention subject to funding.

Councillor Cussen stated that she had spoken to Ms Corbett and would discuss proposals for a location for this sign in Leixlip.

The report was noted.

CL20/1017

Progress or update on off-peak bus service on Easton Road-Green Lane

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

Can the officers of the council report to the Municipal District Committee on any progress or update from Dublin Bus with regard to an off-peak bus service on Easton Road – Green Lane, specifically every second bus of the 66 service being routed along Easton Road – Green Lane during off-peak times; if no update is available, can the council again write to Dublin Bus requesting such a service be introduced and ask for an update on any proposals Dublin Bus may have in mind as part of their reorganisation of bus services in the Celbridge-Leixlip area?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the 'Bus Connects' plan from the National Transport Authority (NTA) will include the examination of bus services to the Celbridge/Leixlip area. It is anticipated that a public consultation phase will commence in Quarter 1 2018. The Roads Department has no further update from Dublin Bus at this time, but proposes to make a submission regarding Dublin bus services in the Kildare area during the consultation phase.

Councillor Young stated that the response from Dublin Bus to a 1200 signature petition to provide this service was inadequate.

Ms Wright suggested that a letter issue to the NTA inviting them to attend a meeting with the members of Celbridge-Leixlip and Maynooth Municipal Districts and the Roads Department when the NTA are in a position to outline their 'Bus Connects' plan to the members.

The members were all in agreement that this invitation should issue.

The report was noted.

CL21/1017

Repairs to cycle track on Shackleton Road at Tesco

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

Can repairs be carried out on the cycle track on the Shackleton Road at Tesco?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this was previously reported on and is listed on the Action Plan. It is on the Overseer's task list for attention in the coming weeks.

The report was noted.

CL22/1017

Reduction of road speed limit on the Killeenlea and Loughlinstown roads

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

Can the road speed limit on the Killeenlea and Loughlinstown roads be reduced in the ongoing county speed limit review?

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

The report was noted.

CL23/1017

Outline of the council's policy on naming roundabouts

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

Can the council's policy on naming roundabouts in the municipal district be outlined?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a copy of the council's policy on the sponsorship of roundabouts is attached for information. In general, the naming of roundabouts relates to the roads

accessed to/from the roundabout, however, with the sponsorship policy, many roundabouts are locally identified according to the sponsor. A new sponsorship tender process has now commenced, lead by the Parks Department. The Roads Department will bring this issue /review of the 2011 policy forward as part of the Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Transport work programme in 2018 for consideration (report attached).

Councillor Larkin expressed his concern that the names of roundabouts should not promote businesses but should retain their local/area names.

Mr Minnock stated the policy is clear in this report that roundabouts should reflect the location but people tend to refer to roundabouts by the businesses nearby. He stated that this issue will be discussed at the Transport Strategic Policy Committee in 2018. The report was noted.

CL24/1017

Clearing out of empty lorries leaving plant on Black Avenue

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Caldwell. That the council check if empty lorries leaving the plant on Black Avenue are properly cleared out.

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

A report was received from the Water Services Department informing the members that Water Services confirmed that all liquid is cleared from lorries before leaving the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Councillor Caldwell stated that he was not happy with the report and he requested that these lorries were fully inspected as they were not being fully cleared out and this was causing unpleasant odours emanating in the area.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Byrne that Water Services be requested to ensure that lorries leaving the plant on Black Avenue are fully cleared out to prevent unpleasant odours emanating in the area.

CL25/1017

Clean up of side and back of electricity box in Loughnamona

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Neville.
That the council investigate the possibility of a clean up to the side and back of the electricity box in Loughnamona that has been recently painted.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Larkin.
A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the location will be examined by Environment section.

Councillor Neville requested that a letter issue to the ESB requesting them to investigate the possibility of blocking the back and sides of this box to prevent access by children and further littering.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Larkin that a letter issue to the ESB requesting them to investigate the possibility of blocking the back and sides of this box to prevent access by children and further littering.

CL26/1017

Update on Waste Water Treatment plant upgrades in Leixlip

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Larkin.
Can we have an update on Waste Water Treatment plant upgrades at Leixlip?

A report was received from the Water Services Department informing the members that the Leixlip Wastewater Treatment Plant has been commissioned and is in operation. Please note that future queries on this matter should be addressed to the dedicated Irish Water Local Representatives email or phone line, the details of which are below;

Email: localrepsupport@water.ie Ph: 1890 178178 or 01 7072854.

The report was noted.

CL27/1017

Public consultation reports and recommendations from South Dublin County Council

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Young.
That Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Committee resolves to write to South Dublin County Council to request that the members of this Municipal District Committee be provided with

copies of the report and recommendations arising from the public consultation on the South Dublin County Council land use planning framework for Weston airport, which is to be presented to the November meeting of the Land Use, Planning and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) of South Dublin County Council, at the same time as this report and recommendations are provided to the members of that SPC.

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that this is a matter for the members to agree upon.

It was agreed by all the members that this letter be issued to South Dublin County Council.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Neville and agreed by all the members that a letter issue to South Dublin County Council requesting that the members of this Municipal District Committee be provided with copies of the report and recommendations arising from the public consultation on the South Dublin County Council land use planning framework for Weston airport, which is to be presented to the November meeting of the Land Use, Planning and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) of South Dublin County Council, at the same time as this report and recommendations are provided to the members of that SPC.

CL28/1017

Taking in Charge of estate and apartments at Louisa Bridge

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

Can the council clarify what is the situation regarding the estate and apartments at Louisa Bridge being taken in charge. What is the timeline and practical steps for this?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that Building and Development Control staff has recently engaged with agents for the bond provider and the management company agent to agree a Site Resolution Plan to deliver the satisfactory completion of the development in accordance with the requirements of the relevant planning permissions. The planning permissions required a management company to be put in place to maintain Louisa Park privately. Louisa Park is predominantly an apartment development and is not intended to be taken in charge.

In response to Councillor Neville's questions, Mr Minnock stated that he did not have a timeline for completion of outstanding works in the estate and confirmed mixed use developments of houses and apartments such as Louisa Park cannot be taken in charge. The report was noted.

CL29/10

Consideration of receipt of deputation from the Department of Foreign Affairs

The members considered receiving a deputation from Amanda Bane, Department of Foreign Affairs on the possible Twinning of Celbridge with Versailles, France at the November meeting.

Councillor Coleman stated that a request had been made through the Irish Embassy in Paris that Versailles, France would like to be twinned with Celbridge which is not currently twinned with any other town given Dublin to Celbridge is a similar distance as Paris to Versailles and have a common denominator i.e. Versailles and Castletown House.

Mr Minnock stated that it was a decision to be considered by the members and if a formal decision to this twinning arrangement was to be made, it would need to be brought before the full council.

Mr Minnock added that Twinning could be very beneficial to engage and promote the brand of Kildare and could have advantages in developing businesses. He stated that it could be of great benefit to schools and communities in exchanging and learning about different cultures and languages.

A discussion ensued among the members and it was agreed by all the members to receive this deputation at their monthly meeting to be held on 17 November 2017.

CL30/1017

Response to submission made by Leixlip United Athletic Football Club

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

That the council positively respond to the submission made by Leixlip United Athletic Football Club (A.F.C) that was lodged by their deputation to the Celbridge/Leixlip Municipal District Council on the 20 February 2017.

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

A report was received from Planning and Strategic Development informing the members that the operation of the Leixlip Amenity campus involves a number of clubs and any proposals should reflect the needs of all stakeholders.

Councillor Byrne agreed that all stakeholders should be included but said that a meeting had not been held of the Common Area Committee.

Mr Minnock stated that a briefing should be organised on site in the Leixlip Amenities Complex to get a more rounded view of the current position to enable the council to be constructive rather than divisive in what the council can do to be supportive of these clubs.

In response to Councillor Neville's question that a meeting be arranged for the members to first discuss, Mr Minnock stated that a discussion could be held on this issue before the LPT meeting scheduled for the 9 November in the Municipal District Office.

Councillor Larkin stated that the Tennis Club who formed a significant part of the Centre had contacted him stating they had not been involved in the process to-date. Councillor Larkin stated they should be given an opportunity to outline their position.

Councillor Byrne undertook to contact the Tennis Club in response to Councillor Larkin's request.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Coleman that Councillor Byrne would make contact with the Tennis Club in relation to this issue.

CL31/1017

Location identified and provision of new playground within the Wonderful Barn

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

That a location be identified within the Wonderful Barn environs and proposals put forward to provide a new playground to cater for the existing and expanding population of the area.

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

A report was received from Economic, Community and Cultural Development informing the members that the next stage in the development of the Wonderful Barn is the preparation of a conservation plan for the site. Once this is complete a master plan for the development of the site can be prepared and a playground will be considered as part of this process.

Councillor Larkin stated that Leixlip was a growing community and they had only one playground which was out of date in comparison to the new playgrounds being built. Councillor Larkin requested that a new playground be installed within the Wonderful Barn in tandem with the significant developments of housing which would accommodate over 2000 people in the next two years.

Councillor Cussen stated that detailed conversations were had about this playground at meetings of the Leixlip Local Area Plan and it was agreed that another was needed but that it should be considered in the context of conservation also.

Mr Minnock stated that there was a plan for 394 houses in the adjoining lands and the council had held discussions with the developers with regard to open space requirements and the possibility of the provision of a playground on this basis.

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

CL32/1017

Update on swimming pool for North East Kildare

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

Can the council give the members an update on the swimming pool for North East Kildare?

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that there is no further progress to report at this time.

In response to Councillor Neville's question, Mr Minnock stated that if funds become available then Leixlip was still in the running, in parallel with Maynooth, as a location for a new swimming pool but this was dependent on the Department of Tourism and Sport's new swimming pool funding programme.

The report was noted.

CL33/1017

Funds from LPT for provision of first aid course for people in the municipal district

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

Can a fund be provided from Local Property Tax (LPT) funds to provide a training course for people interested in learning first aid that are living in the municipal district?

A report was received from Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the members of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District could allocate LPT funding in 2018 to community groups who provide such First Aid Training Courses and the Community Department will then administer the LPT funds accordingly. The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.