

Minutes of Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Meeting
Held at 10.00 am on Friday 21 April 2017
In the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara.

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

Present: Mr P. Minnock (District Manager), Ms E. Wright (Senior Executive Officer), Mr S. Wallace (Senior Parks Superintendent), Ms K. Kenny (Senior Executive Planner), Mr C. Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Ms A. Corbett (Senior Community Worker), Mr B. O’Gorman (Administrative Officer), Ms K. Keane (Meetings Administrator) and Ms A.M. Campbell (Meetings Secretary).

CL01/0417

Minutes and progress report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 24 March 2017, minutes of the special meeting held on 30 March 2017, together with the progress report. The minutes of the monthly meeting were approved subject to an amendment of item CL04/1703 (CL06/1702) to "The members queried the publication of information in relation to this issue in the Liffey Champion and noted the questions they raised on this had not been answered."

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Neville, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 24 March 2017 and the special meeting held on 30 March 2017 be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CL02/0417

Matters Arising

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

Councillor Cussen noted that the members had not received a reply from the Director for Roads, Transportation and Public Safety to their concerns on the publication of information in the Liffey Champion and she reiterated the questions asked, who gave out the information, who was it given to and why was it given before the members were informed?

Inspection and repair of footpath on Main Street Leixlip (CL11/1703) Item 12

Councillor Cussen noted that it was not in the minutes that this walkabout had taken place with the municipal district engineer.

Agree adjustment to Local Property Tax (LPT) (CL05/1703)

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.

Upgrading of Public Lighting on Main Street, Celbridge (CL06/1702) (CL04/1703)

Councillor Cussen noted that the members had not yet received an answer to the original question regarding public lighting which she raised two months ago.

Centennial Garden for Celbridge (CL01/1703)

Councillor Cussen noted that the members had not received clarification on the progress report from a question raised at their March meeting, if Kildare County Council owned the land for the centennial garden.

Schedule of Municipal District Works 2017 (CL01/1703)

Councillor Cussen stated regarding the special meeting held on 30 March 2017 that the allocation of €8,000 for the Decade of Commemoration should have been tabled under Community Projects and not under Roads and she queried where the remaining €2,000 had been allocated to as it was agreed it go towards footpaths. Councillor Cussen expressed concern that €5,000 which had been allocated from Local Property Tax (LPT) for 2017 under Environment for dog bag facilities for the municipal district was not shown on the table in the minutes of the special meeting on 30 March 2017.

Water issues in Ballygoran Housing Estate (CL22/1702) (CLO4/1703)

Councillor Young noted the report but said as far as he was aware the pressure had always been low in this estate and that he would check this.

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

Councillor Young stated that the online map was inaccurate and should be updated to match the map in the Local Area Plan.

Schedule of Municipal District Works 2017 (CL01/1703)

Councillor Larkin noted that the list of works adopted at the special meeting was very positive and he thanked the Municipal District Engineer and the area office for the great job they had carried out on Main Street, Leixlip stating that it was a very good result for minimum outlay.

In reply to a question from Councillor Larkin, the Municipal District Engineer stated that he thought it would be possible to carry out similar work on the paths in Celbridge and he agreed that a sample area could be tested in advance.

In response to Councillor Caldwell's question the Municipal District Engineer stated that the trees on Cope Bridge were on the property of Irish Rail and he undertook to contact them to request that they cut back these trees.

In response to a request from Councillor Neville, the Administrative Officer for the Environment Section undertook to have chewing gum removed from the footpaths in Leixlip.

Agreement of Parks Projects under Local Property Tax (LPT) 2017 (CL01/1703)

The Parks Superintendent stated that the members had agreed €60,000 for Parks projects under Local Property Tax (LPT) funding for 2017 and informed the members that the projects to be undertaken with this funding needed to be itemised and agreed by the members. He stated that as asked he had circulated the list of his suggested priority projects to the members, for their consideration and agreement.

Councillor Cussen stated that she understood that this list was to be discussed among the members prior to agreeing projects.

The meetings administrator informed the members that they needed to approve the individual projects under the total funding of €60,000 which had already been agreed.

Councillor Coleman proposed that the members should agree to approve the first five projects on Parks Superintendents list and this was agreed by all the members.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Cussen with agreement of all the members that the following projects make up the Parks allocation of €60,000 under the Local Property Tax (LPT) funding for 2017.

LOCATION	DETAIL	COST (€)
Leixlip Spa	Install a viewing point over the existing spa well from canal towpath.	€15,000
Rye Bridge	Install new planters on each side of the bridge to replace the existing ones.	€15,000
The Grove, Celbridge	Tidy up flower bed at the entrance to the estate on Ardclough Road.	€10,000
St. John of God - Playground	Additional perimeter path, equipment and furniture.	€15,000
Celbridge	Edge grass verges on entry roads into Celbridge.	€5,000
Total		€60,000

CL03/0417

Presentation from the Local Authority Waters and Communities Office (LAWCO)

Ms Aoife McGrath, Community Water Officer gave a presentation to the members on the operations of the Local Authorities Waters and Communities Office (LAWCO) and an update on the preparation of the 2nd Cycle Draft River Basin Management Plan.

Ms McGrath informed the members that the Water Framework Directive (WFD) is a legal framework to protect and restore clean water and to ensure its long-term sustainable use. The WFD regulations placed new obligations on local authorities in co-ordinating the catchment management and public participation elements of the WFD and this can be achieved through River Basin Management Plans (RBMP)'s. She stated that there is a decline in 515 River Water Bodies so there is a job of work to done and a new approach needed. Ms. McGrath gave a broad outline on the staff of the waters and communities office and said that there were twelve community waters officers dispersed across the country, she said that she was based in Meath County Council office and her areas are Meath and Kildare. Ms. McGrath informed the members that implementation of the WFD would include community engagement providing assistance and technical support, addressing lack of

awareness on water issues, promote public participation, support development of rivers trusts, engage with local development companies and other funding organisations and promote collaborative working between local authorities, public bodies and community groups. Ms. McGrath outlined a series of public meetings that were planned with the aim to engage people in water issues and the broad context of River Basin Management Plan (RBMP), to introduce people to the complexity of the issues to be addressed, to seek opinions on the draft plan and how it can be improved and to identify local projects that can be worked on. She said that submissions on the draft plan would be considered and it was hoped to publish the approved plan in December 2017.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms McGrath for her very professional presentation.

Councillor Larkin stated that pollution was causing drastic changes to plant and fish life in the waterways with harmful spills and run offs into rivers creating huge costs in the work involved in clean ups and rubbish removal and that education was needed to improve the situation.

Councillor Neville stated that there were a lot of questions that required answers such as who was responsible for removal of trees that had fallen into rivers and removal of weeds. He stated that there were issues with the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) and the handling of waste from Dublin and surrounding areas and he welcomed the fact that the Waters and Communities office may be able to obtain information in relation to these issues.

In reply to Councillor Neville's question, Ms McGrath stated that canals were also included in their remit.

Councillor Cussen stated that LAWCO should consider holding a meeting in the Celbridge-Leixlip area noting that the river Liffey runs through Celbridge and stated she considered it pertinent to hold a meeting locally.

Councillor Young agreed with having a meeting in the Celbridge-Leixlip area as he said there were a number of issues to be raised and advice sought such as, leachate running into the reservoir that supplies water to Dublin, reduction of consumption of water by use of grey water for flushing toilets etc., the proposal to pipe sewage to the plant in Ringsend which has been rumoured to be almost at capacity.

Ms. McGrath stated that she welcomed any input or suggestions from the members regarding what needs to be done. The members thanked Ms. McGrath for her presentation.

Deputation on behalf of Le Chéile Athletic Club and Leixlip United Football Club

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Richard McCarthy and Mr. Paul Martin to give a presentation on behalf of Le Chéile Athletic Club and Leixlip United Football Club.

Mr. McCarthy thanked the members for the opportunity to give this presentation. He asked that Kildare County Council support the renaming of Leixlip Amenities Centre to Leixlip Sports Campus and he also asked that they support the establishment of a new management committee to oversee the running of the campus and that the new management committee be funded so that it could maximise the potential of Leixlip Sports Campus. Mr. McCarthy informed the members that this centre was established in the early 1970's and currently has four tenants Leixlip Amenities Centre, Leixlip United Football Club, Leixlip Tennis Club and Le Chéile Athletic Club with a membership of approximately 2000 members which provide sporting activities to the community of North Kildare. Mr. McCarthy informed the members that in 2005 the council proposed a major re-alignment of Leixlip Amenity Centre and a plan to develop and upgrade its facilities and he stated that to date three out of the four phases of this plan were completed. He said that in 2011 a change of the management structure at Leixlip Amenities Centre took place when Leixlip Amenities Centre members voted to remove the three representatives of the other campus groups from the board of management. Mr. McCarthy informed the members that in 2015 the council commissioned a report on the relationship between the four groups based at the shared site in Leixlip, which is leased from the council. The report recommended three options and Mr. McCarthy asserted that it was their view to partially merge all three so that the interests of the campus can best be served by an independent committee while the day to day running of the individual groups activities continue without change. Mr. McCarthy informed the members that in 2016 a group that had been inactive for a number of years decided to meet on a regular basis with the aim of not just managing the common areas but also to see if it could find ways to improve the facility and work closer together for its good. This group was called the Common Area Committee and was made up from the four chairs of the groups on the campus. Mr. McCarthy stated that this group worked well and made great strides forward in a number of areas and in particular created a blueprint under which the facility would be renamed and re-launched, plans were drawn up but the committee was limited in its decision making powers. Based on this report and the success of the chairs meetings in 2016, Mr. McCarthy stated that their proposal is that each of the four groups continue to run and manage their individual activities as before and that the role of managing the campus be handed over to a newly established group called "The Leixlip Sports Campus Management

Committee". The proposal also seeks to rename and re-launch the campus as "Leixlip Sports Campus" and that the funding of the campus committee comes from the existing contributions made by the various groups as well as a definite amount of funding received from the leasing of the six all-weather soccer pitches managed by Leixlip Amenities Centre. Mr. McCarthy stated that they finally proposed that the campus committee be made up of the chairs of each of the four campus groups under the chairmanship of an independent person to be appointed by Kildare County Council and he asked that the council support this proposal.

Councillor Young stated that he thought that this was a sensible proposal but he voiced concerns about the agreement of all the groups involved.

Mr. McCarthy confirmed that there was nothing of concern in this proposal for any of the groups involved. and stated that the creation of a group which could focus solely on the development of the centre, would allow the four groups to run their own club.

In response to Councillor Cussen's question as to the lack of Irish language on the signage, Mr. Martin stated that they received feedback from the planning department informing them that there was too much detail on the sign so it would need to be re drawn but he confirmed that they intended to include use of the Irish language on their signage. Councillor Cussen also queried why only two of the groups were represented at the meeting.

Councillors Coleman and Byrne agreed with the proposal and they complimented the clubs on their volunteer work and the great work that they carried out for the benefit of the local community.

Councillor Neville thanked Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Martin for their presentation and their breakdown of the numbers of under 18's that attended Le Chéile and the Football Club and stated that he had benefited from being a member of Leixlip Amenity Centre and complimented the clubs on the work that they were doing.

Councillor Larkin stated that this was a fair proposal but he said that there were issues in the centre and serious divisions that were not harmonious noting that it was a complex situation and that it was a pity because the numbers attending all these clubs was staggering and they provided a great facility for the area.

Mr. McCarthy stated that their intention was to develop the centre to its full potential and that the focus should not be on one particular issue.

Mr. Martin stated that going forward it was proposed to have another hall to use for indoor training as the existing hall is continually booked out noting the new hall could have numerous uses such as indoor bowls.

Councillor Caldwell stated it was necessary that all clubs should work together and Councillor Young suggested that the members invite representatives from the four groups to a meeting to talk to them all together.

The meetings administrator informed the members that if they were in agreement an item to consider the invitation of all four groups in Leixlip Amenity Centre should be included on the agenda for the meeting in May.

A discussion ensued among the members at this point and it was agreed by all the members to invite the two groups who were not represented at the deputation Leixlip Amenities Centre and Leixlip Tennis Club to attend the May monthly meeting.

CL05/0417

Deputation on behalf of St. Raphael's Special School

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Clare Dempsey to the meeting to give a presentation on behalf of St. Raphael's Special School.

Ms. Dempsey thanked the members for the invitation and informed the members that she was making the presentation in her capacity as the Chairman of the Board of St. Raphael's Special School. Ms. Dempsey stated that there was a great urgency to build a new school as the current school was 45 years old, not aging well and was totally unsuitable and unfit for purpose. She informed the members that St. Raphael's School dates from 1972 and was originally designed to cater for the educational needs of young people in the moderate range of learning disability between the ages of 5 and 18 years. Ms. Dempsey stated that it currently caters for 76 pupils with severe/profound or moderate intellectual disability with challenging behaviours and/or autistic spectrum disorder, many of whom have additional complex medical needs. Ms. Dempsey informed the members that a new school has been approved for capital funding and a site has been identified by the Department of Education and Skills. Ms. Dempsey outlined that the school requires a site that is proximate to

Celbridge and its natural learning environments, to The Abbey gardens for play, nature walks and environmental learning, enhances and supports integration into the local community and an environment that is conducive to learning. Ms Dempsey requested as public representatives and council officials that the members give their support for a site to make a new school for the pupils a reality and she thanked the members for their continued support.

The Cathaoirleach stated that they had met on the site a couple of weeks ago and the members have noted the Board of Management's proposal which was outlined by Ms. Dempsey.

CL06/0417

Update on the Municipal District Road Works

The Municipal District Engineer briefed the members on the schedule of municipal district road works. The Municipal District Engineer advised that all schemes are at design stage but it was planned to move them forward in line with other works planned in the future and a further update would be provided to the members at the next municipal district meeting.

CL08/0417

Double yellow lines at entrance to Glendale

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Caldwell
That the council put double yellow lines in Glendale at the entrance.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this issue has been referred to the Technical Assessment and Advisory Group (TAAG), newly established in the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department. Following assessment, a report will be provided to the members.

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

CL09/0417

Bollards to prevent illegal parking in Saint Patrick's Park, Celbridge

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Byrne
That bollards be erected on the edge of the footpath (details supplied) in Saint Patrick's Park, Celbridge to prevent illegal parking on the footpath.

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 the Municipal District Engineer will investigate and report at the meeting.

The Municipal District Engineer stated that he did not think that erecting bollards on the edge of footpaths was suitable and suggested engagement with the people who are parking at this location and alerting them to the fact that parking on footpaths is illegal.

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

CL10/0417

Condition of commercial and local authority signage in Municipal District

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cussen
That Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District ask the council to look at the condition of commercial and local authority signage in our municipal district. Many of these signs are tattered, no longer legible and there is no impetus or onus on the person(s) who erected them to maintain/replace them.

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

A report was received from the Environment section informing the members that the Environment section does not grant permission for commercial signage. Permission is given for temporary signage for community type events and this is monitored by the litter warden.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will report on the local authority signage at the meeting.

Councillor Cussen stated that this should also be a question for planning. She noted signs in several areas such as on the Maynooth Road and Ballymakealy where there were signs that were illegible and tatty. Councillor Caldwell suggested that the members make a list of such signage.

The Cathaoirleach proposed that this issue be referred to the Strategic Policy Committees (SPC)s for Planning and the Environment to create a policy on this signage and this was agreed by all the members.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Young and agreed by the members that the issue of the condition of commercial and local authority signage be brought before the Planning and Environment Strategic Policy Committees (SPC)s so that a policy can be put in place to deal with this issue.

CL11/0417

Repair to footpath in Ryevale Lawns

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Neville
That the council repair the footpath in Ryevale Lawns towards the bus stop and also the paths to the Garda Station.

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 Municipal District Engineer will report at the meeting.

Councillor Neville stated that he had discussed this item with the Municipal District Engineer.
Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Byrne that the report be noted.

CL12/0417

Installation of sign over River Liffey at Barnhall

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Larkin
That a sign be put at the bridge over the River Liffey at Barnhall on the lane, indicating the river name.

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 there are poles in place here for the sign. A new sign has been ordered and will be installed in the coming weeks.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Larkin, seconded by Councillor Caldwell that a new sign will be installed in the coming weeks.

CL13/0417

Invitation to Planning or Transportation Department Fingal County Council

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Young
That the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District resolves to invite a representative from the Planning or Transportation Department of Fingal County Council to present the municipal district with an outline of the intention and progress update of Objective MT43 in the Fingal County Development Plan (p.254), for a new strategic road from the N3 through Ongar and Barnhill to the N4 at Leixlip.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that if the members are in agreement, a letter of invitation can be sent to Fingal County Council.

Councillor Young noted that in the Local Area Plan (LAP) it stated that the Confey lands were only minutes to the M4 and he said that this is only possible if a road goes directly through it. Councillor Young said that a protest walk through the park was planned for Sunday 7 May.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by all the members that a letter of invitation issue to Fingal County Council to present the municipal district with an outline of the intention and progress update of Objective MT43 in the Fingal County Development Plan (p.254), for a new strategic road from the N3 through Ongar and Barnhill to the N4 at Leixlip.

CL14/0417

Review of cycle lane on Shinkeen Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Coleman
That the council review the cycle lane on the Shinkeen Road at the junction with the Dublin Road where there is a gap in the cycle lane at the traffic lights. The cycle lane then continues on the Dublin Road however this break in the cycle lane is unsafe for cyclists.

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

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

CL15/0417

Reinstatement of road sign Ardclough/Templemills

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Coleman
That the road sign Ardclough/Templemills be reinstated on the Liffey wall on the Newtown Road.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this sign will be reinstated in the next two weeks.

The Municipal District Engineer informed the members that this sign has been reinstated.

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

CL16/0417

Placement of yellow box in St. Patrick's Park, Celbridge

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Byrne
Can a yellow box be put outside (details supplied) St. Patrick's Park, Celbridge, to ensure access and exit from the homes?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this issue has been referred to the Technical Assessment and Advisory Group (TAAG).

The report was noted.

CL17/0417

Installation of rail at bottom of Captain's Hill, Leixlip

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Cussen
Can a rail be provided at the bottom of Captain's Hill, Leixlip, at the area identified to the Municipal District Engineer?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will investigate and report at the meeting.

Councillor Cussen said that she had met at this location with the Municipal District Engineer and that he had agreed that a rail was necessary at this location.

The report was noted.

CL18/0417

Update on plans for speed signage in estates in Leixlip and Celbridge

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Neville
Can the council give an update on the plans for speed signage in estates in Leixlip and Celbridge?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the proposed Road Traffic (Speed Limit)(County of Kildare) Bye Laws will shortly be brought to the full council. The programme of installation of signage in accordance with the Bye Laws (Jake's Law) is contingent on additional resources in the Roads Section, an issue which is currently being addressed with the Human Resources department.

The report was noted.

CL19/0417

Signage relating to speeding in estates

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Neville
Do the council have signage relating to speeding in the estates? The signage would be along the lines of dumping/dog fouling signage.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that signage with regard to dog fouling/dumping should be referred to

Environment department. The proposed Road Traffic (Speed Limit)(County of Kildare) Bye Laws will shortly be brought to the full council. The programme of installation of signage in accordance with the Bye Laws (Jake's Law) is contingent on additional resources in the Roads Section, an issue which is currently being addressed with the Human Resources department.

Councillor Neville clarified that signage similar to what was currently being used for dog fouling i.e. cardboard could be used in black spots where there was speeding in housing estates suggesting that they could be used at a location temporarily and that it would be a cheap solution to a dangerous problem.

Ms. Wright advised the members that there were concerns about proliferation of signage and noted that other municipal districts had requested removal of signage.

Councillor Neville said that he would like to see this issue brought to the Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) for transport.

The report was noted.

CL20/0417

Safety assessment on the Newtown Road at junction with Simmonstown Manor

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Coleman
Can the council carry out a safety assessment on the Newtown Road at the junction with Simmonstown Manor? Cars park up to the entrance at Simmonstown Manor which makes it unsafe for drivers and cyclists to exit onto the Newtown Road.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this matter has been referred to the Technical Assessment and Advisory Group (TAAG) and the members will updated.

Councillor Coleman stated that cars were being left parked up to the entrance at Simmonstown Manor all day and that this was very dangerous for cyclists and drivers trying to exit onto the Newtown Road and he would like to see something done about this.

The report was noted.

CL21/0417

Re-instalment of walls on bridge on the Celbridge Road, Ardclough

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Coleman
Can the council provide an update on the re-instalment of the walls on the bridge (Irish Rail) on the Celbridge Road Ardclough? (Bridge OBC 27).

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a report will be provided to the members on the bridge when technical resources are assigned. The resource constraints in the Roads department are currently under discussion with the Human Resources department.

The report was noted.

CL22/0417

Taking in charge of Black Avenue, Leixlip

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Caldwell
Can the council take in charge the Black Avenue in Leixlip? This area floods regularly and this prevents walkers gaining access to St. Catherine's Park.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this issue requires input from the Roads, Parks and Water Services sections. The legal procedure to take the avenue in charge can commence, subject to 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.

The report was noted.

CL23/0417

Objection to proposal to put link road through St. Catherine's Park

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Caldwell
Can the members of this municipal district strongly object to any proposal to put a link road through St. Catherine's Park?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that they are always entitled to express their views regarding any proposal and their views are welcomed and taken into consideration.

The report was noted.

CL24/0417

Update on extension to Confey Cemetery

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Caldwell
That the council provide an update on the extension to Confey Cemetery.

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

A report was received from the Environment department informing the members that the Environment section is examining the lands adjoining the cemetery in order to determine its ground suitability for a future extension. This information will be important in assessing what lands will be necessary.

Councillor Caldwell suggested that something should be done shortly in relation to an extension of Confey Cemetery as there will no space left in it within the next two to three years.

Councillor Larkin agreed and also advised that there was also an issue of flooding in the cemetery and that perhaps an alternative location might need to be identified.

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 members be kept informed on this issue.

CL25/0417

Removal of rubbish from Taghadoe Cross to Farmlee Creche

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Byrne
Can the rubbish which has been dumped illegally in the ditches from Taghadoe Cross to Farmlee Creche be removed and this area be monitored to prevent a recurrence?

A report was received from the Environment department informing the members that this location has been particularly problematic from a litter perspective due to its rural location and deep ditches and that the area will be further examined in relation to the motion. The report noted that CCTV was used in the area over recent months and that reports of litter and illegal dumping in the area should be advised to the Litter Report Line 045 980588/1800 243 143.

Councillor Byrne stated that the area should be monitored by permanent CCTV as it was a recurring problem.

Mr O’Gorman informed the members that there would be a special Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) meeting held in May to discuss fly-tipping and illegal dumping.

Councillor Young referred to a recent news report that Britain was providing skips for the removal of rubbish in areas to prevent fly-tipping and that this was proving much more cost effective than the provision of CCTV.

Councillor Cussen stated that a previous motion to provide skips at the March meeting was referred to the Environment (SPC) for consideration.

Councillor Caldwell added that the council provided skips in housing estates once a year for big items but noted that the problem was that these skips were full in a few hours.
The report was noted.

CL26/0417

Update/Report on current status of Kilmacredock/Barrogstown Group Water Scheme

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

Can the council provide an update/report on the current status of the Kilmacredock/Barrogstown Group Water Scheme proposal as it is almost a year since we received a deputation from this group?

A report was received from the Water Services department informing the members that consultants engaged by the council are currently examining the issues raised by this group and that a report should be available in the coming weeks.

Councillor Cussen clarified that her question should have read the Kilmacredock/Barrogstown Group Sewerage Scheme. She said that the members had received no feedback from the consultants employed by the council and she would like to see progress on this matter.

The report was noted.

CL27/0417

Invitation to Irish Water to give report on proposed pipelines

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Young
Can the council invite a representative from Irish Water to give a report to the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District on the proposed pipelines to run from the Leixlip Waste-Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) through St. Catherine's Park to Blanchardstown?

A report was received from the Water Services Department informing the members that the transfer pipeline is an Irish Water project and is being project managed by Fingal County Council and if the members are in agreement a letter of invitation can issue to Irish Water who can be contacted via the dedicated Irish Water Local Representatives email or phone line, the details of which are; Email: localrepsupport@water.ie Ph: 1890 178178 or 01 7072854.

Councillor Young stated that there were three new pipelines to go through St. Catherine's Park next year and a new pipeline to be provided for Intel adding that another another concern was that Ringsend treatment plant was nearing capacity and he reiterated his request with the agreement of the members to invite a representative from Irish Water to give a detailed report on these proposed pipelines.

The report was noted.

CL28/0417

Arts Act Grants for the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District

The members considered the Arts Act Grants for Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.

Councillor Cussen thanked the Community Department for the list and stated that it was very good to see that Ardclough was in receipt of a grant.

Councillor Larkin stated it was very important to promote the arts and was pleased to see that the grants were very diverse which would act as a good advertisement for other groups to apply.

He suggested to Councillor Byrne that if there was an event on whereby a presentation of a grant would be made, that the members attend to promote the awarding of these grants in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.

Resolved with the agreement of all the members that the Arts Act Grants for Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District be approved.

CL29/0417

Receipt of Deputation from Ardclough Community Council

The members considered receipt of a deputation from Ardclough Community Council.

Resolved with the agreement of all the members that they receive a deputation to their meeting on 19 May 2017 from Ardclough Community Council.

CL30/0417

Walk Ability Study in Leixlip Main Street

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

That the council carry out a walk ability study in Leixlip Main Street with a view to extending age friendly initiatives into the Leixlip area.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Department informing the members that the council is currently working on the follow up from the Celbridge walkability audit.

Pending availability of resources an Age Friendly/accessibility audit in Leixlip in 2018 will be considered.

Councillor Cussen asked if funding could be identified to provide a short study of perhaps one person for approximately two hours that could identify areas that needed work so that it could be progressed in 2018.

Ms. Corbett stated that the Celbridge walkability study had been very successful and there was a lot of works to be carried out as a result, however, she said that she did not want to raise expectations and noted other districts were now asking for a similar study but that Leixlip has been listed as a priority.

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

CL31/0417

Update on Roantree Park upgrades

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

That the council provide an update on the Roantree Park upgrades setting out a timeframe for completion and once complete, it should be marked by an occasion i.e. a park event performed by the Municipal District Cathaoirleach.

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

A report was received from the Parks department informing the members that the remaining works on William Roantree Park will be completed by early June. The work remaining is to complete the railing, reinstate the embankment beneath the railing and erect the name plaque for the park and once these are completed the Parks department will liaise with the District Cathaoirleach to mark the completion of the work.

Councillor Larkin suggested that the Cathaoirleach could carry out a ceremony to re-dedicate the park, perhaps using funding which was carried over from the former Leixlip Town Council, which could provide a good opportunity to promote the municipal district.

Councillor Cussen supported the motion and said that the park should have its rightful name. **Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Larkin, seconded by Councillor Caldwell that the report be noted.

CL32/0417

Owners of vacant land at Scoil Uí Dhálaigh

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Larkin
Can the council confirm if they are the owners of vacant land at Scoil Uí Dhálaigh opposite Ryevale Lawns or if they are aware of any history on this site?

A report was received from the A/Director of Service for Economic, Community and Cultural Development informing the members that a map identifying the lands in question is required in order to ensure the correct lands are examined to ascertain if they are in the council ownership and/or if any history is attached.

Councillor Larkin undertook to submit a map of the location in this matter.
The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.