

**Minutes of Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Meeting  
Held at 10.00 am on Friday 15 March 2019  
In the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara.**

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

**Present:** Mr T McDonnell (District Manager), Ms E Wright (Senior Executive Officer), Ms A M Conneely (A/Senior Executive Officer), Mr L McGree (Senior Planner), Ms P O'Rourke (Executive Parks Superintendent), Mr C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Mr J Kelly (Assistant Municipal District Engineer), Mr E Fagan and Mr M McLoughlin (Administrative Officers), Ms K Keane (Meetings Administrator) and Ms A M Campbell (Meetings Secretary).

**CL01/0319**

**Minutes and progress report**

The members considered the minutes of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on 15 February 2019, together with the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Caldwell that the minutes of the monthly Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on 15 February 2019 be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

**CL02/0319**

**Matters Arising**

**Invite to Airtricity to attend March Meeting (CL11/0219)**

Councillor Caldwell stated that following on from his motion at the February meeting he was requesting that an invitation issue to Airtricity inviting a representative to attend a meeting of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.

**Replacement of water main going through Castletown (CL19/0119)**

Councillor Young stated that the reply from Irish Water was not satisfactory as the water main should be replaced/upgraded before any further development took place and he asked if a follow up request could be sent to Irish Water noting that this was an urgent matter.

**Draft Alcohol Bye-Laws (CL21/0518)**

Councillor Cussen stated that it was almost two years ago since the members looked for an update to the Alcohol Bye-Laws in Celbridge and she was disappointed at the time it was taking to bring the Draft Alcohol Bye-Laws before the members.

**Contact of Bus Eireann re bus stops, standing platforms and accessibility issues (CL10/1017), (CL06/0718) & Matters Arising (CL02/0119), (CL02/0219)**

Councillor Cussen noted the report from the Environment Section that the area around the bus stop at Ballymakealy had been tidied up but she stated that the timetable was still showing a 2014 bus schedule and something needed to be done to improve the condition of this other bus stops in the area.

Councillor Young asked who was responsible for bus stops in relation to the new 139 bus route to Blanchardstown stating that people were not aware where the bus stops for this route were.

Ms Wright informed the members that a meeting had been arranged with the Chief Executive of the National Transport Authority at 12 noon on 25 March 2019, for all the members, in advance of the full council meeting. She stated that this meeting would give an opportunity to the members of all five municipal districts to raise their queries and questions regarding bus stops, services etc., with the NTA.

**Town Health Checks**

Councillor Cussen stated that the members had put aside €10,000 of LPT money for health checks to be carried out in the municipal district and asked for a time line for when this work would commence. The District Manager stated that this request would be followed up with the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department.

**Plans for the old ESB shop in Leixlip (CL17/0119) & Matters Arising (CL02/0219)**

In response to Councillor Neville and Councillor Larkin's request for a meeting to discuss the ESB shop, the District Manager stated that he would agree a date for the meeting with the members to discuss the site and plan a visit to a similar facility in Dublin after the meeting.

**Review of operation at entrance to the Black Avenue (CL29/0219)**

Councillor Neville stated that there was a problem with illegal dumping in this area at night and something needed to be put in place to prevent it. He suggested that a digital solution could be found such as authorised entry to the plant by use of a secure number on a keypad to open gates.

**CL03/0319**

**Schedule of Municipal District Road Works**

The Municipal District Engineer briefed the members on the schedule of municipal district road works. He advised that the LPT approved projects for 2019 were currently at design stage with the exception of footpath repairs in the older estates which was currently ongoing. He advised that the proposed changes to the junction of Mill Lane and the Main Street in Leixlip were at draft stage and he would be meeting the members in advance of the scheme progressing through Section 38. He advised that there had been engagement with the school principals on the Green Lane with a view to carrying out upgrade works to improve the footpaths and cycleways, this was part of a larger project where funding would be sought from the National Transport Authority to advance. He advised that road markings would be renewed/improved at the traffic signal junction of the Clane Road/Shackleton Road in Celbridge.

The Municipal District Engineer advised that the roads resurfacing programme was at design stage and these projects would be advancing during the summer months.

**CL04/0319**

**Deputation from the Play Acting Youth Theatre**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Youth Worker and Artistic Director Geraldine O'Brien, Caoimhe O'Farrell, Molly Hoque, Caoimhe Kavanagh and Anna Barnes from the Play Acting Youth Theatre (PYT) to the meeting.

Ms O'Brien stated she had previously circulated a report to the members briefing them on the tradition of drama in North Kildare, outlining the need for youth drama support in Celbridge and the reasons why an Arts Centre in Celbridge was required.

Caoimhe O'Farrell and Anna Barnes presented a short documentary to the members outlining the difficulties encountered by members of the youth theatre and the need for a facility in their locality.

Ms Barnes informed the members that the members of the youth club had to travel long distances to perform and there was an urgent need for a space to rehearse and perform and an Arts Centre for Celbridge was badly needed. At present the members of the youth theatre used the facility at Straffan Hall to practice, this venue was 7kms outside Celbridge and posed access difficulties for the members, charged commercial rates, had very little parking and was not suitable for performances.

Ms O'Farrell stated that the voluntary youth groups of the area needed a venue point in Celbridge where they could perform, adding that drama and theatre should be encouraged. She stated that Celbridge needs a public space that is accessible and reasonably priced primarily for voluntary community organisations.

Ms Barnes stated that an Arts Centre would be very beneficial to the youth population in the area and for all of the children.

The Cathaoirleach and members thanked the PYT for their deputation and acknowledged that it was very important to plan for and provide facilities for all children in the municipal district.

### **CL05/0319**

#### **Presentation from Dublin Bus**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr Paul Larkin and Mr Gareth Quinn, from Dublin Bus to the meeting.

Mr Quinn informed the members that he was moving to a new position within Dublin Bus and Mr Paul Larkin was taking over his role as Area Manager.

Mr Quinn responded to the councillor queries which had been forwarded to them in advance of the meeting, making the following points:

- Dublin Bus were carrying out a number of surveys and were monitoring morning and evening services of the 67X and 66X, noting issues at different bus stops and taking account of buses that were full to capacity. Results of surveys had shown that people being left behind were isolated incidents and the new schedules on routes 25, 25A, 25B (an extra 78 trips per week) should help with loading issues.
- Dublin Bus carry out surveys across all their services and recent surveys had shown that while services were busy when all journeys operate, they had sufficient capacity. Since the introduction of new timetables on routes 66, 66A, 66B, 66E and 66X there had been 50% decrease in customer complaints.
- Requests for additional bus services at peak times would need to be made to the NTA.
- The NTA were currently reviewing all submissions in relation to the bus connects plan and phase 2 would commence in the June 2019.
- Dublin Bus were working with the NTA to provide data and a business case and were very cognisance of the requests coming from Kildare County Council but there was a limited stock of buses and resources.
- Questions relating to park and rides should be directed to the NTA.
- In relation to installing a bus stop at Carton Wood, Dublin Bus had met with the council in April and a site meeting had taken place, locations for bus stops were identified and agreed. As cycle lanes were in place at the locations, Dublin Bus had requested that the council put pedestrian signs on the cycle track to make people aware that it was a shared pedestrian/cycle area.

The members thanked Mr Quinn and Mr Larkin for attending the meeting and said that it was of great benefit to be able to liaise with Dublin Bus and put their concerns and requests directly to them.

### **CL06/0319**

#### **Suspension of Standing Orders**

Councillor Young requested a suspension of standing orders to invite a delegation from the student body that were demonstrating outside the council buildings in relation to climate change to the meeting.

The Meetings Administrator advised the members that this was not allowed for under standing orders.

Councillor Cussen supported Councillor Young's request and asked that the members agree to suspend standing orders so that the members could go outside to speak with the demonstrators.

The Cathaoirleach confirmed a vote would be taken to suspend standing orders to allow members to speak with demonstrators outside the meeting.

**Resolved** with three members voting in favour and four members voting against the proposal to suspend standing orders to meet the students, the proposal was defeated.

### **CL07/0319**

#### **Assessment of boundary wall on the Dublin Road near The Orchard**

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

That the council assess the boundary wall on the Dublin Road near The Orchard for safety as there are some loose rocks on the footpath.

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

A report was received from the Environment and Water Services Department informing the members that the Environment Section would carry out an examination of the wall.

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

### **CL08/0319**

#### **Assessment of hedgerows in Larkfield Mews Estate, Celbridge**

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

That the council assess the hedgerows in Larkfield Mews Estate, Celbridge, on safety grounds as they are overgrown onto the footpath and present problems when people are using the pay parking facilities.

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 the council would ensure that the footpaths are clear and safe for the public to use.

In response to a concern raised by Councillor Byrne to the work that would be carried out as it was nesting season for birds, the Municipal District Engineer clarified that the hedgerows would be tidied up and not pruned back severely.

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

### CL09/0319

#### **Examination of exit from Old Green Lane cottages out on to Easton Road**

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

That the council examine the exit from Old Green Lane cottages out on to Easton Road and either lower the wall or introduce some traffic calming to make the exit safe.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer would look at this request with Councillor Caldwell and report back to the next Municipal District meeting.

Councillor Caldwell expressed his concern for safety at this junction as the height of the wall was impeding the view of traffic on the Easton Road for car drivers exiting on to this road.

The Municipal District Engineer agreed to meet Councillor Caldwell at this location to look at his request.

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

### CL10/0319

#### **Repair of lane way at bottom of Shillichan Lane**

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

That the council repair the section of lane way at the bottom of Shillichan Lane, beside the (details provided) location.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the surface of Shillichan Lane had been inspected and did not warrant repair at the moment.

Councillor Caldwell requested that something be done to repair this section of the laneway as the surface was dangerous.

The Municipal District Engineer stated that work had been carried out at this location which had contributed to the poor condition of the surface and he undertook to contact Irish Water to investigate who had carried out this work.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Larkin, that the report be noted and the Municipal District Engineer would contact Irish Water to ascertain if they were responsible for the work that was carried out at the bottom of Shillichan Lane.

### CL11/0319

#### **Report on protocols for Kildare county Council staff**

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

That the council provides a report to this Municipal District Committee on the council's protocols for Kildare County Council staff being shown hospitality by elected representatives from any political organisation, while those staff are taking part in official professional development activities organised by Kildare County Council.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Local Government Act 2001 Code of Conduct for Employees (2007) was the ethical framework which Kildare County Council staff was required to adhere to in performing their duties. The Code contents included General Conduct and Behaviour, Conflict of Personal and Public Interest, Gifts and other issues. The issue of hospitality was addressed in Section 6 of the Code. Section 6.2 stated that 'it is accepted, however, that



local government employees should not be in a position where they cannot accept what are regarded as normal courtesies' and 'no objection would normally be taken to the acceptance of what is regarded as routine or customary hospitality'.

Councillor Young stated that the report did not answer the questions being asked and he was concerned that this issue could be repeated again. He requested that the council's protocol be updated so in future all public representatives should be notified in advance of any such delegations or visits so that they could all meet any such groups as a collective rather than individual TD's meeting groups individually. He stated that this would avoid any future controversy and in his view would be more transparent.

Councillor Cussen stated that this matter had been reported in the press and on radio and there had been many questions asked by councillors that were not satisfactorily answered.

The District Manager confirmed that all of the questions received by councillors relating to this issue had been answered and informed the members that similarly to the Code of Conduct for Employees document which was part of the ethical framework for staff, a Code of Conduct for Councillors existed also setting out the requirements for councillors to adhere to. He pointed out that it was a significant achievement for the council to have achieved Continued Professional Development accreditation which had taken 3 years of hard work to secure which was now being unfairly discredited. He also stated that the proposal by Councillor Young to only meet TD's as a group was impracticable in the same way as only meeting councillors as a group would be.

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

### **CL12/0319**

#### **Installation of cycle lane on the Hazelhatch Road**

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

That the council install a cycle lane on the Hazelhatch Road between Shinkeen Road and the pedestrian lights at Primrose Gate Estate; and if a full-width cycle lane cannot be installed that shared-use markings be installed.

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 the municipal district office would examine this request in line with proposed LPT project at the same location.

Councillor Young stated that if the installation of a cycle lane was not possible at this location he hoped that the Municipal District Engineer could look at putting in a shared path for pedestrians and cyclists.

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

### **CL13/0319**

#### **Request a review of speeds on the M4 from the NTA**

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

That the council request the National Transport Authority to review the transition of speeds on the M4 inbound from 120km/hr down to 80km/hr at the Leixlip-Celbridge Junction 5 and as part of the review would it consider a staggered speed reduction including a 100km/hr speed.

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 if the members were in agreement contact could be made with Transport Infrastructure Ireland with regard to the request for a staggered speed limit at the location.

Councillor Neville stated that the sudden reduction in the speed limit from 120 km/hr to 80km/hr in one step at this junction was very dangerous and an accident risk, especially for people who were not used to the area and he asked that something be done to stagger the reduction of speed.

Ms Wright informed the members that this location was under South Dublin County Council's remit and she undertook to issue a letter to them outlining the members concerns and send a copy to Transport Infrastructure Ireland also.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Larkin, that the report be noted and that a letter issue to South Dublin County Council and Transport Infrastructure Ireland with regard to the request for a staggered speed limit at this location.

**CL14/0319**

**Installation of flashing digital sign on road from the Celbridge Motorway exit**

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

That the council install a flashing digital speed sign on the road from the Celbridge motorway exit to the roundabout at the M4 Business Park.

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 the municipal district office would arrange for the digital speed sign to be installed at the location.

Councillor Larkin thanked the Roads Department for undertaking to install a flashing digital speed sign at this location.

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

**CL15/0319**

**Update on speed control assessments for Old Town Mill**

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

Can the Municipal District Engineer give an update on the speed control assessments for Old Town Mill; especially the section at the Purple Penguin on the Spine Road?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a speed survey was carried out in Oldtown Mill and 93% of vehicles were found to be compliant.

The report was noted.

**CL16/0319**

**Assessment of manhole on the Maynooth Road**

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

Can the council assess the manhole on the Maynooth Road opposite house (details provided) for safety underfoot?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer would meet with Councillor Byrne to inspect this area.

The report was noted.

**CL17/0319**

**Safety audit or assessment on the Shackleton Road**

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

Can the council carry out a safety audit or assessment on the Shackleton Road to include the junction with Aghards Road and this audit to include concerns or improvements for cyclists, pedestrians, dog walkers and all accessibility issues?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer would carry out an inspection and report back to the members.

The report was noted.

**CL18/0319**

**Report on the proposed traffic management plan for the Liffey Bridge, Celbridge**

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

Can the council provide a report on the proposed traffic management plan for the Liffey Bridge in Celbridge?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Roads Department was awaiting a report from the National Transport Authority (NTA) on the bridge plan. The members would be updated on receipt of the report.

The report was noted.

**CL19/0319**

**Report on progress with regard to a second Liffey crossing in Celbridge**

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

Can the council give a report on progress with regard to a second Liffey crossing in Celbridge?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council applied for funding for the construction of the Celbridge Southern Relief Road and Second Liffey Crossing under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF). It was listed as Category B project under the terms of this funding mechanism, i.e., a project that requires further development in 2019. The URDF allocation would allow elements of the proposal to be further developed in 2019, with potential for further funding in subsequent years, subject to agreement and performance. The development of a proposal brief to engage consultancy services to progress this project was currently underway in the Roads Department.

The report was noted.

**CL20/0319**

**Cost requirements for CCTV at key locations in Leixlip and Celbridge**

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

Can the council review the cost requirements for CCTV at key locations in Leixlip and Celbridge and could we also obtain an understanding of how CCTV could be managed from a policing perspective so we can plan for possible installations in the future?

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that a report from the CCTV Sub Committee to the Joint Policing Committee made on 1 March 2019 had provided an update on the status of preparations to initiate a Community CCTV programme in the county. It was anticipated that documentation outlining a clear application and assessment process for Community Groups would be available and publicised during April 2019. The applicant documentation would incorporate clarification on the funding requirements for Community Groups and the role that An Garda Síochána and the council could play in assisting groups in the application process and in the subsequent operation of any Community CCTV Scheme that was installed. It was hoped that the programme and guidance material would facilitate fully completed applications from groups, and thus enable

the Joint Policing Committee and An Garda Síochána to provide their approval and result in grant approval/funding from the Department of Justice & Equality.

The report was noted.

**CL21/0319**

**Update on speed limit review and proposed timing of Jakes law speed limit**

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

Can the council give an update on the speed limit review and the proposed timing of the Jakes law 30km/hr speed limit for all estates in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council had completed a Draft County Wide Speed Limit Review Pre- Draft consultation with various stakeholders including the members. The next stage of the process was to give statutory notice to the Garda Commissioner. The Commissioner would then submit representations to the council within the required period. The council would then draft a schedule of proposed amendments based on the submissions received and proposed, which would then be placed on the agenda of each municipal district. After the members considered the submissions and amendments, the council would prepare Draft Bye-Laws and maps for the public consultation stage of the process.

In response to a question from Councillor Neville, Ms Wright clarified that the locations proposed for a 30km/hr speed limit review for all housing estates that were taken in charge had all been passed.

The report was noted.

**CL22/0319**

**Repairs on the road at Beatty Park**

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

Can the council carry out repairs on the road at the side of (details provided) Beatty Park?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there was an issue with a trench reinstatement that would require extensive resurfacing to address. No funding was available in the current budget to carry out these works.

The report was noted.

**CL23/0319**

**Cleaning and painting of bollards adjacent to St. Anne's Church, Ardclough**

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

Can the council clean and paint the bollards adjacent to St. Anne's Church, Ardclough?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Councils road crew were not in a position to paint bollards. These works were normally carried out by Tidy Towns groups and funding may be available from Tidy Town grants.

The report was noted.

The Cathaoirleach excused himself from the meeting and Councillor Cussen took the chair in his absence.

**CL24/0319**

**Applications to the NTA for road projects in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District**

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

Can the council confirm if there have been any applications made or being made to the National Transport Authority for roads projects in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the National Transport Authority had allocated initial funding to Green Lane cycle ways. They were also funding the Celbridge Bridge traffic management project/proposal.

The report was noted.

**CL25/0319**

**Commemoration of Leixlip United, Barnhall R.F.C. and Intel**

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

That this council organise an event to commemorate 50 years of Leixlip United, Barnhall Rugby Club and 30 years of Intel in Leixlip.

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

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that this was a matter for the members to agree. If agreed, it could be considered in conjunction with the outcome of Councillor Neville's motion from the February plenary meeting requesting the council to put a mechanism in place to invite successful sports teams or individuals to an organised council event, to acknowledge their achievements.

Councillor Larkin stated that it was very important to recognise and mark these events and if the members agreed something could be organised locally, similar to what was held recently for the Leixlip Town Commissioners.

Councillor Neville stated that his motion at the February plenary meeting was regarding events which should be recognised at county level but this motion was for these events to be marked locally as a thank you to local clubs, volunteers and Intel.

Councillor Caldwell stated that it was the 30<sup>th</sup> year of the Leixlip Festival which was one of the largest events in the county and he was very disappointed that it was not included for mention in the motion.

A lengthy discussion ensued among the members regarding the inclusion and exclusion of groups at this event.

The Meetings Administrator advised the members that they could vote on the motion, submit an amended motion in writing or defer the motion to the next meeting.

Councillor Neville agreed to submit an amended motion in writing at a later stage of the meeting.

With the agreement of the members, Councillor Neville submitted an amendment to his joint motion with Councillor Larkin, to the Meetings Administrator in writing who read the amended motion in to the record as follows:

“That this council organise an event to commemorate groups/people celebrating landmark events. This can include 30 years of the Leixlip Festival, 50 years of Barnhall Rugby Club,



30 years of Intel and 50 years of Leixlip United. The event will not be limited to the aforementioned groups and we are happy to include others.”

The member considered the amended joint motion in the names of Councillor Neville and Councillor Larkin.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Larkin and agreed by all the members that the council organise an event to commemorate groups/people celebrating landmark events. This can include 30 years of the Leixlip Festival, 50 years of Barnhall Rugby Club, 30 years of Intel and 50 years of Leixlip United. The event will not be limited to the aforementioned groups and we are happy to include others.

Councillor Byrne returned to the meeting and resumed his position as Cathaoirleach.

The Meetings Administrator advised the Cathaoirleach that as it was almost 1.00 p.m., the Standing Orders would need to be suspended to allow the meeting to conclude.

The District Manager requested that item number 32 on the agenda be considered as the next on the agenda as it was a statutory item and because the meeting was running late and there was still a number of items on the agenda to be dealt with, some items might need to be deferred until the April meeting.

On the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Byrne and agreed by all the members that the Cathaoirleach suspend standing orders for 15 minutes allowing the meeting to continue until 1:15 p.m.

The Cathaoirleach, with the agreement of the members took item number 32 on the agenda as the next item in the meeting.

### **CL26/0319**

#### **Consideration of proposed material contravention of Celbridge LAP 2017-2023**

The members considered a report which had been circulated to them of the proposed material contravention of the Celbridge Local Area Plan 2017-2023, planning reference 18/1325, Kildare and Wicklow Education Training Board at Crodaun, Celbridge, Co. Kildare.

The Senior Planner read the report which had been previously circulated to the members in to the record.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by all the members, that the proposed material contravention of the Celbridge Local Area Plan 2017-2023, planning reference 18/1325, Kildare and Wicklow Education Training Board at Crodaun, Celbridge, Co. Kildare be approved.

### **CL27/0319**

#### **Poster free zone on Main Street, Celbridge**

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

That this committee agrees that Main Street, Celbridge be made a poster free zone (from Castletown Gates to the Grotto) supporting the request of Celbridge Tidy Towns.

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

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

Councillor Coleman read the correspondence he had received from Celbridge Tidy Towns into the meeting. The letter requested that the Main Street in Celbridge be made a poster free zone and Councillor Coleman asked for the members support for this request and stated that a similar arrangement had been agreed in Leixlip.

Councillor Larkin stated that he full supported the motion, that the poster free zone worked well in Leixlip and he cautioned that this agreement would be voluntary and could not be enforced.

During the discussion that followed the members made the following points:

- This was a voluntary agreement that could not be enforced.
- One party had a prime office location on the Main Street where election posters could be displayed, thereby giving an unfair advantage over other parties and candidates.
- The wording of the motion did not include the word election thereby including all posters which would prevent small groups/individuals from advertising their events in the community.

As the members could not come to agreement, the Cathaoirleach put the motion to a vote. Three members voted in favour of the motion and four members voted against the motion. **Resolved** with three members voting in favour of the motion and four voting against, the motion was defeated.

The Meetings Administrator stated that as the time was now 1:15 p.m. the Standing Orders needed to be suspended again, if the meeting was to continue. It was agreed by all the members to suspend the Standing Orders for another 15 minutes until 1:30 p.m.

### **CL28/0319**

#### **Letter to household bin providers in the municipal district**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Coleman. That the council sends a letter to all household bin providers in the municipal district in relation to the damage that bin lorries are causing to kerbs and surrounding green areas.

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

A report was received from the Environment and Water Service Department informing the members that if the members were in agreement, this motion could be taken up with the contractors servicing the area.

Councillor Coleman requested that the bin providers be written to in order to ascertain what the issues were and to prevent damage being caused to kerbs and green areas.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Neville and agreed by all the members that the report be noted.

### **CL29/0319**

#### **Update on Confey graveyard extension plans**

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

Can this Municipal District Committee have an update on the Confey graveyard extension plans?

A report was received from the Environment and Water Services Department informing the members that lands in the vicinity of the cemetery were being examined in relation to

suitability for cemetery extension. Discussions were ongoing with landowners regarding possible land acquisition.

The report was noted.

**CL30/0319**

**Review of council's policy in respect of naming of estates**

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

That this Municipal District Committee calls for a review of the council's policy in respect of naming of estates and that the current position whereby Municipal District Committees are not consulted, be addressed as a matter of urgency.

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that chapter 17.4.12 (page 404) of the County Development Plan 2017 – 2023 sets out the adopted council policy regarding the naming of housing estates within the county. The following is the text of the policy adopted by the members:

*“Names of residential and other developments shall reflect local heritage by incorporating local place names or names of geographical, historical or cultural significance to the site location. Names of developments shall include the use of the Irish language. In order to ensure the above and to avoid confusion and duplication, the naming of developments will require the prior agreement of the Planning Authority. Proposed names shall be submitted to the Planning Authority and agreed prior to launching any advertising campaign for the development.”*

There is no proposal to vary the County Development Plan 2017 – 2023 to change the policy for the naming of housing estates.

Councillor Cussen stated that the current policy whereby municipal district committees were not consulted needed to be addressed as a matter of urgency. She asked that this matter be listed on the next Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) meeting and that she would like to attend.

Mr McLoughlin informed the members that the next Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning SPC would be held in May and Councillor Cussen would be notified.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Caldwell, that the report be noted and that a review of the council's policy in respect of naming of estates and that the current position whereby municipal district committees are not consulted, be addressed as a matter of urgency, would be listed as an item on the next Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning SPC and Councillor Cussen would be notified in advance of the meeting.

**CL31/0319**

**Application for grant for Swimming Pool at Leixlip Amenities Centre**

Councillor Cussen stated that she wished to amend her adjourned joint motion with Councillor Caldwell, item number 28 on the agenda.

The Meetings Administrator informed Councillor Cussen that she would need to submit the amended motion in writing.

The Cathaoirleach, with the agreement of the members took item number 31 as the next item in the meeting.

**CL32/0319**

**Provision of a Primary Care Centre in Leixlip**

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

Can the council confirm if there are any plans to provide a Primary Care Centre in Leixlip?

A report was received from the Director of the Housing and Corporate Services Department informing the members that the council will follow up with the H.S.E. to establish their current plans for the area.

The report was noted.

**CL33/0319**

**Application for grant for Swimming Pool at Leixlip Amenities Centre**

The members considered the following adjourned joint motion in the name of Councillor Caldwell and Councillor Cussen.

That the Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District write to the Chief Executive of Kildare County Council and to the Minister expressing our non-acceptance of Kildare County Council's decision to not apply for a swimming pool grant at the Leixlip Amenities Centre and that the Public Realm team immediately begin the process of identifying funding streams for delivery of a swimming pool in this site.

Reference to Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund (Page 6) below:

[10. Making More than one Application

More than one application may be made by National Governing Bodies and Local Authorities but these must be prioritised in order of merit by the National Governing Body or Local Authority as appropriate.]

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

A report was received from the Director of Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that this is a matter for the members to agree.

With the agreement of the members, Councillor Cussen submitted an amendment to her adjourned joint motion with Councillor Caldwell, to the District Manager in writing who read the amended motion in to the record as follows:

"That the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District request that Kildare County Council submit and application for a swimming pool grant at the Leixlip Amenities Centre and that the Public Realm team immediately begin the process of identifying funding streams for delivery of a swimming pool in this site."

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and with the agreement of all the members, that Kildare County Council submit an application for a swimming pool grant at the Leixlip Amenities Centre and that the Public Realm team immediately begin the process of identifying funding streams for delivery of a swimming pool in this site.

### **CL34/0319**

#### **Installation of playground signage at The Abbey, Celbridge**

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

That the council install the relevant playground signage at The Abbey, Celbridge, Co. Kildare.

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

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that it was not clear what signage the councillor was referring to. Signage at the entrance to Celbridge Abbey indicated the closing time of the playground. There was also signage at the entrance gate of the playground indicating the rules that apply to the use of the facility.

Councillor Cussen stated that she had paid a visit recently to The Abbey and from the carpark the signage could only be viewed when the door was open as it was on the inside of the door. She stated that it should be Kildare County Council signage displaying opening/closing times and the rules and regulations of the playground.

The Executive Parks Superintendent stated that she would review the signage at the playground.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Caldwell, that the Executive Parks Superintendent would review the playground signage at The Abbey.

### **CL35/0319**

#### **Submission of request for Tús/Community Employment worker**

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

Can the council confirm that a request for a Tús/Community Employment worker has been submitted to provide service in the Playground at Aghards, Celbridge?

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that a request was made to Kildare Leader Partnership regarding the possibility of a Tús worker being assigned to the playground.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.