

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

Members Present: Councillor M Coleman (Cathaoirleach)
Councillors B Caldwell, I Cussen, C Galvin, N
Killeen, V Liston and J Neville.

Present: Mr T McDonnell (District Manager), Mr Joe Boland (Director of Services), Mr L Dunne (Senior Executive Officer), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Ms C Barrett (Chief Fire Officer), Ms A M Burke (Development Control Inspector), Mr J Malone (A/ Senior Executive Engineer), Mr C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Ms P Pender and Mr M McLoughlin (Administrative Officers), Ms P Penny (Assistant Staff Officer), Mr Tony Shanahan (Meetings Administrator) and Ms A M Campbell (Meetings Secretary).

CL01/1119

Minutes and progress report

The members considered the minutes of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on 18 October 2019, together with the progress report.

Resolved On the proposal of Councillor Caldwell seconded by Councillor Cussen that the minutes of the monthly Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on 18 October be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CL02/1119

Matters Arising

Report from Irish Water and action plans on leakages in the DMA's (CL21/0719)

Councillor Cussen noted the response from Irish Water in the progress report in relation to the motion that she had raised at the July meeting and stated that it was unacceptable that a

report on the leakages and an action plan with timeframe on how leakages were to be addressed had not yet been received from Irish Water.

Road Inspection Report Aghards Road (CL02/1019) and Shackleton Road (CL17/0319)

The Municipal District Engineer circulated a copy of the Road Inspection Report on the Aghards and Shackleton Roads at the meeting.

The members stated that as they had just received the report they needed time to study it and the Municipal District Engineer agreed to discuss the report with the members after they had time to consider it.

CL03/1119

Schedule of Municipal District Road Works

The Municipal District Engineer briefed the members on the schedule of Municipal District Road Works. He advised the members that as a result of savings from the resurfacing programme, works had been carried out to resurface Mill Lane in Leixlip and to do some resurfacing in Castletown housing estate in Celbridge. These works were being completed on 15 November and would be line marked early the following week.

The footpath on the Green Lane outside the three schools and St Marys GAA had been widened to a four metre wide shared surface. The Municipal District Engineer thanked the three principals and the three boards of management of the schools, the Archdiocese and St Marys GAA for their cooperation in the delivery of the project. This project was funded by the National Transport Authority (NTA).

The roads maintenance crews were currently carrying out maintenance cleaning of the road gullies and sweeping of leaves in the municipal district. The Municipal District Engineer thanked the members for their calls to the Municipal District Office requesting leaves to be swept and advised them they were working through their requests.

Footpath repairs were on-going however, the crews had to be diverted due to weather conditions/events.

The realigned R148 had opened to traffic and the tie ins at each end would be resurfaced in the coming fortnight.

CL04/1119

Taking in Charge of Estates

The members considered the taking in charge of the following housing estates:

Cluain Dara, Leixlip.

Primrose Village, Celbridge.

Knockaulin, Leixlip.

The Chief Fire Officer relayed Mr Halton's apologies to the members as he was unable to attend the meeting. She informed the members that Building and Development Control was within her remit and introduced two members of the team in attendance at the meeting, Mr Jim Malone Acting Senior Executive Engineer and Ms Ann Marie Burke, Development Control Inspector.

Ms Burke circulated maps and reports of the three estates to the members.

The Chief Fire Officer stated that it was proposed that the three estates listed be taken in charge under Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). She informed the members that the request to take Cluain Dara, Leixlip and Primrose Village, Celbridge in charge had been made by the developers, however the request to take Knockaulin, Leixlip in charge had been made by the majority of the residents of that estate. She advised the members that one submission was received in relation to the taking in charge of Knockaulin, Leixlip, a copy of same was attached to the report for the members information.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Killeen on future access to adjacent lands following the taking in charge of this estate, the Chief Fire Officer clarified that this would have to be a subject of a future planning application.

In response to a question from Councillor Neville whether the Roads Department had any concerns in relation to the taking in charge of Knockaulin, Leixlip, the Municipal District Engineer advised the members that funding of approximately €50,000 to €60,000 could be required to address structural issues in relation to the poor road surface in this estate should the members agree to take this estate in charge.

In response to questions from the members if there was any way to recoup funding from the developer of Knockaulin, Leixlip the Chief Fire Officer stated that redress was not possible.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Killeen and agreed by all the members that Cluain Dara, Leixlip, Primrose Village, Celbridge and Knockaulin, Leixlip be taken in charge by Kildare County Council.

CL05/1119

Christmas Parking Arrangements

The Cathaoirleach, with the agreement of the members agreed to take items 4 and 10 on the agenda together.

Item 4 - Christmas parking arrangements.

To consider and agree Christmas parking arrangements in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District for 2019.

Item 10 - Motion Councillor Coleman

That this Municipal District Committee agree to free parking with the suspension of enforcement for Christmas from 13 December at 4.00 p.m. to 02 January at 10.00 a.m. in Celbridge and Leixlip.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this was a matter for the members to agree and that for information in 2018 the members agreed not to suspend parking at Christmas in Celbridge and Leixlip which provided a turnover of parking spaces for people to support business in the towns. The Roads Department advised members that pay parking was not suspended in Maynooth, Newbridge, Kildare or Naas in 2018.

Councillor Coleman asked that members agree to free parking to the times indicated in his motion and the suspension of enforcement to help and support businesses at Christmas as provision of free parking would encourage people to shop locally. He stated that businesses had suffered losses last Christmas when free parking had not been agreed by the committee and added that the re-evaluation of rates some of which were an increase of 50% and the disruption caused by the upgrade of the main street in Celbridge had exacerbated the losses to businesses this year.

Councillor Cussen stated that the members had attended a Joint Policing Committee meeting that morning and the Gardaí had advised against the suspension of enforcement for the Christmas period and that she could not support the proposal.

Councillor Coleman stated that he would like to amend his motion to remove the wording 'the suspension of'.

A lengthy discussion ensued, and the members made the following points:

- No suspension of paid parking due to free parking being abused in previous years with cars parked in spaces all day preventing turnover of parking spaces.
- Discussion with businesses should take place earlier next year and any decisions should be made on evidence-based information on the impact on businesses.
- Provision of free parking is a loss of revenue which could be used for accessibility improvements.
- There was a lack of parking spaces in both towns but people could avail of all day parking at the Church carpark in Leixlip.

Following discussion, Councillor Coleman stated that he wished to withdraw his motion and the members agreed to discuss item 4 on the agenda, including consideration of Councillor Coleman's proposal, though not as a motion.

The members agreed to vote on three options that they put forward at the meeting.

The Meetings Administrator read three options for Christmas parking arrangements put forward by the members into the record and asked the members for their vote on each.

Option I. Free parking from 22 December 2019 to 02 January 2020 with normal enforcement arrangements for Celbridge and Leixlip.

Two members voted in favour.

Option II. No suspension of Pay Parking in 2019 and normal parking enforcement arrangements for Celbridge and Leixlip to continue.

Four members voted in favour.

Option III. Free parking from 13 December 2019 to 02 January 2020 with normal enforcement arrangements for Celbridge and Leixlip.

One member voted in favour.

Resolved with four members voting in favour that there would be no suspension of Pay Parking in 2019 in Celbridge and Leixlip and normal parking enforcements would continue.

The District Manager conveyed his apologies to the Cathaoirleach and the members as he had to leave the meeting at this point due to a previous commitment.

CL06/1119

Update on Traffic Management Plan

The members considered the following adjourned motion in the name of Councillor Cussen. That the members of this municipal district be given an update on the Traffic Management Plan (to include Public Transport Strategy) as per the Celbridge Local Area Plan.

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 Traffic Management Plans would be assessed in order of priority in 2020 upon appointment of resources to this area.

Councillor Cussen stated that she deferred this motion at the October meeting until November as she understood that the District Manager would address her request for an update, and she was not satisfied with the response as she had expected a full report. She requested that this item be kept on the Progress Report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Caldwell, that the request for an update to be given to the members on the Traffic Management Plan (to include Public Transport Strategy) as per the Celbridge Local Area Plan be kept on the Progress Report and the report was noted.

CL07/1119

Resurface of roads within Oakleigh Estate, Celbridge

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Galvin. That the council resurface the roads within Oakleigh Estate, Celbridge given their current poor condition.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer had inspected this estate and advised the members that some concrete panels may need to be repaired, but the overall condition of the estate was not poor. The concrete repairs were scheduled for next year.

Councillor Galvin stated that she had received requests from residents of this estate and she hoped that this could be put on a list for resurfacing.

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

CL08/1119

Anti-Speed ramps along the Shinkeen Road, Celbridge

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

That the council install anti-speed ramps either side of the pedestrian controlled lights given the dangers posed by speeding along the Shinkeen Road, Celbridge - particularly at the pedestrian controlled crossing.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Roads and Transportation Traffic Section and the Municipal District Engineers Office were of the opinion that ramps were not required or appropriate at this location. Speeding was an enforcement matter for An Garda Síochána.

Councillor Galvin stated that ramps were necessary at this location to reduce speeding for safety reasons.

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

CL09/1119

Disabled parking bay outside Feerick's chemist, Leixlip

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

That the council consider altering the location of the disabled parking bay outside Feerick's chemist, Leixlip.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a review of the Parking Bye Laws would be required to examine suitable alternative location(s).

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

CL10/1119

Footpath improvement works in Priory Square, St Raphael's Manor, Celbridge

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

That the council carry out footpath improvement works in Priory Square, St Raphael's Manor, Celbridge.

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 inspect this estate and carry out repairs as required.

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

CL11/1119

Installation of charging points for electric vehicles in Celbridge and Leixlip

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

That the council install charging points for electric vehicles in Celbridge and Leixlip.

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 the Transportation Safety and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee determined that electric vehicle charge points would be located in off-street car parks only. Kildare County Council was awaiting Terms of Reference/funding details for the Scheme 'On-Street Charge Points for Electrical Vehicles' which aimed to

provide capital support for the development of up to 200 on street charge points nationally per annum, over a 5-year period.

Councillor Coleman stated that it was very important that facilities be provided to charge electric vehicles as soon as possible in Celbridge and Leixlip.

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

CL12/1119

Prevention of illegal parking between English Row and The Mill, Celbridge

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

That the council provide a solution to physically prevent illegal parking between the bus stop on English Row and the entrance to The Mill in Celbridge.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there were double yellow lines at this location enforced by APCOA with 36 notices issued this year to 11 November. The Municipal District Engineer did not deem it necessary to alter the road layout at this location as it may create a hazard.

Councillor Liston asked if something could be done at this location as she had been informed by Dublin Bus that buses were having difficulty pulling in to the bus stop due to cars illegally parked there.

The Municipal District Engineer stated that he would look at the issue again but that illegal parking was a matter for an Garda Síochána to enforce and due to narrowness of this strip of road, even a build-out could not be installed as it would cause a hazard to traffic.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Liston, seconded by Councillor Caldwell, that the Municipal District Engineer would look at the issue again and the report was noted.

CL13/1119

Roundabout at the entrance to Riverforest, Leixlip

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

Can the council confirm if there has been any progress in putting in place a roundabout at the entrance to Riverforest, Leixlip?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there were no plans to install a roundabout at this location. The report was noted.

CL14/1119

Appointment of School Warden for St Anne's National School, Ardclough

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

Can the Road Safety Officer update members if St Anne's National School, Ardclough has been listed as requiring a School Warden?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there were no plans at this time to appoint a School Warden in Ardclough. The Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Office carried out lineage and signage works while providing a pedestrian route in Ardclough to assist with a safer route to school for students, in consultation with the Road Safety Officer. Usage would be monitored to assess usage and consider if any other interventions are required.

The report was noted.

CL15/1119

Salt spreading map for 2019/2020 for Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District

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

Can the members receive a map of the salt spreading road network for this season 2019/2020 for the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a copy of the 2019/2020 Salting Route Map which covered 10 routes was attached and was available on Kildare County Council's web site also.

The report was noted.

CL16/1119

Issue of parking fines in Arthur Guinness Square, Leixlip

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

Can the council confirm the number of parking fines that have been issued within the last two years where motorists parked in Arthur Guinness Square in Leixlip using the Apcoa mobile phone application which indicated the incorrect location code, how this is being rectified and how many appeals were successful?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Roads Department could confirm that there were 223 fines issued for no parking payment between 6 November 2017 and 5 November 2019 in Arthur Guinness Square, Leixlip. It was not possible for the Roads Department to provide the number of fines issued within the last two years where motorists used the incorrect location code. One appeal was made where the motorist could not use the location code at the time. This appeal was granted and the fine waived. The Roads Department advised that there were a number of methods of payment of parking on the pay by phone parking system. Using the code on the sign was one method. There was also a function where the motorist could type in the location name or select the location from the map on the parking app. Motorists could also still pay at the parking machine in the car park. The Roads Department could confirm that the incorrect code on the sign was corrected in September 2019.

The report was noted.

CL17/1119

Lighting up of buildings for International Day of Persons with Disabilities

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

Can the council confirm if it will be working with access groups to light up a number of its buildings purple on 03 December for International Day of Persons with Disabilities?

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that Mr Michael Hurley, Access Officer had requested that Facilities look at the feasibility of lighting buildings purple on 03 December 2019. Facilities could confirm that this request could be facilitated at Áras Chill Dara, Naas and Newbridge Town Hall. Facilities were also

looking at the possibility of lighting Athy Castle and Heritage Centre (Shackleton Museum), however could not confirm their viability at this stage.

The report was noted.

CL18/1119

Update on provision of new schools in Celbridge

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

Can the council provide details of what engagement it has had with the Department of Education on providing new schools for Celbridge Community School and St Patricks National School in Celbridge, including anything which may be delaying the commencement of the project?

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development informing the members that the Director of Services for Planning and Strategic Development recently met with the Department of Education and Skills. There had been some technical challenges in relation to access which had been resolved in principle between Kildare County Council and the Department. A three-way meeting was to be established with the landowner/agent, the Department of Education and Skills and Kildare County Council with a view to developing a framework/masterplan plan, following which design stage could commence.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Galvin, Mr McLoughlin clarified that the Director of Services for Planning and Strategic Development met with the Department of Education and Skills within the previous fortnight and stated that he did not have a date for the three-way meeting outlined in the report but it would possibly take place within the next couple of weeks.

The report was noted.

The Cathaoirleach and members agreed to proceed with the agenda and defer item 19 on the agenda to a later stage of the meeting until technical issues had been rectified and the presentation on the Part 8 could proceed.

CL19/1119

Upgrade of pipelines that deliver sewage via Main Street, Leixlip

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

That the council asks the relevant authority to urgently upgrade the pipelines that deliver sewage via Main Street, Leixlip to the treatment plant in Leixlip.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Coleman. A report was received from the Water Services Section informing the members that if the members agreed a letter would issue to Irish Water on this matter.

Councillor Caldwell stated that the odour on the Main Street in Leixlip was unacceptable and he requested that the letter to Irish Water should also include the request that until the permanent upgrade of the pipelines was carried out that Irish Water flush out the pipelines that deliver sewage via Main Street, Leixlip regularly to prevent the odour build up.

The members all agreed that a letter issue to Irish Water on this matter.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Coleman and agreed by all the members, that a letter issue to Irish Water to urgently upgrade the pipelines that deliver sewage via Main Street, Leixlip to the treatment plant in Leixlip and in the interim that the pipelines are flushed regularly to prevent odour build up on the Main Street.

CL20/1119

Clearing of overgrowth/rubbish at river in Primrose Gate housing estate

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

That the river in Primrose Gate housing estate be routinely cleared of overgrowth/rubbish by persons responsible for same to mitigate against potential flooding from this matter.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that this estate was not taken in charge; therefore the council was not the riparian landowner. The council did monitor the culverts (entry/exit to estate) and remove debris to alleviate any potential flooding on the public roadway. The responsibility for maintaining the river within the estate is the responsibility of the management company.

Councillor Cussen stated that she had received numerous complaints from residents in Primrose Gate housing estate who were very concerned about potential flooding due to

dumping, especially on the left bank of the river. She noted the report that the estate was not taken in charge and the maintenance of the river was the responsibility of the management company and asked if the council could write to the management company on this issue.

Mr Dunne stated that he would consider Councillor Cussen's request.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Neville, that the Senior Executive Officer of the Water Services and Environment Department would consider the request to write to the management company of Primrose Gate housing estate to request that the river within the estate be maintained. The report was noted.

The Cathaoirleach agreed to take item 19 on the agenda at this point of the meeting.

CL21/1119

Civic Amenity and Waste Transfer Facility at Kilmacredock Upper and Castletown

The members considered the Chief Executive's Part 8 report for the proposed Civic Amenity and Waste Transfer Facility at Kilmacredock Upper and Castletown, Celbridge, the report of which issued previously to the members.

The Director of Services for Water Services and the Environment welcomed Donnachadh O'Brien from Donnachadh O'Brien & Associates, Consulting Engineers, to the meeting.

Mr O'Brien gave a presentation and a very comprehensive overview and synopsis of the proposed Civic Amenity and Waste Transfer Facility at Kilmacredock Upper and Castletown, Celbridge and invited the members to ask any question that they may have.

In response to a question from Councillor Liston on the type of material the facility would be built from i.e. wood/cement, Mr O'Brien stated that would be decided at the detail design stage.

In response to a question on submissions from Councillor Liston, Mr O'Brien confirmed that the Part 8 was advertised in July 2019 and 21 public submissions were received by the deadline 28 August 2019. Mr O'Brien stated that recent planning report recommended that the Part 8 proceed with 12 conditions which were standard and would not effect the proposal. In response to Councillor Liston's question in relation to the safety aspect of the

roads and concerns of heavy trucks using it, Mr O'Brien stated that the access was designed for larger vehicles according to the National Roads Office (NRO) guidelines.

In response to a question from Councillor Caldwell in relation to possible odour emanating from the facility, Mr O'Brien confirmed that there would be no odour as waste would be retained in receptacles.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Killeen if space could be provided for potential upcycling, Mr O'Brien stated that the project was not at detail design stage but such proposals would be in keeping with the facility proposed.

Mr Boland thanked Mr O'Brien for his presentation of the proposed design of the facility and thanked the members for their support in the process. He stated that the design was to a high standard, was innovative and was a good fit with the Local Area Plan and the Waste Treatment Plan. He advised the members that the big issue was securing funding for the project and added that he would keep the members informed.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by all the members that the council proceed with the Part 8 as recommended in the Chief Executive's report for the proposed Civic Amenity and Waste Transfer Facility at Kilmacredock Upper & Castletown, Celbridge.

The Cathaoirleach with the agreement of the members agreed to take items 22 and 23 together on the agenda.

CL22/1119

Guided site visit of the Leixlip Water Treatment Plant and alarm alert request

Item 22 – Motion Councillor Killeen

That the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District elected representatives request a guided site visit of the Leixlip Water Treatment Plant to inspect the aspects of the process failures that led to the Boil Water Notice that impacted 600,000 households in our region over a number of days.

Item 23 – Motion Councillor Killeen

That the members of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District write to Irish Water to request that they receive an alert from Irish Water where an alarm is raised in the water treatment plant and that the community get an opportunity to receive a more prompt alert so as to reduce the risk to public health.

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

A report was received from the Water Services Section informing the members that if the members agreed a letter would issue to Irish Water on these matters.

Councillor Killeen clarified that her request was for all the members of the committee to attend a guided visit of Leixlip Water Treatment Plant.

The members all agreed that a single letter issue to Irish Water detailing both these requests and that an invitation for all members be sought.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Killeen, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by all the members, that a letter issue to Irish Water requesting a guided site visit of Leixlip Water Treatment Plant for all the elected representatives of Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District to inspect the aspects of the process failures that led to the Boil Water Notice that impacted 600,000 households in our region over a number of days and that the letter also request that the members of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District receive an alert from Irish Water where an alarm is raised in the water treatment plant and that the community get an opportunity to receive a more prompt alert so as to reduce the risk to public health.

CL24/1119

Update on progress of the Celbridge Civic Amenity Centre

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

Can the members have an update on the progress of the Celbridge Civic Amenity Centre?

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment Department informing the members that the Chief Executive's Part 8 report was being presented to the members for consideration at this meeting (Item 19).

The report was noted.

CL25/1119

Sterilisation of tankers used to provide water during water outages

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

Can the council confirm what additional facilities does Kildare County Council need to be able to sterilise the tankers of fresh drinking water sent out during water outages etc., so that water from said tankers does not have to be boiled?

A report was received from the Water Services Department informing the members that following the recent boil water notices for water from the Leixlip Water Treatment Plant, tankers were provided for the affected areas within Kildare. It was decided to provide the tankers as there was the possibility that the mains would be flushed, resulting in outages (this did not subsequently emerge in County Kildare). The water is transported in stainless steel tankers which were pre sterilised and the water itself was taken directly from mains outside of the boil water zone. Strenuous efforts were taken by council staff and its agents to ensure the very highest standard of hygiene throughout this process however notwithstanding this, it was a HSE requirement that transported water be boiled before use. This was very much a precautionary measure.

The report was noted.

CL26/1119

Publication on Kildare Data Hub of areas treated with Glyphosate

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

That the council publish on the Kildare Data Hub

<http://kildare.ie/countycouncil/kildaredatahub/CountyStats/> or other relevant online map, the boundaries of areas maintained by the council (polygons) treated with Glyphosate in Celbridge and Leixlip.

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

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that the method used to enable this information be mapped and displayed would be discussed with the I.T. Department. The Parks Department would report back to the committee once this has been discussed.

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

CL27/1119

Information on areas treated with Glyphosate in Celbridge and Leixlip

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

Can the council provide the following specific information for each of the areas provided that are treated with Glyphosate in Celbridge and Leixlip: Square Metres; Volume; Concentration p.a.; Application Type (as per the spreadsheet provided)?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that the number of square metres had been provided in reply to a similar motion last month. We do not have specific information for each site. The breakdown for each town is as follows for 2019:

Town	Litres of Concentrate Used	Litres of Mixture Used (Concentrate: Water)	Method of Application
Celbridge	24	480	Knapsack Sprayer
Leixlip	11.25	225	Knapsack Sprayer
Ardclough	0.6	12	Knapsack Sprayer
Straffan / Barberstown	1.75	35	Knapsack Sprayer

The mixture of concentrate to litres of water is 750ml of concentrate per 15 litres of water.

Councillor Liston clarified that she had requested the usage of Glyphosate per square metre at the October meeting and she had not received that information. She stated that these chemicals were hazardous, their usage should be assessed and she raised her concern about the risk of run off from these chemicals into watercourses and their usage in the vicinity of playgrounds.

The Senior Parks Superintendent informed the members that the Parks Department could account for the volume of Glyphosate used but to calculate the square metre usage would

be very difficult due to the number of kerbs, footpaths, bollards etc. being sprayed and it would require a huge amount of resources to gather this information.

Councillor Cussen stated that the council should detail the contractors, the areas that are being sprayed and the volume of what is being sprayed as these are very toxic chemicals.

Councillor Killeen suggested that perhaps members of the public/residents associations could help to measure the amount of these substances being used, for example, as a Citizen's Science Project.

The Senior Parks Superintendent informed the members that the Department of Agriculture monitors contractors and what chemicals they use when they are spraying weed killer. He confirmed that he had met with the municipal district members to discuss the list of priorities for the works programme of the municipal district and it was not possible with the resources available to carry out the huge task of determining the square metres of usage of these chemicals at present.

Councillor Liston suggested that the contractors could keep a log of bollards and kerbing etc while they were spraying and she agreed to meet with the Senior Parks Superintendent to discuss the matter.

The report was noted.

CL28/1119

Cost of Glyphosate programme in Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District

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

Can the council confirm what has been the cost of the Glyphosate programme in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District for 2018 and 2019 for 1) labour, 2) materials and 3) other expenses?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that the council did not request a breakdown of spraying as part of the pricing for the grass tender. Therefore it was not possible to give an accurate breakdown of labour, materials and other expenses as requested. The council estimated that the application of herbicide was approximately 4% of the total cost of the contract. On this basis, the cost per town each year was as follows:

Value of works (sites sprayed only)	Cost
Celbridge	€ 923.27
Leixlip	€ 1,010.95
Ardclough	€ 357.32
Straffan/Barberstown	€ 29.64
Total	€ 2,321.17

The report was noted.

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Initiatives run by the council to support prosocial behaviour

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

Can the council confirm what initiatives are being run or supported by the council in this municipal district to support prosocial behaviour in young persons and which sites and projects have been identified?

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members as follows:

Ballymakealy, Celbridge

- Kildare County Council through its partner County Kildare Leader Partnership (CKLP) were working to build relationships with the Resident Association. Supporting them in their work and providing resources where possible such as facilitating their tree planting ceremony.
- CKLP were also working with a women's group and had engaged Kildare and Wicklow Education Training Board (KWETB) to provide a multimedia course.

St. Patrick's Park, Celbridge

- Kildare County Council through its partner CKLP were working to build relationships with the Resident Association. Encouraging them to build relationships in the community they had worked with Ballymakealy Resident Association to complete some works in their estate.

Leixlip

Kildare County Council with its partner Kildare Youth Services (KYS) operate from Easton Meadows Community Centre and their work included young people from Loughnamona.

- Young people had engaged in drug awareness training.
- The council funded a trip for those who completed the programme.
- The council had also supported Leixlip Youth Project grant applications for festival grants. A multi culture event was organised by the youth project in Easton and Loughnamona with this grant and was supported by KYS and Kildare County Council staff.
- Two young people received our Youth Endeavour award this year one from Easton Meadows and one from Loughnamona. This award promoted and acknowledged positive prosocial behaviour from young people.
- Intergenerational work agencies (Kildare County Council, John of Gods and Leixlip Youth Project) Easton Meadows Christmas wonderland (Christmas Food, Gift and Craft fair with Santa Saturday 7 December 2019). This project involved the Knit and Natter group, the young people from the youth project and the service users from the Hub. It was a way of promoting social inclusion in a very positive way.
- Environmental projects in Easton through Leixlip Youth Project – young people would be working with the Resident Association on projects in spring.
- Football Association of Ireland (FAI) organised events for 2020 in Easton Meadows.

The report was noted and Councillor Killeen stated that she would follow up with the Community Department.

The meeting concluded.