

**Minutes of Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Meeting
held at 10.00 am on Friday 19 July 2019
in the Council Chamber, 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), Ms E Wright and Mr L Dunne (Senior Executive Officers), Mr C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Mr B O'Gorman and Mr O Brady (Administrative Officers), Ms P Penny (Assistant Staff Officer), Ms K Keane (Meetings Administrator) and Ms A M Campbell (Meetings Secretary).

CL01/0719

Minutes and progress report

The members considered the minutes of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on 14 June 2019, together with the progress report.

Resolved On the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Liston that the minutes of the monthly Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on 14 June 2019 be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CL02/0719

Matters Arising

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

Councillor Cussen expressed her concern at the lack of response from Bus Eireann to the three correspondences which had issued to them on this matter.

Vacant Housing Report

Councillor Cussen queried why and where vacant houses were being allocated under the Choice Based Letting Scheme in Celbridge.

1966 Easter Rising commemoration Plaque in Leixlip (CL26/1601)

Councillor Cussen requested that costings to repair this plaque be provided to the members without any further delay.

Double Yellow lines from entrance of St Mary's Park (CL06/0519)

The Municipal District Engineer circulated a drawing of the proposed yellow lines at the entrance of St Mary's Park to the members for their consideration. Following a lengthy discussion the members all agreed that the proposed double yellow lines at the entrance of St Mary's Park would proceed to the Road Traffic Act 1994 - Section 38 statutory process.

Amended Motion Review of Traffic Movement Plan at roundabout on Lucan\Leixlip Road (CL10/0418) and New Road for Maynooth (CL19/1218)

In response to Councillor Neville's concerns relating to the increase in traffic volume as a result of these new roads and the negative impact it would have on this municipal district, Ms Wright informed the members that they would have the opportunity to make their submissions on these plans under the Part 8 process.

CL03/0719

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 the entrance to Ralph Square and the entrance to The Town Pub in Leixlip were to be resurfaced in the coming weeks. The capping on the wall at Glen Easton had been completed. Contracts had been awarded for the final resurfacing contracts of 2019; they were the Maynooth Road in Celbridge from Aldi to Lidl, the Clane Road in Celbridge in front of St John of Gods as far as the petrol station and the Celbridge Road in Leixlip from Scoil Chearbhaill Ui Dhálaigh to Leixlip Park. Footpath paving on the Main Street of Celbridge was 98% completed with the entrances to be resurfaced in the coming weeks with imprinted asphalt.

The Municipal District Engineer suggested that he could meet with the members in the Maynooth Area Office in August, for the benefit of the new members and to enable

discussion on the 2019 Roads Programme a report of which had been previously circulated to them. The members all agreed and the Municipal District Engineer stated that he would forward a few possible dates for this meeting to the members.

CL04/0719

Allowance payable to the Cathaoirleach of Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District

The members considered the payment of allowance to the Cathaoirleach of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District in accordance with Circular Letter LG 01/2018.

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that Section 143 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, referred to the payment of an allowance to a Cathaoirleach. Part IV of Circular LG01/2018 set out the maximum amount of an allowance payable to Cathoirligh of Municipal Districts (see attached extract).

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Neville and agreed by all members that the maximum amount of €12,000 be paid to the Cathaoirleach of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District in accordance with Circular Letter LG 01/2018.

CL05/0719

Tender brief for consultants for second bridge in Celbridge

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Galvin. That the council prioritise the preparation of the tender brief for consultants for the second bridge in Celbridge and have it completed and ready to go to tender no later than 4 weeks from today.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the preparation of tender documents to engage a consultant for the Celbridge Second Liffey Crossing scheme was currently listed for action by the Roads Department. It was anticipated that the documents would be completed in the coming months and tenders would be sought thereafter.

In response to a question from Councillor Galvin asking if the completion of the tender brief for consultants could be expedited, Ms Wright informed the members that the tender

documents were currently being finalised but they could not be completed in the four week timeframe requested by the councillor.

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

CL06/0719

Review of speed warning signs on the Kellystown Road

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

That the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department review the speed warning signs on the Kellystown Road from the approach to Confey Cemetery (Dublin side) to Kellystown Lane.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that speed limit signs along this road were in accordance with National Guidelines.

Councillor Caldwell expressed his concern for safety at this particular part of the road due to the speed of motorists travelling on it and he stated that the Gardaí at the Joint Policing Committee meeting that morning had agreed to increase their visibility at this location over the coming weeks as a deterrent to speeding motorists.

Councillor Neville stated that his submission to the County Speed Limit Review included this roadway and a reduction of the speed limit at this location to 30 kmph could alleviate this problem.

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

CL07/0719

Installations of disability bay on the road outside Confey Church

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

That the council put a disability bay on the road outside Confey Church.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the road to the southern side of Confey Church was not in charge of Kildare County Council. The regional road fronting the church had a grass margin which would have to be removed to install a mobility impaired space however, this would require capital funding to be identified and no allocation had been made in budget 2019.

The Municipal District Engineer agreed to meet Councillor Caldwell at this location to discuss this issue.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Cussen, that the Municipal District Engineer would meet Councillor Caldwell at this location to discuss this issue and the report be noted.

CL08/0719

Placement of zebra crossing on the Aghards Road

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

That the council place a zebra crossing on the Aghards Road adjacent to the playground and Thornhill Heights.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer would consult with the Traffic Management Section to determine if an assessment for a zebra crossing was warranted and appropriate at this location.

Councillor Coleman stated that he had been contacted by many residents who were concerned for the safety of children crossing this very busy road from the playground and he looked forward to the outcome of the Traffic Management Section's assessment.

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

CL09/0719

Request for Naas/Blanchardstown bus service to include Blanchardstown Hospital

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

That the council write to the National Transport Authority requesting that the Naas/Blanchardstown bus service includes Blanchardstown hospital.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the National Transport Authority (NTA - the licensing authority for bus services) had advised Kildare County Council that *'it is not possible to have direct services to all destinations within a public transport network, and interchange from one service to another is a common feature of urban public transport networks. Blanchardstown Shopping Centre functions as an interchange facility for any passengers on Route 139 who wish to transfer to a direct bus service to Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown. Connolly Hospital is accessible by a number of bus services from Blanchardstown Shopping Centre, such as the 17a bus route which directly serves Connolly Hospital every 15-20 minutes.'*

Councillor Neville noted the report from the NTA but expressed his concern that elderly/unwell people having already completed a journey on the 139 bus to the Blanchardstown Shopping Centre would then have to wait a further 15-20 minutes in sometimes inclement weather for a bus to travel onwards to Blanchardstown Hospital.

Councillor Killeen informed the members that Blanchardstown Hospital had refused permission to the NTA to have a bus stop in the hospital grounds and she stated that this had a direct impact on the people of Leixlip as they were in the catchment area for treatment at Blanchardstown Hospital, thus a direct bus link was very necessary.

Councillor Neville stated that based on this information the letter should issue to Blanchardstown Hospital requesting that they engage with the NTA to install a bus stop at the hospital.

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

"That the council write to James Connolly Memorial Hospital asking them to permit the NTA to put in a stop for the Naas-Blanchardstown bus route 139 at the hospital."

The member considered the amended motion in the name of Councillor Neville.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Coleman and with the agreement of all the members that the report be noted and the council write to James Connolly Memorial Hospital asking them to engage with the NTA to put in a bus stop for the Naas-Blanchardstown Route 139 at the hospital.

CL10/0719

Rationale for location of pedestrian crossing on bridge in Celbridge

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

Can the council outline what the rationale was behind locating the pedestrian crossings on the bridge in Celbridge so close to the junction and whether alternative positioning was considered?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the National Transport Authority (NTA) completed a Celbridge Liffey Crossing – Pedestrian and Cycle Improvements Options Report, 2018 (copy of report attached and related correspondence from NTA). The report reviewed the current arrangements for users of the Liffey Bridge crossing in Celbridge Town with a focus on the needs of vulnerable road users, in particular pedestrians and cyclists, and identified appropriate measures that could be implemented in the short to medium term (1 to 5 years) to enhance pedestrian and cycling Liffey crossing facilities in Celbridge and address any identified deficiencies in the arrangements for vulnerable users at the existing road bridge in Celbridge, especially regarding safety. The proposed improvements were discussed with the members in 2018 and the Roads Department was awaiting information (further traffic counts, environmental and appropriate assessments etc) from NTA in order to progress commencement of a Part 8 process, which would include a public consultation phase. The report was noted.

CL11/0719

Request for update on the pole numbering by Airtricity

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Caldwell.
Can the members of this municipal district have an update on the pole numbering by Airtricity and when will the additions to the online fault reporting system be completed?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Public Lighting Section raised this issue at a recent meeting with the maintenance contractor. It had been agreed that an additional resource would be assigned to this area to carry out pole numbering and surveying within the coming weeks. It was anticipated that all surveying works would be completed in Q4, 2019.

The report was noted.

CL12/0719

Replacement of stop sign on the Hazelhatch Road

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Coleman.
Can the council confirm if it has any plans to replace the stop sign on the Hazelhatch Road at the junction with the Dublin Road?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this sign had recently been replaced.

The report was noted.

CL13/0719

Plans to add an extra light at Rosedale, Dublin Road, Ballyoulster

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Coleman.
Can the council confirm if it has any plans to add an extra light at "Rosedale" Dublin Road, Ballyoulster?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Public Lighting Section did not intend to install any additional lighting at this location.

The report was noted.

CL14/0719

Assessment of boundary wall at footpath on Shackleton Road and Priory Square

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

Can the council outline what steps it has taken to assess the boundary wall at the footpath on Shackleton Road and Priory Square for repairs?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer intended to undertake a survey of the wall and arrange repairs as deemed necessary.

The report was noted.

CL15/0719

Review of crossing at end of Aghards Road where it meets the Shackleton Road

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

Can the council confirm when will it carry out a review of the crossing at the end of Aghards Road where it meets the Shackleton Road on its current condition and safety for pedestrians?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer intended to arrange a review of this crossing in August.

The report was noted.

CL16/0719

Details of planned road, cycleway and greenway upgrades in the municipal district

The committee agreed to consider items 15 and 16 on the agenda together.

Item 15 - Question Councillor Killeen

Can the council provide full details of all planned road, cycleway and greenway upgrades in the municipal district and at what stage of development and roll out they are at?

Item 16 - Question Councillor Neville

Can the council provide an update on the plans for the Greenway between Leixlip and Maynooth?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer would brief the members on this matter under Item 2 above. The Royal Canal Greenway was at detailed design stage and it was anticipated to go to tender in September/October 2019. The Easton Road Cycleway was at project scoping/preliminary design.

The report was noted.

CL17/0719

Chain of office for Cathaoirleach of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District

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

That the members of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District consider having a chain of office for the Cathaoirleach of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.

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

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that this was a matter for the members to agree however by way of background, a similar motion was tabled by the members of the previous Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District in 2015 which was considered by the Protocol and Procedures Committee and the municipal district over a period of time between 2015 and 2016. The possibility of updating and reusing the Leixlip Town Council chain of office was also considered but this was not agreed to given its historical importance. The estimated cost of commissioning a chain of office at that time was circa €1,800 and a budget was available in this regard. Following a vote of the members at the September 2016 municipal district meeting, the request to commission a chain of office for the municipal district was defeated.

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

- Given the historical importance of the Leixlip Town Council chain of office, that it would not be updated or reused.
- Symbols were an important part of democracy.
- It was important for the Cathaoirleach to wear a chain of office while attending events to enable people to recognise the Cathaoirleach and to promote the position of the Cathaoirleach and members of the municipal district in the community.
- Other Municipal Districts in the county had a chain of office.

- A chain was not necessary to signify the role of Cathaoirleach at events. Protocol at events should include the introduction of the Cathaoirleach.
- It had been agreed at full council that LPT money could not be used to fund a chain of office.

The Cathaoirleach stated that a vote would be taken to decide whether a chain of office would be commissioned for the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.

With five members voting in favour, two members voting against, the motion was carried.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Caldwell, with five members voting in favour, two members voting against, the motion was carried that a chain of office for the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District be commissioned.

CL18/0719

Provision of AED's in council buildings

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

Can the council please outline what steps, if any have been taken to provide Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in council buildings, a list of these AEDs if they exist, any training given to staff on their use, and whether or not the AEDs are accessible to the public in emergencies?

A report was received from the Facilities Department informing the members that the Facilities Department had provided Automated External Defibrillators in Áras Chill Dara, Naas Town Hall and Newbridge Town Hall. They could be accessed by members of the public in an emergency. To date, the Facilities Department had not provided any Automated External Defibrillators outside any buildings.

A report was received from the Human Resources Department informing the members that training on the use of defibrillators was provided as part of the First Aid Training for staff.

Currently 111 people across the organisation had undertaken First Aid Training.

The report was noted.

CL19/0719

Full list of vacant properties in social housing stock in municipal district

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

Can the council provide a full list of the vacant properties in the social housing stock within the municipal district detailing the number of homes, the size of the home (capacity), location and the length of time between the local authority gaining vacant possession of the property to when it is allocated to a new tenant across the last 3 years?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that in accordance with the protocol agreed at the Housing Strategic Policy Committee the members were provided with a monthly report detailing existing housing stock which was vacant, the current report listed eight properties in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District. The National Performance Indicator Reports included an indicator which stated the length of time taken to re-let a property, the following was the information for County Kildare:

2015: 8.66 weeks

2016: 15.82 weeks

2017: 26.42 weeks

While the 2018 performance indicator report had not yet been published, the Housing Department had submitted an average re-let time of 26.83 weeks.

The report was noted.

CL20/0719

Organisation of Food Waste information event in Celbridge

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

That the council organises a Food Waste information event in Celbridge as a pilot event for the county.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the Environment Department were in a position to facilitate a 'Stop Food Waste' training programme (www.stopfoodwaste.ie). The national scheme (provided by the Environmental Protection Agency) required members of the public to sign up in advance and was limited to c. 30 people. The training takes place over 4 evenings. It would be helpful if the member could provide details of any potential local groups or individuals that wish to attend and training would be arranged locally.

Councillor Cussen stated that she was disappointed with the response. She stated that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) had released figures of the cost of food waste per family each year which were astounding and people needed to be informed in relation to this. In advance of a training programme, she stated that she would like to see an informative/fun event organised as a pilot project in Celbridge to create enthusiasm and interest in the community and hopefully encourage people to get involved. If successful this event could be rolled out around the county.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by all the members that the report be noted and an information/fun event on Food Waste be organised as a pilot event in Celbridge.

CL21/0719

Report from Irish Water and action plans on leakages in the DMA's

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cussen. Given the established high levels of water leakage in a number of District Meter Areas (DMAs) in our municipal district and recent events with burst pipes, that this municipal district requests a report from Irish Water on the leakages and an action plan with a timeframe to stop this unacceptable level of water wastage. The report from Irish Water to detail all the DMAs, their current operational status and the unaccounted for water percentages.

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

A report was received from the Water Services Department informing the members that Water Services would refer the motion to Irish Water requesting a report as outlined. For all future queries the elected members should contact Irish Water via the dedicated Local Representative Service Desk in compliance with Irish Water instructions and protocol. The contact details were as follows:

Telephone: 1850 178 178 Email: localrepsupport@water.ie

Councillor Cussen expressed her concern at the unacceptable level of water leakages in Celbridge outlining that one of the DMA's in the municipal district had a reading of unaccounted water at 86% stating that something needed to be done to address these water leakages urgently. The members all agreed that a letter issue to Irish Water on this matter.

In response to Councillor Cussen's request for the council to put pressure on Irish Water to receive this report, the District Manager informed the members that Irish Water was the national utility for water and Kildare County Council acted as an agent for them. He informed the members that they had two avenues to submit their requests to Irish Water, the dedicated local representative email address which was solely for elected members use and the facility in place whereby Irish Water representatives came in to the council and the members could avail of this opportunity to meet with them and discuss their concerns.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Killeen and agreed by all the members, that a letter issue to Irish Water requesting a report from Irish Water on the leakages in the municipal district and an action plan with a timeframe to stop the unacceptable level of water wastage. The report from Irish Water to detail all the DMAs, their current operational status and the unaccounted for water percentages. The report was noted.

CL22/0719

Service Audit on recent water outages in Leixlip

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Killeen. That the council write to Irish Water and request that they carry out a service audit to identify how the recent significant water outages in Leixlip happened and that both Water Services in Kildare County Council and Irish Water report on its plans to ensure the continuity of water supply to the population of Leixlip when bursts happen as there was significant water outage over a number of days and the community was very negatively impacted and what improvements will be put in place to ensure future proofing of the network to prevent this type of event occurring again and in respect of future planned growth.

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

A report was received from the Water Services Department informing the members that Water Services would refer the motion to Irish Water requesting a report as outlined. For all future queries the elected members should contact Irish Water via the dedicated Local Representative Service Desk in compliance with Irish Water instructions and protocol. The contact details were as follows:

Telephone: 1850 178 178 Email: localrepsupport@water.ie

Councillor Killeen stated that there was a level of anxiety among the Leixlip community due to recent significant water outages and a report was required from Irish Water outlining what plans would be put in place to prevent future water outages and ensure continuity of supply to the people of Leixlip. The members all agreed that a letter should issue on this matter to Irish Water.

The members thanked the staff of the Water Services section for all their hard work and dedication noting that they worked outside normal working hours to provide water to the community when the water outages occurred recently in Leixlip.

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 that they carry out a service audit to identify how the recent significant water outages in Leixlip happened and that both Water Services in Kildare County Council and Irish Water report on its plans to ensure the continuity of water supply to the population of Leixlip when bursts happen as there was significant water outage over a number of days and the community was very negatively impacted. What improvements will be put in place to ensure future proofing of the network to prevent this type of event occurring again and to cope with future planned growth. The report was noted.

CL23/0719

Removal of green waste from path area between Glendale and Newtown

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Neville.
That the council clear up and remove the green waste from the path area between Glendale and Newtown along the Silleachan.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the council did not have the resources to collect green waste in the county. Unfortunately, the collection of green waste had proved to be bulky requiring numerous trips to locations to collect. The council would support local residents with the composting of such material in their areas. Interested groups could contact the council's Environmental Awareness Officer for assistance and guidance.

Councillor Neville stated that the green waste was unsightly at this location and suggested that if it could be removed and the area landscaped this might prevent any further dumping of green waste at this location. Councillor Neville stated that he would discuss the matter with Mr O’Gorman at a later stage.

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

CL24/0719

Request for details of current quality of drinking water from Irish Water

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Caldwell.
Can Irish Water provide details of the current quality of drinking water in our municipal district?

A report was received from the Water Services Department informing the members that Water Services would refer the question to Irish Water for a response.

For all future queries the elected members should contact Irish Water via the dedicated Local Representative Service Desk in compliance with Irish Water instructions and protocol.

The contact details were as follows:

Telephone: 1850 178 178 Email: localrepsupport@water.ie

The report was noted.

CL25/0719

Provision of outdoor youth space for teenagers in Celbridge

The members agreed to take item number 25 and 26 on the agenda together.

Item 25 – Motion Councillor Galvin

That the council provide an outdoor youth space for teenagers in Celbridge.

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

Item 26 – Motion Councillor Liston

That the council engage with the Celbridge community and review options for a skatepark or similar outdoor facility for young people, and in doing so take account of learning from other successful projects.

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

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that the council had no objection in principle to the provision of an outdoor youth space in Celbridge. The works required to progress this proposal would have to be considered for a future works programme as there was a range of existing commitments within the electoral area and across the county which have to be completed first. Funding would also have to be identified to finance the project.

Councillor Galvin stated that it was very important that the funding be identified to provide this much needed outdoor area for teenagers in Celbridge to meet up and socialize.

Councillor Liston stated that she understood there were constraints in the provision of such a facility but there was a huge demand from the community to provide such an area for their children. Councillor Liston stated that the council should commence engagement and consultation with the community and work collaboratively with them to investigate what could be put in place for young people in the area.

The District Manager stated that providing funding for such facilities was crucial and cautioned the members that the previous council had agreed the capital projects for a three year period so funding was limited.

The members agreed to discuss this issue with the Senior Parks Superintendent after the meeting.

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

CL26/0719

Social Enterprise Development Fund

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Killeen. That the council establish how many companies / groups in our municipal district accessed the Social Enterprise Development Fund (run in partnership with Social Innovation Fund Ireland) and what projects these were and what plans are there for 2019/2020 in respect of attracting and developing new social enterprises in the municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Housing and Corporate Services Department informing the members that the Social Enterprise Measure of the Dormant Accounts Fund Action Plan is overseen by the Department of Rural and Community Development and administered by Pobal. The Social Enterprise Development fund is being delivered over two years; the fund was created by Social Innovation Fund Ireland (SIFI) and is funded by IPB Insurance and the Department of Rural and Community Development, through the Dormant Accounts Fund. Details of the call for 2019/20 have not yet been announced.

The Social Enterprise Development Fund (Leinster) awardees for 2019 were:

Darndale Belcamp Village Centre (DBVC)

Kilcannon Industries CLG

ReCreate Ireland

Refill Ireland Project Ltd

We Make Good (WMG)

Siel Bleu Ireland

Walkinstown Green Social Enterprises Limited (WGSEL)

Councillor Killeen stated that the national policy on the Social Enterprise Development Fund had been launched the previous day. This fund could be used to encourage and expand enterprises and the Celbridge-Leixlip members should investigate how they could access this fund to benefit their municipal district.

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

CL27/0719

Provision of update on plans for the Wonderful Barn

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

Can the council provide an update on the plans for the Wonderful Barn and the level of engagement that has been held with the developers at this location?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that Ardstone Homes had contributed €350k towards refurbishment works in the Wonderful Barn and it

was hoped to develop and implement a programme of works to achieve this aim in the coming years.

The report was noted.

The District Manager informed the members that the seating arrangement at municipal district meetings had been an item on the Protocol Committee agenda in July. It was recommended by the committee to have the same seating arrangement at all five municipal district meetings to facilitate the smooth running of the meetings. This recommendation was to be brought to the plenary council meeting in July for approval to the new seating arrangements to commence in September.

The meeting concluded.