

Minutes of Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Meeting
Held at 10.00 am on Friday 20 September 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: Ms A Aspell (A/District Manager), Ms M Hunt (Senior Executive Officer), Mr C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Ms S O’Gara (Project Manager), Ms A Keaveney (A/Senior Executive Engineer), Ms P Pender and Mr B O’Gorman (Administrative Officers), Ms P Penny (Assistant Staff Officer), Mr G Mackey (Clerical Officer), Ms M McIvor and Ms K Keane (Meetings Administrators) and Ms A M Campbell (Meetings Secretary).

CL01/0919

Minutes and progress report

The members considered the minutes of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on 19 July 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 19 July 2019 be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CL02/0919

Matters Arising

Organisation of Food Waste information event in Celbridge (CL20/0719)

Councillor Cussen noted that the report stated that the Environment Department was progressing this matter. She stated that as she had submitted this motion in July, she would like to be included in discussions held relating to organising this event.

Request for Naas/Blanchardstown bus service to include Blanchardstown Hospital (CL09/0719)

The Meetings Administrator clarified that this motion had requested that correspondence be issued to the HSE and if the members wished for the matter to be progressed to full council then a new motion should be submitted to be included on the agenda of a plenary council meeting.

CL03/0919

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 the entrance to Ralph Square and the entrance to The Town Pub in Leixlip were to be resurfaced the following Monday night.

The final resurfacing contracts of 2019 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 Uí Dhálaigh to Leixlip Park, these had now been completed with road markings still to be completed.

Footpath paving on The Main Street of Celbridge with the entrances to be resurfaced with imprinted asphalt was now completed.

The roads maintenance crews were currently carrying out maintenance cleaning of the road gullies in the municipal district and would also cut back hedgerows around junctions in the coming weeks.

The road realignment of the R148 was currently on programme and due to open to traffic in November.

CL04/0919

Cycle racks and signage at Celbridge Library

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

That the council install cycle racks at Celbridge Library and update the signage regarding bicycle parking as appropriate.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer had agreed to arrange installation of cycle racks at Celbridge Library.

Councillor Liston thanked the Roads Department and stated that as this was European Mobility Week the installation of cycle racks at the library was particularly welcome.

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

CL05/0919

Pay parking system in Leixlip and Celbridge

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

That this Municipal District Committee asks the council to review the current pay parking system in Leixlip and Celbridge, with a view to making changes to the hours allowed.

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 Roads Department would only recommend a review of any parking bye-law where there is a significant change or extension of a bye-law area and/or enforcement periods. The members should advise if they wish to commence a review of the Celbridge and Leixlip Parking Bye-Laws to amend the hours from 10am to 4pm Monday-Friday to 9.30am to 5.30pm Monday to Saturday inclusive (excluding public/bank holidays).

Councillor Caldwell stated that the current pay parking system was not working. On Saturdays because of free parking, cars were being parked all day leaving no availability of parking spaces for people who genuinely wanted to visit both Celbridge and Leixlip towns to shop which was causing businesses to decline because of decreasing footfall.

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

- The problem of successive deficits in pay parking receipts for the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District needed to be addressed.

- Accessibility issues could be funded through surplus of pay parking monies similar to other municipal districts but this demanded that changes be made to the parking bye-laws to achieve a surplus.
- A review was necessary as pay parking was not functioning or comparable to other municipal districts.
- The council owned ESB site in Leixlip could be made available for public car parking.
- If charges were introduced on Saturdays people would take their business elsewhere.
- A full review on the pay parking bye-laws needed to be carried out and should include what the impact of increasing or decreasing the pay parking hours would have on local businesses.

The motion was put to a vote, with five members voting in favour and two members voting against, the motion was carried.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Cussen, with five members voting in favour, two members voting against, the motion was carried that the council review the current pay parking system in Leixlip and Celbridge, with a view to making changes to the hours allowed and the report was noted.

CL06/0919

Public lighting at Confey Cemetery

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

That the council review the public lighting at Confey Cemetery.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that all public lighting in the jurisdiction of Kildare County Council would be reviewed as part of the National Public Lighting Upgrade Project which proposed to retrofit all local authority non LED public lights with high efficiency LED lights.

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that it was the policy of the Environment Department to not provide lighting within cemeteries. The installation of lighting would encourage people to visit cemeteries after dark. Health and safety concerns would arise if the complete area of the cemetery was not adequately lit. It

should be noted that the council had responsibility for over 60 cemeteries in the county, none of which had public lighting.

Councillor Neville stated that he had clarified to the Environment Department that the issue was the level of lighting in the car park at Confey Cemetery and the Environment Department had agreed to review the lighting at this location.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Caldwell, that the Environment Department review the level of lighting in the car park at Confey Cemetery and the report was noted.

CL07/0919

Speed limit on the Hazelhatch Road

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

That the council extend the speed limit on the Hazelhatch road to beyond the Tennis Club, in the interests of safety for school children and club users?

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this request would be dealt with as part of the Speed Limit Review.

Councillor Liston expressed her concern for safety on the Hazelhatch Road and asked when the Speed Limit Review would be completed and if further submissions could be made.

The Municipal District Engineer stated that the review should be ready before the end of the year but that he would clarify this for the next meeting and that there would be further opportunities for submissions and requests to the Speed Limit Review.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Liston, seconded by Councillor Galvin, that the Municipal District Engineer clarify the date for the Speed Limit Review for the next meeting and the report was noted.

CL08/0919

Upgrade of roads and footpaths in older estates in Celbridge and Leixlip

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

That the council allocate a substantial increase in funding in Budget 2020 for the upgrade of roads and footpaths in older estates 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 the Director of Services would take this request into consideration during the budget process.

Councillor Coleman stated that a large allocation of funding was required to address the poor condition of roads and footpaths in the older estates in Celbridge and Leixlip. He stated that tree roots were lifting footpaths which was a huge safety concern for elderly pedestrians and people with mobility issues. He stated that in some instances people using motorised wheelchairs were using the road to avoid the footpaths because of this problem.

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

CL09/0919

Solar speed sign on the Loughlinstown Road

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

That a solar speed sign be installed on the Loughlinstown Road before Elm Hall Nursing Home and Retirement Village.

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 item had been referred to the Traffic Assessment and Advisory Group (TAAG) for comment.

Councillor Coleman stated his concern for vulnerable users in this area and asked that the matter be addressed as soon as possible.

Councillor Cussen stated that the issue of traffic calming measures at this location with regard to the Ballyoulster development had been raised previously and the members were informed that there were no resources for this to be carried out.

The Municipal District Engineer stated that the TAAG team resources had been increased and safety measures at this location would be investigated in addition to the request for a solar speed sign.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Cussen, that the request for the installation of a solar speed sign had been referred to TAAG and in addition safety measures at this location would also be referred to TAAG and the report was noted.

CL10/0919

Resurfacing of cycle paths between Salesians College and Crodaun Forest Park

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

That the council resurface the cycle paths on both sides of the road between the roundabout near Salesians College and Crodaun Forest Park as these are likely to get worse in the winter months and may be dangerous for the pupils of Salesians College and Celbridge Community School who use them.

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 adjacent lands at this location were currently under consideration for development and would result in works to these cycle lanes. The current condition was satisfactory for use but would be kept under review should temporary improvements/maintenance be required in the short term.

In response to a concern raised by Councillor Galvin regarding an area on a cycle path that was in a poor condition, the Municipal District Engineer advised the members to contact the area office if they were made aware of any areas that were in need of repair.

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

CL11/0919

Safety measures for cyclists/pedestrians and other road users on the Aghards Road

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

Can the Municipal District Engineer provide an update on the requested works to progress the safety measures for cyclists/pedestrians and other road users on the Aghards Road?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer was currently working on this request and would provide an update at the next meeting.

The report was noted.

CL12/0919

Numbering of street lighting poles in Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District

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

Can the council give an update on the progress on the numbering of street lighting poles in this municipal district?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that as per report issued for the July meeting, it was anticipated that all surveying works would be completed in Quarter 4, 2019.

The report was noted.

CL13/0919

Improvements to the Shilleachain Lane in Confey

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

Can the council give an update on progress re improvements to the Shillican Lane in Confey?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that pruning and clean up of the paths on Shilleachain Lane would take place before the end of the year. Any further works would be subject to completing a plan for the area and funding being available to complete them.

In response to a clarification sought from Councillor Caldwell that funding had been provided for this work, the Senior Executive Parks Superintendent informed the members that the funding put aside had been a small amount and had been allocated to work carried out in Glendale and Glen Dale Meadows.

The report was noted.

CL14/0919

Removal of Eir poles on footpaths at Church road and at Oaklee on Maynooth Road

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

Can the members have an update on the removal of Eir poles on footpaths at Church Road and at Oaklee on Maynooth Road?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office was currently liaising with Eir to resolve this issue.

The report was noted.

CL15/0919

Second bridge project in Celbridge

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

Can the council confirm what progress has been made on the second bridge project in Celbridge since our last municipal district meeting in July?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that progress continues with the Preliminary Appraisal in accordance with the Public Spending Code and it was envisaged that consultants will be recruited before the year end.

The report was noted.

CL16/0919

Water Points for emergency response vehicles in Celbridge and Leixlip

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

Can the council confirm if all housing estates in Celbridge and Leixlip have sufficient water points to facilitate servicing emergency response vehicles in case of a fire emergency?

A report was received from Building and Development Control informing the members that all housing developments were referred to the Fire Service at planning application stage for comment. We request a standard set of requirements with regard to the provision, type and location of hydrants for all such developments.

All Kildare stations had electronic tablets with an App that details the location of all of the hydrants in the county. We were not aware of any deficiencies in the provision of hydrants in the Celbridge and Leixlip areas.

Kildare had a mix of urban and rural housing developments. In more rural locations there may not be any hydrant water supplies. All Kildare Fire Service first response vehicles carry 1,800 litres of firefighting water and we have a fleet of five water tankers in the county that carry an additional 9,000 litres of water. Water tankers will typically deploy to all structural fires in the county. We also have powers in accordance with the Fire Services Acts 1981 & 2003 that allow us to take water from any watercourse or water source to support our operational activities.

The report was noted.

CL17/0919

Survey of roads in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District

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

Can the council confirm how many roads in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District have been surveyed during the last 5 years in relation to all aspects of condition and use?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that roads are assessed in accordance with the Department Guidelines and are rated from 1-10 on the Pavement Surface Condition Index (PSCI). The local General Services Supervisor monitors his area and this helps to form the works programme. All roads are reviewed from a PSCI at a maximum interval of 5 years.

The report was noted.

CL18/0919

Update on status of old ESB shop site

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

Can the council provide an update on the status of the old ESB shop site?

A report was received from the Housing and Corporate Services Department informing the members that members of the previous council were advised that a competition and shortlisting was prepared with respect to the provision of sheltered accommodation at the site.

An Approved Housing Body (AHB) was identified as preferred tenderer, and they are currently undertaking a planning and financial cost assessment with respect to the viability of a proposal.

In response to a question from Councillor Neville, the A/District Manager informed the members that any development of this site would require a Part 8 but no decision had been made at this stage.

The report was noted.

CL19/0919

Blocked off access to the Wonderful Barn

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

That the council confirm the position in relation to the blocked off access to the Wonderful Barn from the Glen Easton side during the construction period.

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

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that any access that existed from Gleneaston to the Wonderful Barn prior to construction commencing this year was unofficial. The site had been fenced because of the need for health and safety and security of the site while construction works were taking place. Within the planning application there was future provision to connect to the Rinawade Estate to facilitate permeability between the two developments.

Councillor Neville thanked the Parks Department for the report stating that he did not know that this access was unofficial.

Councillor Caldwell requested that the council ensure that the construction company complies with conditions of planning in relation to dirt and dust raised during construction.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Caldwell, that the Planning Department ensures that the construction company at the Wonderful Barn complies with their planning conditions in relation to dirt and dust raised during construction and the report was noted.

CL20/0919

Permanent site for Celbridge Community School

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Galvin.
Can the council provide an update on the negotiations to secure a permanent site for Celbridge Community School, and an estimated date for commencement of works?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the acquisition of sites for the construction and development of buildings for educational purposes was a matter for the Department of Education and Skills. Details such as estimated completion dates were the subject of huge variables including infrastructure provision and delivery. Estimated dates for commencements and completions were under the Department's remit.

The report was noted.

CL21/0919

Dog fouling initiatives in Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District

The committee agreed to consider item 20 and 21 on the agenda together.

Item 20 - Motion Councillor Cussen

That the appropriate departments of the council work with this Municipal District Committee to roll out some anti dog fouling initiatives which aid and encourage responsible dog owner behaviour as per previous motions in respect of bins and dog fouling bags.

Item 21 - Motion Councillor Caldwell

That the council provide dog litter bins in our municipal district area.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the issue of dog fouling regrettably remained a particular issue in some areas of the county. The

matter was not only a litter issue but could be a public health concern. The council's policy was contained in the current Litter Management Plan. The main focus was on 'any bag-any bin', in other words if you have a dog you should bring a bag to clean up after the dog and either bring the bag home or use a litter bin. Dog waste bags were readily available in many shops at very low cost, so it was expected that a responsible dog owner would bring some with them when walking their dog.

The Environment Department can support local communities with an 'anti dog fouling' campaign. This includes stencilling and bin stickers at particular locations within housing estates and walking routes to remind owners regarding their responsibilities. In addition, an audio warning system can be installed (on a temporary basis). This had been particularly successful in reducing the incidents of dog fouling in many areas.

Within the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District, the following locations had been done (or are scheduled to be done): Leixlip Park, Louisa Valley, Beatty Park, Hazelhatch Park, St. Raphael's Manor, Oldtown Mill and Willowbrook Park.

Funding had also been approved under the 'Anti-Litter, Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grant Scheme' (DCCAE) to install the audio warning system in new areas.

Councillor Cussen stated that she had made several requests over the last four years to have the issue of dog fouling addressed and the report that was given was the same response and nothing had changed. She asked that funding be provided to address this problem once and for all. She requested that the area office work with the members to identify bins that could be relocated to walking routes used by dog owners. She stated that bins in these regularly used areas would be less likely to be used by people dumping domestic refuse. She asked that dog fouling bags be made available to dog walkers that were compostable.

Councillor Caldwell stated that there was an urgent need to provide a proper service as other counties had. He stated that extra bins needed to be provided for dog walkers especially routes that were heavily used such as St Catherines Park and the roadway from Leixlip to Intel.

In response to a question from Councillor Liston about including this issue in the Litter Management Plan, Mr O'Gorman stated that could be progressed by the Environmental Services and Water Strategic Policy Committee which Councillor Cussen was a member of.

The Municipal District Engineer stated that a specific bin was not required to put dog fouling bags into and if members had suggestions for relocation of bins this could be looked at but cautioned the relocation of any bin near a housing estate due to the problem of people using them to dump their domestic refuse.

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

CL22/0919

Plans to deal with bonfires at Halloween

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Killeen.
That the council put plans in place to deal with bonfires in this municipal district at Halloween.

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

A report was received from Building and Development Control informing the members that the Fire Service would respond when alerted to burning bonfires. An assessment would be made of each fire, where fires threaten lives, property or infrastructure they would be extinguished.

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that the Parks Department remove material where bonfire material was being stock piled and cleans up where bonfires had taken place. However, it was not always possible to stop them due to the risks in removing material due to antisocial behaviour and the risks involved for staff.

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the disposal of waste by uncontrolled burning was an offence under both the Air Pollution Act, 1987 and the Waste Management Act, 1996 as amended. Waste material should not be provided by householders for the purpose of burning in bonfires. The Council's Litter Report Freephone is 1800 243 143.

Councillor Killeen stated that she had been asked by concerned residents about what the council were doing to prevent damage caused by fires at Halloween and she thanked the departments for their reports.

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

CL23/0919

Columbarium wall at Donaghcumper Cemetery

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Cussen.
Can Donaghcumper Cemetery be included in the roll out of columbarium walls in our cemeteries?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the Environment Department was currently progressing plans for the design and build of columbarium walls at a number of cemeteries in the county. These were Derrinturn, Newbridge, Crookstown and Rathangan. Donaghacumper will be considered for a future programme in 2020.

The report was noted.

CL24/0919

Update from the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team

Ms Hunt introduced the members of the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team, stating that each team member would take the lead on a project, with input from as required from the rest of the team. A copy of the presentation was distributed to the members for their information. Ms Hunt listed the funding streams and outlined the current projects which were the Community Facility in Ardclough, Health Check/Urban Design and Village Renewal plans for Ardclough, Celbridge and Leixlip and the route selection for a second Liffey crossing in Celbridge. Ms Hunt stated that it was planned to progress a minimum of five projects each in Celbridge and Leixlip towns under the town renewal plans and they were currently at the beginning of the research and analysis stage for these. She informed the members that the total value of projects in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District was €5.6 million and invited questions from the members.

Councillor Neville thanked the team for their presentation and stated that the ESB site and Wonderful Barn in Leixlip were areas that should be looked at to benefit the community in the municipal district.

Councillor Caldwell stated that the Wonderful Barn was a great asset in the municipal district and it could be developed into a major tourist attraction to benefit the community and the surrounding areas.

Councillor Killeen stated that as strong community collaboration was really important to apply for and receive funding, the members may be able to assist in this process.

Councillor Cussen stated that there was a huge need for a library/arts facility in Celbridge and asked if a meeting would be held with the community to pick the top five projects.

Councillor Galvin thanked the team for the update asked why the second river crossing in Celbridge was not prioritised.

Councillor Liston stated that it was very positive news for the towns of Celbridge, Leixlip and Ardclough and community engagement at public meetings was very important and asked if the evidence based data would be open to the public.

Councillor Coleman thanked Ms Hunt and the team for update and stated that a library/arts/theatre venue was much needed in Celbridge.

In response to the questions from the members, Ms Hunt stated that they were just at the beginning of the process and research analysis would commence in the coming weeks for Celbridge and Leixlip Town Renewal Plans and public consultation events would be scheduled in Q4 2019 and Q1 2020 and welcomed any support and input from the members in this venture.

In response to Councillor Galvin's question relating to the second river crossing, Ms Hunt clarified that the route selection for the second Liffey crossing had been Urban Regeneration & Development Fund (URDF) approved in 2018 and the screenshot in the members handouts was only indicative of the crossing when it goes to Phase 1.

In response to Councillor Liston's question, Ms Hunt informed the members that data would be gathered relevant to other projects and would be contained in the Town Renewal Plan which was a public document.

Ms Hunt informed the members that there would be a further update to the members in December.

CL25/0919

Installation of CCTV at Aghards Playground, Celbridge

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

That this Municipal District Committee agrees that CCTV needs to be installed at the Aghards Playground, Celbridge and subject to a public consultation process and costing as per those underway in Newbridge currently, asks that Kildare County Council begins this process immediately.

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

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that CCTV has been previously installed in Aghards Playground. It did not resolve any issues with the playground. The cameras were vandalised on a number of occasions. Additionally, it proved extremely hard to extract footage or identify those causing issues in the playground. There was also large amounts of time required to extract footage. It was not proposed to reinstate CCTV. However, Kildare County Council would be interested in working with the local community to re-establish regular opening and closing of the playground which has proved to be the most effective measure for curbing anti-social behaviour.

Councillor Cussen stated that CCTV needed to be installed in Aghards Playground as it was one of the most vandalised playgrounds in the county and asked the members to request that it be costed similar to the process that was underway in Newbridge for the skatepark.

The Senior Executive Parks Superintendent stated that he had reservations about the installation of CCTV in the playground as outlined in his report and re iterated the most effective deterrent to anti-social behaviour was regular opening and closing of the playground.

The A/District Manager advised the members that if a motion was passed by the members to install CCTV this may not be possible as it was dependant on the results of an audit being carried out by the Data Protection Commissioner.

A discussion ensued among the members and Councillor Cussen requested amending her motion to include the formation of a sub-committee on this issue.

With the agreement of the members, Councillor Cussen submitted an amendment to her motion in writing to the Meeting Administrator who read the motion in to the record as follows: "That this Municipal District agrees that CCTV needs to be considered at the Aghards playground, Celbridge and moves to establish a subcommittee to liaise on all matters relative to this and other playgrounds in our municipal district.

Councillor Galvin, Liston and Neville were proposed as members on this subcommittee and this was agreed by all the members.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by all the members that CCTV needed to be considered at the Aghards playground, Celbridge and moved to establish a subcommittee to liaise on all matters relative to this and Councillors Galvin, Liston and Neville would be members on this subcommittee.

CL26/0919

Multi-age playground on south side of the Liffey in Celbridge

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

That the council build a multi-age playground or playgrounds on the south side of the Liffey in Celbridge, near the newer estates where a large number of children live and play.

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

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that a suitable agreed site would have to be identified firstly for this to be considered. The proposal would also have to be considered in the context of amenity and recreation projects the municipal district committee want for the electoral area and which of these are to be prioritised within the resources available to deliver them.

Councillor Galvin stated that Celbridge was lacking amenities in comparison to other towns. She stated that towns with similar populations to Celbridge such as Naas had 3 playgrounds and Arklow has 4. She stated that Celbridge has 1 playground and access to a second one in The Abbey but both of them were a 2km walk from the south side of the Liffey where a large number of children lived and requested that playground facilities be provided for this area.

A discussion ensued and Councillor Galvin agreed that this motion be referred to the newly formed subcommittee.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by the members that the provision of a multi-age playground or playgrounds on the south side of the Liffey in Celbridge be referred to the newly formed subcommittee and the report was noted.

CL27/0919

Social Infrastructure audit in Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District

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

That the council conduct an extensive Social Infrastructure audit in the Celbridge- Leixlip Municipal District to enhance the initial investigations made by teams in preparation for the Leixlip LAP, using an on-line aspect enquiry form to access all strands of the community.

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

A report was received from Economic, Community and Cultural Development informing the members that the detail of any potential audit would have to be discussed further with the municipal district members. The health check process had worked very well in the towns where this had been used but this was on a town by town basis and not a municipal district area. The other issue was the reason for the audit and the context; this would have to be expanded upon in order to give some framework for any potential public consultation process.

Councillor Killeen noted the community collaboration aspect of the health check meetings but said the audit should include the wider community and there should be an online function also.

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

CL28/0919

Installation of water fountains in Leixlip and Celbridge

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

Can the council review the opportunity of installing water fountains in Leixlip and Celbridge?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that a pilot scheme for a public drinking point in Kildare Playground was being developed at present and the costs associated with this could be used as a basis for the provision of water points in the county. Water points need a connection from Irish Water and this would mean there would be an ongoing cost for them which would also have to be considered in addition to the installation cost and whether the costs were feasible within available budgets.

The report was noted.

CL29/0919

Council lands suitable for re-wilding and tree planting

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

Can the council provide an update on land it owns in the municipal district that would be suitable for re-wilding and tree-planting in the context of the national climate action objective to plant 440m trees over 20 years?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that Kildare County Council does not have any vacant lands within the municipal district to deliver rewilding and tree planting. Any proposals for this would have to be considered within existing open spaces and recreational land owned or taken in charge. The Parks Department are examining ways of introducing pilot areas to reduce grass cutting and spraying. Additionally, an annual programme of tree planting was carried out around the county. If these type of actions were to be expanded the work required to develop the proposal would also have to be considered in the context of staff and financial resources to deliver existing projects and what priority projects the municipal district members want delivered over the term of this council.

The report was noted.

CL30/0919

Appointment of Community Warden for Celbridge

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

Can the members have an update on the appointment of a Community Warden for Celbridge?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the council had commenced recruitment for a new Community Warden panel. It was expected that the process would be completed during Quarter 4 2019.

In the interim, the Environment Department had made arrangements for warden cover in the area from the existing team. Reports of litter/ illegal dumping should be made to the council's Litter Report Freephone (1800 243 143) for investigation.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.