

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

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

Present: Mr T McDonnell (District Manager), Ms A M Burke (Executive Engineer), Ms P O'Rourke (Executive Parks Superintendent), Mr C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Mr B Martin, Mr B O'Gorman and Mr J Shannon (Administrative Officers), Mr F O'Donovan (Parks Technician), Mr G Maher (Senior Staff Officer), Ms M O'Brien (Staff Officer), Ms P Penny (Assistant Staff Officer), Ms C Gallagher (Clerical Officer), Ms K Keane (Meetings Administrator) and Ms A M Campbell (Meetings Secretary).

CL01/0219

Minutes and progress report

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

Resolved On the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Neville that the minutes of the monthly Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on 18 January 2019 be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CL02/0219

Matters Arising

Invitation to Dublin Bus to attend February meeting (CL09/0119)

In response to a question from Councillor Young, the Meetings Administrator confirmed that a letter of invitation had issued to Dublin Bus and a response had not as yet been received.

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

In response to a question from Councillor Young, the Meetings Administrator confirmed that a letter of invitation had issued to Irish Water and a response had not as yet been received.

Bus Connects new proposed bus route.

Councillor Young stated that the members had an extra week to make submissions on the proposed new bus route for Lucan and the possible implications for existing bus services to Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth.

In response to a question from Councillor Young, when would the National Transport Authority (NTA) attend a meeting of the council, the Meetings Administrator informed the members that this item was discussed at the Corporate Policy Group meeting and it was proposed to invite the NTA to attend the full council meeting on 25 March 2019.

Review and design of cycle lanes connecting schools (CL17/1118)

Councillor Cussen requested the date of the next Cycle Forum meeting.

Condition of Bus Eireann Bus Stop and Shelter (CL02/0119)

Councillor Cussen noted that there had been no progress on this matter and requested an update.

Funding from IPB (CL13/1218)

In response to a query from Councillor Caldwell in relation to repairs that needed addressing on footpaths in advance of receiving money from IPB, the Municipal District Engineer stated that members could contact him to alert him of any issues that they were aware of.

Accessibility Survey (CL31/0118)

Councillor Neville stated that the members had requested an Accessibility Survey for their municipal district and questioned why the report referred to Maynooth.

Plans for the old ESB shop in Leixlip (CL17/0119)

Councillor Larkin noted the report for the ESB site but stated that the District Manager had agreed at their monthly meeting in January to hold a meeting with the members to discuss what was proposed for this site.

Vacant Housing Report

The District Manager stated that he would request an update from the Vacant Housing Officer on the list of 16 vacant houses that Councillor Cussen had submitted.

CL03/0219

Schedule of Municipal District Road Works

The Municipal District Engineer briefed the members on the schedule of municipal district works for 2019. He noted that the LPT projects for 2019 were approved at the last municipal district meeting and were now being progressed through design stage. He also advised the members that he had received the road resurfacing allocation for 2019 and that the formal road works programme for 2019 would be going before the members at full council as part of the road works programme 2019. He advised them of the projects he hoped to complete pending funding approval in 2019.

CL04/0219

Committee Reports and Recommendations

The members considered the recommendation from the Protocol Committee with regard to the upcoming local elections 2019.

That each Municipal District contact their own Tidy Towns groups or relevant community organisations asking them to identify areas they would like to keep 'poster free' and seek their views in relation to having a cap on the number of posters, per candidate, per Municipal District.

The Meetings Administrator stated that this item was a recommendation from the Protocol Committee of which Councillor Larkin was a member and it was being referred to the five municipal districts for their consideration.

A lengthy discussion ensued and the members agreed that their concerns be brought back to the next Protocol Committee meeting as follows:

Councillor Caldwell stated that this decision should be made by the members and not reverted back to groups or organisations.

Councillor Coleman stated that he had approached the Celbridge Tidy Towns group and they had asked that the area from Castletown Gates to the Grotto in Celbridge be kept poster free and he was in favour of asking all groups for their views.

Councillor Larkin agreed that the groups should be written to for their views but stated that it was a voluntary matter and could not be imposed under legislation.

Councillor Young stated that the views of groups could be sought but what happened if the members did not agree with the groups views. He said that the bigger political parties had more funding which they used to put large posters on big hoardings and political advertisements on the sides of trucks and park them in prominent areas in towns and villages and therefore had an advantage that candidates in the smaller political parties did not have.

Councillor Cussen stated that as there was no judging being carried out in the Tidy Town Competition during election time in May, posters would not have a negative effect at that time on this competition. She said that she had a reservation in relation to new candidates with smaller budgets not being able to put up their posters for their campaigns when the bigger political parties had access to much greater funding for their media campaigns.

Councillor Neville stated that the poster free system was working well on the Main Street in Leixlip and this had been agreed with the Tidy Town Committee and other groups so in his opinion the same should be carried out for the Main Street in Celbridge.

Resolved the members all agreed that their views on this recommendation would be referred back to the Protocol Committee.

CL05/0219

Schedule of Taking in Charge of Estates

The members considered the schedule of Taking in Charge of Estates that had been circulated to them.

Ms Burke informed the members that the Building & Development Control Department were currently working to have estates brought up to a taking in charge standard.

She informed the members of the estates that the Building and Development Control Section proposed to be taken in charge in the coming 6 months in this Municipal District which were: Primrose Village, Celbridge; Chelmsford Manor, Celbridge; Cluain Dara, Leixlip and Knockaulin, Leixlip.

Ms Burke informed the members that the following estates were proposed to be taken in charge by the end of the year:

Ryemount, Leixlip; Hawthorn Gate, Celbridge and Hazelwood, Celbridge.

Resolved with the agreement of the members to note the Schedule of Taking in Charge of Estates as listed in the report.

CL06/0219

Roads Traffic Act 1994-Section 38, Buckley's Lane, Leixlip

The members considered the Road Traffic Act 1994 - Section 38, proposed Double Yellow Lines/Parking Restrictions at Buckley's Lane, Leixlip, Co Kildare.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Coleman and agreed by all the members, that the Section 38 under the Roads Traffic Act 1994, proposed Double Yellow Lines/Parking Restrictions at Buckley's Lane, Leixlip, Co. Kildare be approved.

CL07/0219

Roads Traffic Act 1994-Section 38, St. Patrick's Park, Celbridge

The members considered the Road Traffic Act 1994 - Section 38, proposed Double Yellow Lines/Parking Restrictions at St.Patrick's Park, Celbridge, Co Kildare.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Coleman and agreed by all the members, that the Section 38 under the Roads Traffic Act 1994, proposed Double Yellow Lines/Parking Restrictions at St.Patrick's Park, Celbridge, Co Kildare be approved.

CL08/0219

Roads Traffic Act 1994-Section 38, River Forest, Leixlip

The members considered the Road Traffic Act 1994 - Section 38, proposed Double Yellow Lines/Parking Restrictions at River Forest, Leixlip, Co Kildare.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Coleman and agreed by all the members, that the Section 38 under the Roads Traffic Act 1994, proposed Double Yellow Lines/Parking Restrictions at River Forest, Leixlip, Co Kildare be approved.

CL09/0219

Roads Traffic Act 1994-Section 38, Glendale Meadows/St. Catherine's Park

The members considered the Road Traffic Act 1994 - Section 38, proposed Disabled Bay at Glendale Meadows/St.Catherine's Park, Leixlip, Co Kildare.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Coleman and agreed by all the members, that the Section 38 under the Roads Traffic Act 1994, proposed Disabled Bay at Glendale Meadows/St.Catherine's Park, Leixlip, Co Kildare be approved.

CL10/0219

Invite to Area Manager of Iarnród Éireann

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

That this municipal district committee invites the Area Manager of Iarnród

Éireann to attend the next municipal district committee meeting to discuss commuter growth and the current facilities in place in this municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that if the members were in agreement, a letter would issue to Iarnród Éireann as requested.

Councillor Neville stated that a meeting was required with the members of the committee and a representative of Iarnród Éireann as there were specific issues which related to the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District area which could not be addressed by the National Transport Authority's attendance at a full council meeting where the issues were countywide.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Larkin and agreed by all the members that the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department issue a letter of invitation to Iarnród Éireann to attend the next Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Committee meeting.

CL11/0219

Invite to Airtricity to attend March Meeting

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

That this municipal district committee invites Airtricity to attend our March municipal district meeting to give a report on how they service the public street lighting in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.

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 Public Lighting Section meets regularly with Airtricity in respect to public maintenance/installation of street lighting around the county. If the members had any queries they wished to raise in respect to the services provided by Airtricity they should contact the public lighting section in the Transport Department who would raise the matters with Airtricity and report back to the members.

Councillor Caldwell expressed his concern at the length of time it was taking Airtricity to repair lights in the Captain Hill area stating that some faults had taken 9 to 10 weeks to be repaired.

Councillor Cussen stated that she had raised a motion in November that the council ensure that all lights in housing estates that were taken in charge were listed on Airtricity's self-log website and the report from the Roads Department stated that the surveying of the remaining estates was due to be completed by end of November. She stated that half the lights in the St.Raphael's Manor estate were still not on this system so therefore faults could not be reported online. Councillor Cussen added that many lighting poles had no number for reference when logging a fault and the alternative was to use the nearest house number but many houses did not have their number displayed outside.

Mr Martin informed the members that the public lighting team were very proactive and suggested that the members raise any outstanding issues with the team in the first instance to allow the team to deal with the problem before inviting Airtricity to a meeting.

The members agreed to meet with the Public Lighting team to discuss their issues in advance of sending an invitation to Airtricity to attend their monthly meeting.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Cussen, that the members would meet with the Public Lighting team to discuss their issues in advance of sending an invitation to Airtricity to attend their monthly meeting and the report was noted.

CL12/0219

Survey of public lighting in Castletown, Celbridge

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Coleman. That the council conducts a survey of the public lighting in Castletown, Celbridge at the area of the arch that leads into The Walled Gardens at the north entrance and at the main entrance to The Drive also.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Public Lighting Engineer would visit the site and an assessment would be made under KLIPS (Kildare Lighting Infrastructure Priority Schedule).

Councillor Coleman stated that he acknowledged the work that the Public Lighting team were carrying out and he would discuss this issue with the Public Lighting Engineer.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Larkin, that Councillor Coleman would discuss this issue with the Public Lighting Engineer and the report was noted.

CL13/0219

Installation of yellow box at Cedar Park entrance

The committee agreed to consider item 12 and item 13 on the agenda together.

Item 12 - Motion Councillor Larkin

That a yellow box be installed at the Cedar Park entrance near the Garda Station junction.

Item 13 - Motion Councillor Larkin

That yellow boxes be installed where the dished footpath meets the road at the Cedar Park entrance near the Garda Station junction.

The motions were proposed by Councillor Larkin and seconded by Councillor Neville.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a technical assessment would be carried out by the Municipal District Office and if it concluded a yellow box was warranted, it would be installed at this entrance and the Municipal District Engineer would carry out a site visit and assess the need for parking restrictions at the location.

Councillor Larkin welcomed the report stating that he had received complaints from motorists who found it very hard to get out the Cedar Park entrance on to the road in the mornings. Councillor Larkin expressed his concern for people with mobility issues being unable to gain access to the footpath due to motorists parking on the dished part of the pavement.

The Municipal District Engineer confirmed that in relation to the yellow box at the entrance he did not see a problem installing it if the assessment warranted it and would investigate if there was some measure that could be taken to prevent parking on the dished area of the footpath.

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

CL14/0219

Timeframe for junction improvements at Shackleton Road/Clane Road, Celbridge

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

Can a timeframe be given for the junction improvements at the Shackleton Road/Clane Road, Celbridge?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer in conjunction with the Traffic Management Section would carry out an assessment of the signals at this junction.

The Municipal District Engineer agreed to meet Councillor Cussen at this location.

The report was noted.

CL15/0219

Hedging between the Old Green Lane Road and wall connecting Loughnamona

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Caldwell.
Can the council remove the hedging between the old Green Lane Road and the wall connecting Loughnamona?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer would look at the hedging and would update the members at the next meeting.

The Municipal District Engineer agreed to meet Councillor Caldwell at this location.
The report was noted.

CL16/0219

Hedging opposite Hewlett Packard

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Coleman.
Can the hedge opposite Hewlett Packard which is encroaching on the footpath and restricting access, be cut back?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District office would arrange for this hedge to be cut back.

The report was noted.

CL17/0219

Ponding issue at top of the Black Avenue, St Catherine's Park

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Larkin.
Can the council resolve the ponding issue at the top of the Black Avenue, St Catherine's Park?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that work was ongoing to resolve this issue. It was planned to have works carried out in the next 2 months or sooner to resolve the matter.

The report was noted.

CL18/0219

Noise reports for the M4 between both Leixlip/Celbridge junctions

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

Can this municipal district committee be provided with the latest road noise reports for the M4 between both Leixlip/Celbridge junctions?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Draft Noise Action Plan was currently being prepared by the Transport Department and this would be made available to the members before the commencement of the public consultation process.

In response to a question from Councillor Larkin the District Manager clarified that the council does not monitor noise levels on major roads after they had been installed.

Mr Martin stated that he would request a member of the Noise Action Plan team to contact Councillor Larkin on this matter.

The report was noted.

CL19/0219

Invitation to the PNA from the Maynooth Ambulance Depot

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

In light of the recent ambulance strike, that the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Committee agrees to invite a representative of the Psychiatric Nurses Association (PNA) from the Maynooth ambulance depot to report on how the continued non-staffing of the depot on Thursdays affects the ambulance service in the Celbridge-Leixlip area.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Young, 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.

Councillor Young expressed his concerns that the ambulance depot was closed on Thursdays, the reduction in the number of ambulances, the use of estate cars and motorbikes being used for rapid response to call outs which were unable to carry patients

and requested that a representative should be invited to inform the committee about the staffing issues and to investigate if the members could offer support to them.

The District Manager advised the members that the Health Service Executive were the agency that was responsible for providing the ambulance service and it would be more appropriate to invite a representative from the HSE to a meeting.

A discussion ensued among the members and they agreed to invite a representative of the PNA to a meeting of their committee in advance of issuing an invite to a representative of the HSE.

The District Manager advised the members that it was not appropriate to act as mediators between an employer and employees.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by all the members that a letter issue to invite a representative of the Psychiatric Nurses Association (PNA) from the Maynooth ambulance depot to report on how the continued non-staffing of the depot on Thursdays affects the ambulance service in the Celbridge-Leixlip area.

CL20/0219

Fly-tipping black-spots in Celbridge

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

That resources be allocated to tackle fly-tipping black-spots in Celbridge.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the Environment Department had identified three particular black spot areas in the vicinity of Celbridge. A number of clean ups had taken place and the council was working with the local community to implement measures that would eliminate illegal dumping and littering. This included the ongoing use of CCTV technology to assist in the identification of offenders. Reports of illegal dumping should be made to the Council's Litter Report Freephone 1800 243 143.

Councillor Coleman asked that his thanks be conveyed to the Community Warden for all his hard work in the area. Councillor Coleman stated that illegal dumping was a major problem that needed a solution adding that no sooner had an area been cleaned up after dumping than incidents of dumping were occurring there again and he stated that CCTV was a good deterrent in areas of illegal dumping.

Councillor Larkin supported the motion and stated that CCTV was helping to solve a lot of these issues. He stated that it was a credit to the area office for the clean ups they had carried out but in his opinion it was a waste of resources that could be put to better use and he said that unfortunately the problem was nationwide.

Councillor Young stated that resources were being wasted on CCTV as people who dump simply move to a location that is not being covered by CCTV cameras to dump illegally. He stated that this was the outcome of the privatisation of waste collection and increased charges and he said that the municipal waste collection system should be introduced again by the councils.

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

CL21/0219

Irish Waters availability to elected representatives out of hours

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

Can Irish Water be asked to improve their availability to elected representatives out of hours as the current situation where the Reps Line only works between 9:00 a.m and 5:00 p.m week days is not adequate?

A report was received from the Water Services Department informing the members that Irish Water was the national water utility responsible for the delivery of water services to homes and businesses in Ireland. The elected member 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: 1850178 178 or 01 7072854 Email: localrepsupport@water.ie

Councillor Cussen stated that she was disappointed with the report from the Water Services Department which stated that the members should contact Irish Water themselves in relation to the restrictive hours of operation of the Reps Line and requested that Irish Water be contacted on the members behalf on this matter.

The Meetings Administrator stated that she had been advised by the Water Services Department that they had raised this issue with Irish Water previously and informed the members that there were two Irish Water clinics scheduled from 1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. in the Committee Room on Monday 25 February 2019 and Monday 29 April 2019.

The report was noted.

CL22/0219

Request of Waterways Ireland to clear silt at Rye Bridge

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Neville.
Can the council ask Waterways Ireland if silt can be cleared at the Rye Bridge?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the matter will be passed to the Office of Public Works (OPW) for consideration.

Councillor Neville clarified that the location where the silt was an issue was the Rye Bridge at Aldi in Leixlip.

The report was noted.

CL23/0219

Naming Housing Developments in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cussen.
That the Planning Department provide a report to this municipal district committee on the current process that is followed when naming housing developments in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District and that the report sets out how these developments in the municipal district are complying with the County Development Plan (page 404) and Local Area Plans "Naming New Developments".

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that all planning applications for housing developments granted by the planning authority are conditioned to provide proposals for the naming of new developments prior to commencement. A document outlining the naming policy of the local authority was attached.

Councillor Cussen stated that it was her understanding that under Section 17.4.12 of the County Development Plan it stated that “the naming of any new estates would be decided in consultation with the Municipal District members” and that this consultation was not taking place in the municipal districts .

The Meetings Administrator informed the members that she would seek clarification from the Planning Department on this matter and revert to the members as soon as possible.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Caldwell, that the Meetings Administrator seek clarification if compliance under the Corporate Development Plan required that “the naming of any new developments prior to commencement would be decided in consultation with the Municipal District members” and the report be noted.

CL24/0219

Update on the Leixlip Local Area Plan

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

Can this municipal district committee be given an update on the Leixlip Local Area Plan?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that Kildare County Council was advancing the preparation of a revised draft Local Area Plan for Leixlip. The Planning Department was working towards the publication of a revised Draft Local Area Plan by the end of Quarter 1 2019.

The report was noted.

CL25/0219

Parks Section Works Programme 2019

The members considered the Parks Section Works Programme 2019 which had been circulated to them.

The Executive Parks Superintendent circulated an updated report to the members and noted the addition of item number 19 to the report. Ms O' Rourke gave a detailed report on the all the items on the programme for 2019 including the timeframes and cost to the members.

A lengthy discussion took place on the report with Ms O'Rourke clarifying the queries that were raised.

The members thanked Ms O'Rourke for the comprehensive report and asked her to relay their thanks to the Parks team for all their good work in the district.

Resolved the members noted the Parks Section Works Programme 2019 for the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.

CL26/0219

Festival Grant for the Celbridge Food & Cultural Festival 2019

The members considered the Festival Grant for the Celbridge Food & Cultural Festival 2019.

Councillor Cussen sought further clarification in relation to festival grants out of LPT monies.

Mr Shannon clarified the queries as raised.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Byrne and agreed by all the members that a grant of €11,000 for the Celbridge Food & Cultural Festival 2019 be approved.

CL27/0219

Receipt of deputation from Play Acting Youth Theatre

The members considered the receipt of a deputation from Play Acting Youth Theatre (PYT) at the March meeting of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Neville and agreed by all the members to receive a deputation from Play Acting Youth Theatre (PYT), to the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting, to be held on 15 March 2019.

CL28/0219

Application for grant for Swimming Pool at Leixlip Amenities Centre

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

That the Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District write to the Chief Executive of Kildare County Council and to the Minister expressing our non-acceptance of Kildare County Council's decision to not apply for a swimming pool grant at the Leixlip Amenities Centre and that the Public Realm team immediately begin the process of identifying funding streams for delivery of a swimming pool in this site. Reference to Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund (Page 6) below:

[10. Making More than one Application

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

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

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

A lengthy discussion ensued among the members and it was agreed by all the members to defer this motion for deliberation until their monthly meeting in March.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by all the members that this joint motion be adjourned until the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting, to be held on 15 March 2019.

On the proposal of the Cathaoirleach, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by all the members the Standing Orders were suspended for 10 minutes until 1.10 p.m. to allow the meeting to conclude.

CL29/0219

Review of operation at entrance to the Black Avenue

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

That the council review the operation of the entrance to the Black Avenue as it is noted that the entrances on the Dublin sides are closed at certain times while the Kildare one is not and this is contributing to night time dumping issues.

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

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that the operation of the barrier would be reviewed in conjunction with Water Services who also use the entrance.

Councillor Neville stated that he had received reports of dumping at this location at night time and he asked if there could be a technical solution to this problem such as the barriers being lowered at nighttime to prevent access for dumping.

Ms O'Rourke stated that the litter would be removed and the Senior Executive Parks Superintendent would meet with the Water Services Section to discuss this matter.

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

On the proposal of the Cathaoirleach, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by all the members the Standing Orders were suspended for a further 10 minutes until 1.20 p.m. to allow the meeting to conclude.

CL30/0219

Update on plans for the Spa, close to Louisa Bridge

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

Can the council give an update on plans for the Spa, close to Louisa Bridge?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that it was hoped to progress the installation of the repair of the wall at the spa well and install a viewing point. Progress would be dependent on work on other projects.

The report was noted.

CL31/0219

Removal of trees from the front of Crodaun Forest Park

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

Can the two trees that were blown down be removed from the front of Crodaun Forest Park (phase 1)?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that arrangements would be made to have the trees removed.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.