

**Minutes of Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Meeting  
Held at 10.30 am on Friday 17 July 2020  
In the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara.**

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

**Apologies:** Councillor M Coleman

**Present:** Mr T McDonnell (District Manager), Ms M Hunt (Senior Executive Officer), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Mr C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Mr E Fagan (Administrative Officer), Mr T Shanahan (Meetings Administrator) and Ms A M Campbell (Meetings Secretary).

**CL01/0720**

**Minutes and progress report**

The members considered the minutes of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on 19 June 2020, 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 19 June 2020 be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

**CL02/0720**

**Matters Arising**

Councillor Neville noted that there were very few reports in the Progress Reports this month in comparison to Progress Reports received previously.

The Meetings Administrator advised the members that the progress reports only showed items that had updates on them since the last meeting and many items that were on the

action plan were still awaiting updates such as responses to letters that had been issued as requested by the members.

The Cathaoirleach stated that it was her intention to discuss the Vacant House Report issued every month with the Progress Report at the beginning of every monthly municipal district meeting henceforth.

The Meetings Administrator advised the members that the public consultations on the proposed revised Alcohol Bye-Laws had to be suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic but it was hoped to progress these in August. He stated that the members had agreed to the inclusion of Ardclough in the Draft Kildare County Council Alcohol Bye-Laws 2019 and he would circulate a copy of the map of the proposed area, indicating the townlands to be included, to the members following the meeting.

### **CL03/0720**

#### **Schedule of Municipal District Road Works**

The Municipal District Engineer briefed the members on the schedule of Municipal District Road Works over the last few months. The road resurfacing programme consisted of 5 contracts for 2020 with two of these completed to date (Confey Boat House and Clane Road, Celbridge) and part of one of the remaining 3 contracts at Kearneystown (Lyons Estate) had also been completed. Leixlip Main Street would be resurfaced at night, starting on Tuesday 4 August. Station Road from Louisa Bridge to Green Lane would also be resurfaced in August. The remaining contract (Ardclough Road in Celbridge and the Celbridge Road in Ardclough near Wheatfield) was also scheduled to be completed in mid-August ahead of the schools returning.

The surface dressing works in the municipal district for 2020 were completed in early June at Killeenlea and the Ardrass Road/Lovers Lane into Straffan.

LPT projects were being advanced with road repairs carried out in Oaklawn and Leixlip Park. The design of a pedestrian crossing on the Green Lane in Leixlip was currently at design stage with the traffic management section giving assistance. The proposed pedestrian crossing on the Maynooth Road in Celbridge was also being designed. The contractor had completed the installation of a pedestrian phase on one arm of the traffic signals at Tesco in Celbridge.

Councillor Caldwell thanked the Municipal District Engineer and all his team for their hard work. He expressed his concern at the speed of traffic on the road outside Confey Cemetery and stated that something needed to be done at this location to slow traffic down to enable people to cross the road in safety.

Councillor Cussen thanked the Municipal District Engineer for the installation of a pedestrian button at the traffic signals at Tesco's and said it had been badly needed at this location.

### **CL04/0720**

#### **Capital Programme 2021-2023**

The members considered the Capital Programme 2021-2023, a copy of which had been circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.

The District Manager stated that the proposed Capital Programme would see investment of €430m across the entire county but this may now need to be tempered in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic. He advised that progress on the projects outlined in the report was entirely dependent on the availability of adequate funding from the Exchequer/EU together with Development Levies and council's own resources.

The District Manager advised the members that funding needed to be identified prior to projects commencing. He advised the members to examine the report and if they had specific questions or identified other projects they should revert to the relevant director.

The Cathaoirleach proposed that the members should meet with the District Manager to discuss and plan collectively and identify which projects could be achieved over the next three years.

**Resolved** with the agreement of all the members that the members contact the relevant directors with any queries in relation to the Capital Programme 2021-2023 report and meet with the District Manager to discuss and plan collectively and identify which projects could be achieved over the next three years.

**CL05/0720**

**Finance Committee Annual Report**

The members considered the Finance Committee Annual Report, a copy of which had been circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.

The District Manager stated that the Finance Committee Annual Report was an outline of the work that the committee had carried out since April 2019. He stated it gave a brief report of 5 meetings that had been held and listed the upcoming items for discussion.

Councillor Neville who was the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District member on the Finance Committee informed the members that the committee had been very busy and gave a review of the work that the committee had carried out during the year. He stated that the committee's focus was on the fall-off of revenue due to Covid-19 and it was hoped the government would fill the gap in funding. On this basis the committee had drafted a letter to issue to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, to highlight the shortfall of revenue in Kildare County Council.

**Resolved** with the agreement of all the members the Financial Committee Annual Report was noted.

**CL06/0720**

**Transport strategy for Celbridge and Leixlip**

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

That the council develops a transport strategy for Celbridge and Leixlip and applies to the National Transport Authority for funding as soon as possible in 2020.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council Planning Directorate had asked the Roads and Transport Directorate to develop transport strategies associated with various Local Area Plans in 2020. These were orientated around the Planning Directorate's programme for this year. It did not include a Transport Strategy for Celbridge. The Roads and Transport Directorate would need to complete those strategies before starting any further work. Therefore, it would not be possible to complete a Transport Strategy for Celbridge in 2020.

Councillor Liston stated that there was an urgent need for a Transport Strategy for both Celbridge and Leixlip and they should not need to be linked to Local Area Plans. Councillor Liston stated that the result from the recent online public realm surveys had shown that the biggest issue people had in relation to their towns was congestion. Councillor Liston stated that a Transport Strategy should be put in place to encourage and promote a shift from dependency on motor vehicles to bicycle use and the Covid-19 crisis had created a catalyst for change and the development of a Transport Strategy should be put in place without delay.

The Municipal District Engineer agreed that in his opinion there was a need for Transport Strategy for both towns. He stated that he would discuss the matter with the Director of Service to see if the transport strategy could be advanced and smaller projects progressed through NTA funding and he would report back to the municipal district members.

In response to a question from Councillor Killeen regarding the delay, the District Manager confirmed that the Municipal District Engineer had agreed to carry out some groundwork but advised the members that there was still the issue of the provision of the large amount of staff resources that would be required.

In response to a question from Councillor Cussen, the District Manager confirmed that special development contributions were not off the agenda for funding projects.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Liston, seconded by Councillor Caldwell, that the Municipal District Engineer discuss the Transport Strategy for Celbridge and Leixlip with the Director of Services for Roads, Transportation and Public Services to see if the matter could be advanced and report back to the Municipal District Members.

### **CL07/0720**

#### **Cycling/pedestrian improvement measures**

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

That identified cycling/pedestrian improvement measures be carried out as per motion CL17/0319 and subsequent Road Inspection Report November 2019.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer was assessing what measures could be implemented in the short term and how these could be funded.

In response to a question from the Cathaoirleach, if the members could agree to meet with the Municipal District Engineer to discuss the Road Inspection Report, the Municipal District Engineer confirmed that he would agree a date for this meeting with the members.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by all the members that the Municipal District Engineer agree a date to hold a meeting with the members to discuss the Road Inspection Report.

### **CL08/0720**

#### **Traffic calming measures on road leading into Ardclough by Wheatfield Cottages**

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

That the council install traffic calming measures on the road leading into Ardclough by the Wheatfield cottages, measures which are strongly supported by local residents (details provided).

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there were no plans to install traffic calming at Wheatfield cottages. There was a driver feedback sign currently in place advising drivers of the posted speed limit and to slow down. Kildare County Council were currently developing guidelines for traffic calming and once adopted this location could be reassessed.

Councillor Galvin requested that the council reconsider delaying until guidelines were developed to reassess this location and expressed her concern for safety of the children and elderly residents at this location due to the speed of traffic. Councillor Galvin stated that she had helped to collect signatures from all but one resident of Wheatfield cottages who supported traffic calming measures on this road.

The Municipal District Engineer informed the members that he had received many requests for a number of various traffic calming measures such as yellow lines, ramps etc. He stated

that there was a need to adopt a county wide approach for traffic calming measures and for this reason the development of guidelines was currently being progressed. When the guidelines were complete they would be brought to the Director of Roads, Transportation and Public Safety for his agreement. Once the guidelines were approved an assessment could be carried out at this location. The Municipal District Engineer advised that a second feedback sign could be added to gather data on speeds for analysis of speeds on both directions on the road.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Cussen, that Kildare County Council were currently developing guidelines for traffic calming and once adopted this location could be reassessed.

### CL09/0720

#### **Request to Fingal County council for provision of streetlights at junction of R149**

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

That this council requests Fingal County Council to provide streetlights at the junction of the R149.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that with the agreement of members, correspondence could issue to the relevant authority requesting installation of street lighting at this location.

Councillor Caldwell said that the R149 was a narrow road, was used by a large volume of traffic travelling to and from Dublin each day and there was a safety requirement for the installation of lighting at this junction. He said that would be great if this lighting could be installed by Fingal County Council in advance of the arrival of winter.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Neville and agreed by all the members that correspondence issue to the relevant authority requesting installation of street lighting at this location.

### CL10/0720

#### **Review, repair or update of shelters in Leixlip, Celbridge and Ardclough**

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

That the council with the National Transport Authority (NTA) review, repair or update bus shelters in Leixlip, Celbridge and Ardcrough e.g. the bus shelter on the Celbridge to Clane Road.

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 the bus shelter on the Clane Road in Celbridge was listed for replacement and was due to be replaced in April but was postponed due to COVID 19 restriction. It was rescheduled for replacement in August. There were no additional bus shelters listed on the NTA works programme for this Municipal District.

Councillor Neville stated that it was great that the bus shelter on the Clane Road was rescheduled for replacement in August and that it would be good to keep communication open with Dublin Bus with regard to the need for repair/replacement or installation of new bus shelters where they were required.

The Municipal District Engineer stated that if the members had any bus shelter requests to inform him and he would forward their requests to the NTA.

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

#### **CL11/0720**

##### **Update on second bridge project in Celbridge**

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

Can the council provide an update on the second bridge project in Celbridge?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Phase 1 of the project was currently nearing completion. Phase 2 would commence immediately thereafter. It was anticipated, based on current programme and resources, that Phase 2 would be completed and a preferred route for the scheme would be identified within the next 18 months.



Phase 2 would involve two rounds of public consultation which would inform the public of the realistic options for a second crossing and would seek submissions which would be considered in the route selection process.

The report was noted.

**CL12/0720**

**Replacement of speed ramp at entrance to new Wonderful Barn estate**

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

Can the council confirm when the speed ramp will be replaced at the entrance to the new Wonderful Barn estate?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the ramp was removed as part of agreed works under a condition from An Bord Pleanála to provide a signal controlled junction at the adjacent residential development. In order to ensure progression and efficiency at the signalised junction it was necessary to remove the ramp. The relevant sections were liaising with the developer regarding the traffic signal switch-on.

The report was noted.

**CL13/0720**

**Review options for cycle routes in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District**

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

Can the council review options for cycle routes in this municipal district as the most densely populated municipal district in Kildare so the council can have shovel ready projects, in case funding is announced for such projects?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that it was Kildare County Councils understanding that the National Transport Authority (NTA) and the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTaS) intended to issue a draft policy document in the near future. Until this draft policy document was available, it would be premature to significantly progress any project until Kildare County Council was certain that funding would be available. If the members had specific proposals or locations, these should be identified in the first instance to the Municipal District Engineer. The report was noted.

**CL14/0720**

**Online survey results for Leixlip, Celbridge and Ardclough**

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

That the members of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District receive and review the online survey results for Leixlip, Celbridge and Ardclough with the Public Realm team.

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the Strategic Projects and Public Realm team generated reports for each online survey. These reports were issued to the urban design consultants (Metropolitan Workshop and Brady Shipman Martin) to be incorporated into their desktop analysis reports. On completion of the updated reports, a copy would issue to all the elected members in advance of a presentation by the consultants (date to be agreed).

Councillor Neville thanked the Public Realm Team for these results and stated that there was a need for the members to study and discuss them to see how the information could be used especially in advance of their discussions on the budget.

In response to a question from Councillor Liston regarding what the next part of the process was, Ms Hunt informed the members that the consultants would merge the results of the surveys with their research and incorporate it into their reports. The consultants would present the working document to the members and following that it would be brought to the community to decide on the order that projects would be progressed. Consultation approaches were being reviewed in the context of Phase 4 Covid Recovery Plan but it remained likely that consultation would progress in September.

Councillor Galvin stated there was lack of youth facilities in Celbridge such as skate parks and playground and asked how the provision of these facilities could be incorporated with the public realm projects.

Ms Hunt informed the members that if such a facility was listed for Celbridge then the Public Realm Team would work with the Senior Executive Parks Superintendent on the provision of a location and funding for the facility.

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

**CL15/0720**

**Update on the meeting held re the three new schools for Celbridge**

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

Can the council provide an update on the meeting that was to take place earlier this year between the council, the Department of Education and Skills and the landowner of the site for the three new schools in Celbridge?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that a meeting between the Department of Education and Skills, the National Assets Management Agency, the Receiver and the Director of Services for Planning and Strategic Development took place on the 21 November 2019. This meeting was convened to address some technical issues associated with the site and to agree a delineation of the site to be sold to the Department. The technical issue is near resolution. In order to clearly define the extent of area to be transferred over to the Department, NAMA wanted to proceed with a masterplan/urban design framework and this was agreed at the meeting. However, due to Covid-19 and associated restrictions, NAMA had only recently appointed their consultants and we are awaiting their draft before finalising matters.

The report was noted.

**CL16/0720**

**Licences for transport and acceptance of construction and demolition waste**

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

That the council explains in relation to permits produced for the municipal district members in June for the dumping of waste for Kavanagh's Mill in Griffinrath, as they do not cover the construction and demolition waste permission requested, and that the appropriate licenses for the transport and acceptance of this construction and demolition waste are provided to the members and made publicly available on the council's website.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that for the sake of clarity, Kavanagh's Mill was located in the town of Maynooth and is a different site to that at Griffinrath. The subject site at Griffinrath goes back almost 20 years with much history associated with it.

Waste Collection Permits were issued to waste collection contractors and were not issued for a specific site demolition project. There were quite a number of hauliers that had been issued waste collection permits for the collection of Construction and Demolition waste. The waste permits for the site at Griffinrath permitted the importation of soil and stone in condition 4.1. Under Activity 5 of the Waste Management Permit Regulations 1998, it was permissible for clean construction and demolition waste to be imported to a waste permitted site for the provision of haul roads.

Environmental Risk Assessments had shown that there was no environmental risk from the site.

The waste permit for this facility expired in 2004. However, there were several files relating to this facility and each would be examined and any information relating to the transport and acceptance of waste materials to the site could be provided to members if required.

As reported previously, the Waste Permit and the Certificate of Registration Database register for waste facility permits and certificates of registration was managed by the National Waste Collection Permit Office (NWCPO). The register was hosted by the NWCPO and since the waste collection permit system was amalgamated into the NWCPO in 2012, that body holds waste collection permits.

Councillor Liston queried the licence that was referenced in the Risk Assessment Report for this site and asked if it could be made available to the members.

Mr Fagan stated that the Senior Engineer from the Environment Department was unable to attend the meeting but he would contact Councillor Liston directly in relation to this request. **Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Liston, seconded by Councillor Caldwell, that the Senior Engineer from the Environment Department contact Councillor Liston in relation to this issue and the report be noted.

**CL17/0720**

**Repeat request for report from Irish Water on action plans for leakages in the DMA's**

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

That this council writes to Irish Water again to request reports as per motion CL21/0719.

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

A report was received from the Water Services Department informing the members that this matter was originally referred to Irish Water on behalf of Councillor Cussen by Kildare County Council Water Services on 22 August 2019.

Water Services had since made further requests to Irish Water for a reply 9 October, 4 November and 9 December 2019.

Water Services again referred the matter to Irish Water on 9 July 2020 for a reply. Irish Water had apologised for the delay in response on this matter and it had been referred for an urgent update.

Irish Water was the national water utility responsible for the delivery of water services to homes and businesses in Ireland.

Irish Water had provided channels for communication for public representatives as follows;

Telephone: 1850 178 178 Email: [localrepsupport@water.ie](mailto:localrepsupport@water.ie)

Councillor Cussen expressed her concern at the numbers of leakages in the municipal district and the capital expenditure that would be required to address these leakages. She also expressed her dissatisfaction that the members had not received a reply from Irish Water having been contacted on numerous occasions since October 2019 on this important issue and a meeting should be held with them to discuss this issue fully.

Mr Fagan stated that the Director of Services for Water Services and Environment had issued a strongly worded letter to Irish Water recently on this matter which was very specific and highlighted the issues raised by the members and he awaited a reply.

In response to a request from Councillor Killeen that the members be provided with a copy of the Service Level Agreement which the council held with Irish Water, Mr Fagan confirmed that he would bring the members request back to the Director of Services for Water Services and Environment.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Caldwell, that Mr Fagan bring the members request for the provision of a copy of the Service Level Agreement, which the council held with Irish Water, to the Director of Services for Water Services and Environment.

**CL18/0720**

**Submission of flood event report forms to the Office of Public Works**

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

Can the council confirm if flood event report forms have been submitted by Kildare County Council to the Office of Public Works with regard to flooding in Kilwogan and Ballygoran, Celbridge based on reports from residents to the council between 2001 and 2017 and correspondence from the council on this issue?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the council was not aware of any cases of flooding being reported to the Office of Public Works (OPW).

In terms of reporting to the OPW, the council was governed by SI 122 of 2010 which states: *The Commissioners **may** require a body listed in Part 3 of the First Schedule to supply reports and information relating to flooding and assessment and management of flood risks to the Commissioners subject to the Commissioners guaranteeing to protect, subject to law, contractual obligations and restrictions, the confidentiality of any commercially sensitive information provided.*

Therefore, the council was not obliged to report flooding to the OPW. That said we had and continue to provide information, if relevant, to the OPW in relation to flooding and reviews of mapping (e.g. review of Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment Mapping carried out in 2019). Members of the public may also contact the OPW directly to report flooding.

Councillor Liston asked if people reported flooding to the council, did the council not relay this information to the OPW so that the OPW could populate their maps with this information. Mr Fagan stated that he would relay Councillor Liston's question to the Senior Executive Engineer for clarification. The report was noted.

**CL19/0720**

**Clarification of Ballygoran Stream as a source of drinking water**

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

Can the council clarify why it regards Ballygoran stream not to be a source of drinking water as outlined in the response to motion at the February meeting when the Environmental Protection Agency has marked the stream as a protected drinking water source (EU\_PA\_Code:IEPA1\_EA\_09L011900), given that this designation has implications for development sites, road maintenance works and the effective functioning of the Leixlip Wastewater Treatment Plant?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the report to the February 2020 meeting stated that the Ballygoran Stream was not a source of drinking water for 600,000 people – in other words, it would be inaccurate to say that 600,000 people depend on the Ballygoran Stream for their water supply. The Ballygoran Stream was one of a large number of streams which discharge to the river Liffey, which in turn feed the Leixlip Reservoir. The Leixlip Water Treatment Plant, which provided clean drinking water to approximately 600,000 people across the Greater Dublin Area (GDA), sourced its supply from the Leixlip Reservoir directly, and not from the Ballygoran Stream. Irish Water in conjunction with Fingal County Council was responsible for the maintenance of the Water Treatment Plant, and any queries in relation to the water supply or the protection of the supply source should be forwarded to Irish Water.

Councillor Liston stated that as the Ballygoran Stream feeds into the Leixlip Reservoir which is a source of drinking water, that was the reason that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) had a protection code on this water source. Councillor Liston asked how the council would protect the Ballygoran Stream from receiving all the dirt and silt which would be washed off trucks used during the construction phase of the Strategic Housing Development.

Mr Fagan stated that he would seek clarification on this matter from the Senior Executive Engineer for Councillor Liston.

The report was noted.

**CL20/0720**

**Update on the extension to Confey Cemetery**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Caldwell.  
Can the council provide an update on the extension to Confey Cemetery?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the Environment Department was working with colleagues in the Planning and Transportation Departments to identify best possible lands suitable for an extension to Confey Cemetery. The council's estate agent is actively involved with local landowners in this process.  
The report was noted.

**CL21/0720**

**Public Access and Angling Rights at riverbank to rear of Castle Park, Leixlip**

The members considered the following adjourned motion in the name of Councillor Killeen.  
That public access be formally reinstated and angling rights restored to the rear of Castle Park, Leixlip at the Riverbank owned by Kildare County Council as an amenity public use and transferred to Kildare County Council under the condition that it remain open to the public as amenity in perpetuity.

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

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that the council were investigating this issue and would update members once this was completed.

In response to clarification sought by Councillor Killeen as to what was being investigated, the Senior Executive Parks Superintendent clarified that the investigation into planning rights had been completed. The Parks Department had written to all the residents whose homes backed onto this area. The fishing rights were now being explored.

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

**CL22/0720**

**Consideration of a location for a Celbridge outdoor youth facility**

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



That the members of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District request the council to consider a location for a Celbridge outdoor youth facility.

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

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that the members had already been provided with potential locations for an additional playground or an outdoor youth facility at the January meeting. Progression beyond this was dependent on a meeting of the playground subgroup and the members agreeing a date for this.

Councillor Galvin stated that there had been nine proposed locations which had now been narrowed down to two, Castletown Woods and Donaghcumper, but there were still questions in relation to these locations such as access etc. Councillor Galvin questioned how this facility would fit in with the interactions from the public with the Health Checks by the Public Realm Team. Councillor Galvin stated that it was important to keep this item on the agenda and the members agreed, that finalisation of a location, in consultation with the Parks Department should remain on the Progress Report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by the members that the finalisation of a location for a Celbridge outdoor youth facility be kept on the Progress Report.

### **CL23/0720**

#### **Provision of green waste composting area along the Silleachain Lane**

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

That the council provide a green waste composting area along the Silleachain Lane.

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

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that there were no plans to provide a green waste recycling area along Silleachain Lane given the scale of dumping along it. It was a matter for all residents in the area to either compost their green waste in their own gardens or recycle it in a brown bin or bring it to a licenced green waste facility. An anti-dumping initiative grant of €15k had been allocated this year to facilitate the removal of green and other waste which was continually dumped illegally along Silleachain

Lane. This area was an amenity area and was never intended for the disposal of green waste. The continual dumping of waste and the scale of it along the lane was unacceptable.

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

“That the council provide green waste compositing areas in Celbridge and Leixlip, including mobile facilities to be considered, and that this motion be referred to the SPC”.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Neville and agreed by all the members that the motion that the council provide green waste compositing areas in Celbridge and Leixlip, including mobile facilities to be considered, be referred to the Environmental Services and Water Strategic Policy Committee (SPC).

#### **CL24/0720**

##### **Update on the plans for the playground in Leixlip**

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

Can the council provide the members with an update on the plans for the playground in Leixlip?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that the works programme outlined to the members gave an indicative timeframe that work on this project would commence between September and December subject to resources and the large amount of projects and large number of ongoing operational issues that had to be dealt with. This remained our intention but timeframes may change for the reasons outlined. The initial work would be to gather baseline information on the playground and consult on its redesign. The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.