

Minutes of Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Meeting
Held at 10.00 am on Friday 18 December 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: M Coleman

Present: Ms C Barrett (District Manager), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Mr C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Ms P Pender(A/Senior Executive Office)Mr M McLoughlin, Mr B O’Gorman (Administrative Officers), C O’Toole (A/Staff Officer) Mr T Shanahan (Meetings Administrator) and Ms C Dempsey (Meetings Secretary).

CL01/1220

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 20 November 2020 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by the members that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 20 November 2020, of the Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CL02/1220

Matters Arising

CL02/0220 1916 Easter Rising plaques

The members thanked Mr. Wallace for the 1966 Easter Rising Commemoration Plaque in Leixlip, that was repaired and replaced.

CL02/0120 & CL22/0720 Location for Celbridge outdoor youth facility

In relation to the activities of the Playground Committee, Councillor Galvin informed the members that the young people were expressing their interest in desired locations for a playground but there was still some work to do in this area. She confirmed momentum was gathering on this matter and she would brief the other members by email when she had the full details.

CL03/1220

Municipal District Road Works

The Municipal District Engineer updated the member on the works that had been advanced in the previous month to include;

(a) Restoration maintenance works (Surface Dressing)

- L5066 Killeenlea Road, Celbridge
- L5067 Ardrass road , Straffan

(b) Restoration Improvement (Road Overlays)

- R149 Confey, Leixlip
- R148 Main Street, Leixlip
- R148 Station Road, Leixlip
- L1016 Ardclough Road, Celbridge
- L5064 Lyons Roads, Ardclough
- L1016 Wheatfield, Ardclough

(c) Footpath Repairs

- Glendale, Leixlip
- Glenadale Meadows, Leixlip
- Riverforest, Leixlip
- St Mary's Park, Leixlip
- Leixlip Park, Leixlip

Maintenance Works

- Verge cutting at road junctions for sightlines
- Advisory cycle lane markings on the Aghards road in Celbridge

The members welcomed the updates. They commended the tabletop ramp at Castletown and enquired could the same be put in place at Confey cemetery. The Municipal District Engineer informed the members this is more complex location and not straight forward, due to proximity to GAA entrance and the graveyard extension that is due to take place. The members expressed their concern re this dangerous blind bend and asked for some measure to be put in place at Confey cemetery.

The members enquired if the traffic lights would be switched on at Castletown before Christmas. The Municipal District Engineer informed the members this would not happen before Christmas.

The members thanked the Municipal District Road Works team for all their hard work and wished them a happy Christmas, they commended the team for their great support and said they were always at the end of the phone when required.

CL04/1220

To receive an update on LPT Expenditure 2020 (report to follow).

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the member on the update of LPT expenditure for 2020. The members welcomed the report.

The report was noted

CL05/1220

To approve the transfer of all unspent 2020 LPT funds into 2021

The members considered the transfer of all unspent 2020 funds into 2021, they agreed to transfer any leftover LPT funding from 2020 to 2021 LPT. It was confirmed to members that any unspent LPT from 2020 that is transferred to 2021 would be allocated to the same area. The members proposed a date of 06 January, 2021 for a meeting amongst the members to discuss LPT allocations for 2021.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by the members that the transfer of any leftover LPT funding from 2020 be carried over to 2021 LPT.

CL06/1220

Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District LPT Schedule of Works 2021

It was agreed this item would be deferred to the January meeting.

CL07/1220

Update from the Technical Assessment Advisory Group (TAAG)

The members received an update from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that at the September plenary meeting, a report issued to members advising that TAAG is no longer operational and the procedure for dealing with the items contained within TAAG was included in the report. All items have been extracted for each municipal district and they are now being considered by the Municipal District Office and the Traffic Section to identify projects that need further assessment. The members would be updated when this is complete.

The report was noted.

CL08/1220

Signage in The Avenue, St Raphaels Manor.

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cussen
That the council put in place Children at Play signage in The Avenue, St Raphaels Manor.
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 there are already signs on The Avenue advising of 30km/hr. The Municipal District Office has no plans to install additional signage along the Avenue.

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

CL09/1220

Speed limits on the Kellystown Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Caldwell
That the council do not increase the current speed limits on the Kellystown Road.
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 Kildare County Council are carrying out a County Speed Limit Review which is the legal process for accessing and adopting speed limit in accordance with Road Traffic Act 2004s. Currently, the Transportation Section are at "Schedule of Proposed Amendment" stage in the speed limit review process.

At the beginning of December 2020, technical staff from Kildare County Council held Speed Limit Review Workshops, with each municipal district. At the municipal district Workshops the legal process in adopting speed limits was explained and the "Draft Schedule of Proposed Amendment Report" highlighting proposed changes to the existing speed limits in the MD was reviewed.

At the workshop, it was highlighted that the "Draft Schedule of Proposed Amendment Report" was a working document and any submissions in relation to speed limits, would require elected members to submit their proposals to the Speed Limit team for assessment

As the County Speed Limit Review is a statutory process for adopting speed limits, therefore, the course of action relating speed limits on the Kellystown Road, Leixlip should be referred back to the speed limit review for consideration as part of the statutory process for adopting speed limits in Kildare in accordance with the Road Traffic Act 2004.

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

CL10/1220

Findings of the speed analysis at Tea Lane

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

That the Roads Department outline the findings of the speed analysis at Tea Lane, and where the need for calming measures is indicated, to provide an overview of these and an estimated timeline for implementation.

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 the speed survey for Tea Lane gave some irregular values for the location and it is proposed to resurvey the road when traffic volumes return in the new year. It is important to note that where cars are travelling in excess of the posted speed limit for the road, An Garda Síochána should be contacted to enforce the speed limit. The Municipal District Engineer has requested An Garda Síochána to carry out speed checks on Tea Lane when they have available resources. There is no funding allocated to install traffic calming at this location.

Councillor Liston welcomed the explanation from the Municipal District Engineer. It was anticipated this would be carried out during the second week in January when the children were back in school to get an accurate reading.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Liston, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by the members that the report be noted.

CL11/1220

Possible solutions to the issue of illegal parking near Scoil na Mainstreach

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

That the council considers possible solutions to the issue of illegal parking near Scoil na Mainstreach i.e. a pull in area, or other alternatives to reduce the number of cars stopping on the road or paths.

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 the Municipal District Engineer met the Principal of Scoil na Mainstreach to discuss the issues on site. There is insufficient room to provide pull ins along the road without setting the school boundary back. Unfortunately, space in the school yard is already quite limited. The school undertook to advise parents of the issues and to encourage other modes of transport to the school. It was agreed education piece was key here, the schools need to be educated and the walk to school programmes promoted.

Councillor Galvin welcomed the report, noting there was no quick fix solution to this problem and understood that the physical space was not available.

Following discussions, the members highlighted the following issues;

- They would welcome any initiatives or projects that Kildare County Council could highlight for them.
- It was agreed the education piece was key here, the schools need to be educated and the walk to school programmes promoted.
- The members also agreed that consideration should be given to the School Streets Pilot, currently underway in Monasterevin at the moment and asked when the members and other stakeholders act on results of that pilot programme.
- The safety of the children is paramount. Driver behaviour is a barrier, the members agreed they need to concentrate on what is possible.
- The District Manager agreed to speak to Road, Safety, Cycling & Sustainable Transport Officer to see if he could suggest any initiatives.
- The Municipal District Engineer would consult the school to see if there is interest in additional cycling spaces/racks

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by the members that the report be noted. The District Manager agreed to contact the Road, Safety, Cycling and Sustainable Transport Officer to ascertain could he suggest initiatives.

CL12/1220

Waterways Ireland to fix paths on the Royal Canal

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

That this council request Waterways Ireland to fix the paths where possible on the Royal Canal in the municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that If the member could provide details of the locations which require repair, Kildare County Council would request that these works be undertaken.

Councillor Neville welcomed the report and clarified that the area is between the two train stations and had already provided photos to Municipal District Engineer. In the medium term any general upgrade to paths would be carried out through Greenways Ireland programme. In the interim the pothole needed to be fixed by Waterways Ireland.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by the members that the report be noted and that the Municipal District Engineer would request Waterways Ireland to carry out the repairs work.

CL13/1220

Lights at Glendale at the entrance to St Catherine's Park

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

That the council put in lights at Glendale at the entrance to St Catherine's Park.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Public Lighting Section has visited the location of the requested new street lights, and it has been assessed under KLIPS criteria. The lighting within KLIPS would be installed as and when funds become available and depending on where the request sits within KLIPS.

Councillor Neville welcomed the report and noted this was a very popular park. The project needed to be reviewed in the broader context and the members needed to agree what other areas need to be assessed for repair of lighting. They agreed to put this on list of LPT projects to be considered for LPT funding in 2021 to get it completed.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by the members that the report be noted. The members agreed to put it this project on the list of LPT projects and to look at other areas in the Celbridge-Leixlip municipal district that need lighting repaired.

CL14/1220

Progress report in respect of the upgrade to existing bridge and second river crossing

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

Could the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District members be given a progress report in respect of the upgrade to the existing bridge and the second river crossing in Celbridge?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council have requested a progress report on the upgrade of the existing bridge in Celbridge from the NTA who are currently developing the concept design and required environmental reports. An update would be provided when a response is received.

The Celbridge to Hazelhatch Link Road (Including Celbridge Second Liffey Crossing) is progressing well with RPS Consulting Engineers appointed in April 2020 to complete the initial project Phases 1-4.

Phase 1 - Concept and Feasibility (complete): Consultants initially gathered and reviewed background information, investigated the projects feasibility, and developed a project management structure for delivering the scheme forward. Key issues related to project delivery were examined such as road safety, design geometry and cost management deliverables. An overview of the scheme considered planning, environment, conservation, flood risk management and existing landscape topography.

Phase 2 – Options Selection (ongoing): Significant progress has been made with this critical stage in the development of this road scheme. Consultants are busy with data

collection and developing initial route alignment options. A number of appointments were managed to provide a Digital Terrain Model of the study area and Conservation Architect for the project.

Phase 3 (TBC) – Design and Environmental Evaluation

Phase 4 (TBC) – Statutory Processes

Councillor Cussen welcomed the report and asked for clarification as to whether there was any further progress with the NTA. The Municipal District Engineer informed the members that he did expect information from the NTA in September, 2020 as advised by the NTA in a July teams call with members. However, this was not received and advised the members that following a recent verbal conversation the information would be delivered by the NTA in February 2021. Once the information was received, all Departments in Kildare County Council would have to be consulted and thereafter it would be discussed with members before a public consultation process begins.

In relation to the second bridge the municipal Engineer would check with the project team and report back to the members.

The report was noted.

CL15/1220

Into Kildare Cycling/Pedestrian Signs

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

Could the council confirm when would the Into Kildare Cycling/Pedestrian Signs (We Care in Kildare) be prepared and put in place?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that The Municipal District Office have no input into design/procurement of these signs but could install the signs once they receive them from INTO Kildare. A query was issued to INTO Kildare seeking clarification around timeframes, which would be forwarded to members once received.

The report was noted.

CL16/1220

Repair of Streetlights by Airtricity at Captains Hill

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Caldwell.
Could the council confirm when would Airtricity repair streetlights that are out of order on Captains Hill?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that repairs to the lighting along Captains Hill have been completed.

Councillor Caldwell welcomed the report and expressed his dissatisfaction with the service provided by Airtricity. Mr O'Toole advised the reason repairs took so long at Captains Hill was because traffic management needed to be implemented. A dispensation was also required from the ESB which resulted in a delay

The report was noted.

CL17/1220

Road through the old HP site onto the motorway.

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Neville.
Could the council give a report to the members on the opportunity to get a road through the old HP site onto the motorway?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members Hewlett Packard site is in private ownership and not under Kildare County Council control. Should the opportunity arise to get a road through to the M4 Kildare County Council would advise the members.

Councillor Neville welcomed the report. The District Manager advised she would follow up with the management team trying to progress this private ownership situation and revert to members with any updates.

The report was noted.

CL18/1220

Plans to develop cycle way from Celbridge to Maynooth

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

Could the council confirm if it has any plans to develop a cycle way from Celbridge to Maynooth?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that, as agreed with the NTA, Kildare County Councils cycle projects programme for 2021 in the Clane-Maynooth, Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal Districts could be seen in the table below.

Cycle Projects	Plan for 2021
Maynooth Corridor Phase 5 - R418 from Leinster Street to Moyglare Road	In 2021, plan to progress the detailed design and suite of construction tender documentation.
Royal Canal Cycling (FCC Border - Maynooth)	In 2021, plan to finalise the detailed design, construction tender documentation and commence construction.
Easton Road, Leixlip Cycle Route & Bus facilities	In 2021, plan to finalise the detailed design, construction tender documentation and commence construction.
Celbridge Bridge	NTA are progressing a concept design and environmental reporting.

Kildare County Council have been in discussions with the NTA regarding their 5 year cycling programme (2021 -2025) and have expressed our ambitions for a substantial growth in cycling infrastructure in the County. This plan is decided upon by the NTA and we hope to see their plan sometime in the new year. It is unknown at present but not envisaged that the NTA plan would include the development of a cycle way from Celbridge to Maynooth,

however it may be reviewed at a later stage with the potential to examine the feasibility of additional proposals.

The report was noted.

CL19/1220

Blueway Feasibility Study for a stretch of the Liffey

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

That the council undertake a Blueway Feasibility Study for a stretch of the Liffey that runs through the Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District, given the “Towards A Liffey Valley Park Strategy” has stalled.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Cussen and seconded by Councillor Galvin

A report was received from the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Department informing the members that the lands along the Liffey within the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District area namely, at Castletown and Donaghcomper are in public ownership, however the remainder of the land is in private ownership with some areas under the control of the ESB. Prior to the initiation of any Feasibility Study, as is best practice, the consent of all landowners should be obtained

Currently the Urban Regeneration & Development Fund does not fund Feasibility Studies, however there may be potential to obtain funding from the NTA or Department of Transport under the Greenways Funding programme.

If the motion is passed, the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Department would examine this potential project with a view to seeking funding to carry out a Feasibility Study, subject to the consent of all relevant landowners.

Councillor Cussen welcomed the report. The members agreed this could be a very exciting key project for the future. Councillor Liston suggested that the Development Plan Review was a means for the members to ensure there are policies to support the objective of a Blueway or greenway access.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Galvin and agreed by the members that the report be noted and the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Department would examine this potential project with a view to seeking funding to carry out a Feasibility Study, subject to the consent of all relevant landowners.

CL20/1220

To carry out a feasibility study to undertake a heritage-led regeneration of Leixlip

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

That the council carry out a feasibility study to see if private owners working with Kildare County Council could undertake a heritage-led regeneration of Leixlip Main Street through streetscape conservation and enhancements, a project that may be possible as part of the Historic Towns Initiative (HTI) – a partnership between the Heritage Council and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

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

A report was received from the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Department informing the members that as each Local Authority is only permitted to submit one application under the Historic Towns Initiative (HTI) Leixlip would be considered along with other eligible towns.

Following discussion, the members agreed, if the buildings on the Main Street could be restored back to their original structure this would make Leixlip a very attractive, quaint town. The members enquired as to how they could support the property owners to help them restore the main street.

Mr McLoughlin advised there was an Historic Structure Funds grants scheme available and the onus was on the owners to apply for this. He advised the scheme would be advertised early next year. Mr McLoughlin's understanding was that the homeowner would need to source fifty percent of the funding themselves. Mr. McLoughlin undertook to consult the Forward Planning team in order to find the best ways to target home owners in relation to funding for restoration works.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by the members that the report be noted and the Strategic Projects and Public Realm

Department would seek the best avenue to target homeowners in relation to funding for restoration works.

CL21/1220

Unauthorised Developments data on GIS planning portal.

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

Could the GIS department provide a timeline on when the Unauthorised Developments data layer for this municipal district would be shown on the GIS planning portal?

A report was received from the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Department informing the members that until such time as a Court Order is made in relation to non-compliance with an Enforcement Notice or a Circuit/High Court Order is obtained under Section 160 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), all alleged unauthorised developments are only alleged.

The Data Protection Officer has advised that there is no legal basis for publishing online details of alleged unauthorised developments, and to do so would have implications for a person's privacy rights. It is not, therefore, proposed to publish this information online.

Councillor Liston sought clarification in relation to the report as she found the information confusing.

Mr McLoughlin indicated there is only one layer that deals with unauthorised development, this is the way the system is set up and a distinction cannot be made between alleged cases under investigation and unauthorised developments appearing on the register. This presents a data protection issue and therefore to comply with the legislation if one comes into the Planning office the information is available on file, but it was not available on line.

The report was noted.

CL22/1220

Protecting and monitoring of drinking water sources in Celbridge Leixlip

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

That this Municipal District is provided with a presentation that highlights the areas of responsibility and specific actions for protecting and monitoring drinking water sources in our municipal district, by the various agencies and public bodies, with inclusion of representatives from each of the bodies.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Liston seconded by Councillor Caldwell

A report was received from the Water Services Department informing the members that Irish Water is the national water utility responsible for the delivery of water services to homes and businesses in Ireland.

Councillor Liston sought clarification over which organisation was responsible for protecting and monitoring drinking water sources. She made contact with Irish Water and LAWCO (now known as Local Authority Waters Programme, previously the Local Authority Waters & Communities Office) but they sent her back to Water Services, Kildare County Council. The members would like clarification on what organisation is responsible for what as there seemed to be gaps in relation to where the responsibility lies. The members would like a presentation that would bring all these organisations together to provide a better understanding for the members.

Mr O’Gorman confirmed he would check with the Environment, Water Services and Climate Action Office to see who best could provide a presentation to clarify this situation. In the interim Mr O’Gorman would liaise with Councillor Liston.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Liston, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by the members that the report be noted and Mr O’Gorman would check with the Environment, Water Services and Climate Action office to see who best could provide a presentation to clarify this situation.

CL23/1220

Promote use of re-useable face masks

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Galvin
That this council supports the campaign to promote the use of re-useable face masks, which is being fronted by (details provided) and the rest of (details provided) in the North Kildare Educate Together School in Celbridge.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Cussen.
A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the Environment Awareness Officer would liaise with the school regarding assistance the Council could provide for this innovative reuse initiative.

The children of Educate together North Kildare School wrote very well composed articulate letters to Councillor Galvin about Public Realm. The members would like to acknowledge this great work by the students especially Nathan Keogh and teacher Aine Cooney, Councillor Galvin explained she would mention them at this municipal meeting. Councillor Gavin carried out a zoom call with 27 of the students and their teacher. The 3 main things the children would like to see developing are;

- 1) A Sports Centre
- 2) A Skate Park
- 3) Environmental issues addressed

They would like to discourage use of disposable masks by increasing their price in local shops. The members noted we could be wearing masks for the next nine months. The members would also like a public information piece to be done in January 2021 in relation to proper disposal of disposable masks. Mr O’Gorman informed the meeting that Mr Wyer, Environment Awareness Officer would speak to the school directly to assist and support re the environmental issues. A public piece would be advertised in January in relation to proper disposal of disposable masks.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Killeen and agreed by the members that the report be noted. Mr Wyer, Environment Awareness Officer would speak to the school directly to assist and support re the environmental issues. A public piece would be advertised in January in relation to proper disposal of disposable masks.

CL24/1220

Litter / dumping fines and enforcement actions

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

Could the council confirm how many litter and dumping fines and enforcement actions were taken in Celbridge and Leixlip respectively, in 2020?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that a total of 228 litter and illegal dumping complaints have been received by the Council in 2020 (year to date).

The following enforcement actions under the Litter Pollution Act have been taken by the Community Warden team (where evidence of the offender has been determined):

Seventeen orders for the offender/ owner/ occupier to clean up the area;

One direct prosecution to the District Court, forty two litter fines issued.

Covert CCTV technology has been used to obtain evidence for two fines listed.

Kildare County Council continues to support a number of anti-dumping/ litter initiatives within the municipal district and acknowledges the support of the local tidy towns groups, residents, community and business organisations to proactively reduce incidents.

The report was noted.

CL25/1220

Installation of exercise equipment

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

Could the council confirm when would the council install the exercise equipment that was requested at our October Municipal District meeting?

A report was received from the Economic Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the Parks Section is presently engaged in the delivery of the works programme set out at the beginning of the year for the Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District. Any work on seeking costings for additional exercise equipment and a layout design would have to be considered in the context of the 2021 works programme. All available

resources have been committed to deliver these projects which the members have already indicated are a priority within the Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District. Additionally, finance would also have to be identified to provide any exercise equipment.

The members noted that many people use this equipment, and the members are hopeful there would be some funding available in new year to proceed with this.

The report was noted.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the staff, the other members and the press for all their assistance throughout the year and for making their community a better place to live in.

The meeting concluded.