

Minutes of Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Meeting
Held at 10.00 am on Friday 19 June 2020
In the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara.

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

Apologies: Councillor M. Coleman

Present: Mr S Kavanagh (District Manager), Mr L Dunne and Ms M Hunt (Senior Executive Officers), Ms C Barrett (Chief Fire Officer), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Mr E Lynch (Senior Executive Planner), Mr C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Ms P Pender and Mr E Fagan (Administrative Officers), Ms B Loughlin (Heritage Officer), Ms K Keane (Meetings Administrator) and Ms A M Campbell (Meetings Secretary).

CL01/0620

Minutes Silence

Councillor Neville proposed that a minutes silence be held as a mark of respect for all the people who had lost their lives in the communities of Celbridge and Leixlip during the Covid-19 epidemic and for Garda Colm Horkan who had died tragically whilst carrying out his duties and serving his country.

On the proposal of Councillor Neville and in agreement with all the members a minutes silence was observed for the people who had lost their lives in the communities of Celbridge and Leixlip due to the Covid-19 epidemic and for Garda Colm Horkan who had died tragically the previous day.

CL02/0620

Minutes and progress report

The members considered the minutes of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on 21 February 2020, together with the progress report.

Resolved On the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Cussen that the minutes of the monthly Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on 21 February 2020 be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CL03/0620

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. He advised the members that during the Covid-19 restrictions there was a reduced number of tasks completed with the main focus on street sweeping and emergency works. 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 the remaining 3 contracts had been awarded with start dates expected in July and August. 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.

The Municipal District Engineer informed the members that LPT projects were being advanced with road repairs carried out in Glendale Meadows and Castletown in Leixlip. 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 Clane was also being designed. The contractor had been appointed for 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 his team for their work on the road at Confey. He raised his concerns for safety of the elderly residents and other pedestrians at the poor condition of the footpath at Avondale following work that had been carried out due to a burst water main.

Councillor Killeen confirmed that she had sent in photos of the footpath and expressed her concern of a trip hazard.

Councillor Neville stated that footpaths and roads should be re-instated to a high standard following any repairs that were carried out.

The Municipal District Engineer informed the members that the repairs had been carried out by Water Services and requested that the District Manager relay the members concerns to the Director of Water Services.

The members thanked the Municipal District Engineer for his update.

CL04/0620

Date and Venue for the Annual Meeting

The Meetings Administrator informed the members that it was proposed to hold the annual meeting of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District at 10.00 a.m. on Friday, the 17 July 2020 followed by the monthly meeting which would commence at 10.30 a.m.

Resolved with the agreement of all the members that the annual meeting of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District would take place at 10.00 a.m. on 17 July 2020, followed by the monthly meeting at 10.30 a.m.

CL05/0620

Taking in Charge of Chelmsford Manor Housing Estate, Celbridge

The members considered the taking in charge of Chelmsford Manor Housing Estate, Celbridge, Co. Kildare which had been circulated to the members.

The Chief Fire Officer informed the members that the Development Control Inspector had confirmed that Chelmsford Manor, Celbridge was at a Taking in Charge standard. No submissions were received from the public in relation to the taking in charge during the statutory period which was from 23 April 2019 to 3 May 2019. Vesting maps had been received from the developer. Irish Water had approved the taking in charge of the estate and the water and wastewater infrastructure which should be transferred to Irish Water. The Chief Fire Officer requested the members to consider the taking in charge of this estate.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Liston and agreed by all the members that Chelmsford Manor Housing Estate, Celbridge, Co. Kildare be taken in charge by Kildare County Council.

CL06/0620

Proposed double yellow lines at Ballygoran Court, Celbridge, Co. Kildare

The members considered Section 38 under the Roads Traffic Act 1994 on the proposed double yellow lines at Ballygoran Court, Celbridge, Co. Kildare which had been circulated to the members.

The Municipal District Engineer informed the members that there had been a number of objections to the proposed double yellow lines at this location but it was a reserved function of the members if they wished to approve this proposal.

The members discussed the proposal and made the following points:

- There were eight submissions made from members of the public in relation to this proposal and they were all objections.
- The request for the installation of double yellow lines was not wanted by the majority of residents in this estate.

The members all agreed that they did not support this proposal.

Resolved with the agreement of all the members that, Section 38 under the Roads Traffic Act 1994, the proposed double yellow lines at Ballygoran Court, Celbridge, Co. Kildare, be rejected.

CL07/0620

Revised priority at junction of Mill Lane/Silleachain Lane, Leixlip, Co. Kildare

The members considered Section 38 under the Roads Traffic Act 1994 on the revised priority at junction of Mill Lane/Silleachain Lane, Leixlip, Co. Kildare which had been circulated to the members.

Resolved with the agreement of all the members, that Section 38 under the Roads Traffic Act 1994, that the revised priority junction of Mill Lane/Silleachain Lane, Leixlip, Co. Kildare, be approved.

CL08/0620

Proposed double yellow lines at St Mary's Park, Leixlip, Co. Kildare

The members considered Section 38 under the Roads Traffic Act 1994 on the proposed double yellow lines at St Mary's Park, Leixlip, Co. Kildare which had been circulated to the members.

Resolved with the agreement of all the members, that Section 38 under the Roads Traffic Act 1994, that the proposed double yellow lines at St Mary's Park, Leixlip, Co. Kildare, be approved.

CL09/0620

Options for making towns more cycle and pedestrian friendly

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Liston. Given the ongoing need for social distancing, as well as the opportunity of additional government funding for making towns more cycle and pedestrian friendly, that Kildare County Council prepare a range of options as soon as practical on how this can be achieved for Celbridge and Leixlip in the context of a county-wide approach.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department informing the members that the National Transport Authority (NTA) had identified that in many cities and towns across Ireland, there was likely to be a need to review current street arrangements in order to address the new circumstances arising from social distancing requirements and altered travel patterns. Types of changes that may have to be considered include:

- Widening of footpaths to facilitate queuing outside shops and enable social distancing;
- Potential pedestrianisation of some streets where necessary and feasible to accommodate social distancing, particularly where this supports business activities;
- Potential one-way systems to create space for footpath widening;
- Altering traffic signal times to reduce pedestrian waiting/crowding plus the automatic activation of some pedestrian phases in order to aid pedestrian movement and to minimise contact with signal push buttons;
- Providing additional temporary facilities for cyclists.

The NTA proposed that the council take some road space from vehicles and give it to cyclists. This was not a problem provided the council did not increase congestion in the towns.

In general there were two aspects to the motion: -

- (i) Identify, through the Strategic Policy Committee (SPC), potential policy issues re reduction of traffic movements (as noted in the motion in the context of a county wide approach)
- (ii) Specific proposals for identified locations - members should identify proposals to the Municipal District Engineer

It was understood that the NTA and the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTaS) intended to issue a draft policy document in this regard in the near future.

Finally, the public would require to be consulted with respect advancing any proposal.

Councillor Liston questioned the second aspect of the report whereby councillors were being asked to identify proposals. She stated that people who had expertise in transport and planning such as engineers should be the people who put forward proposals and planning for cycle infrastructure projects and then funding could be sought for these projects.

The Municipal District Engineer stated that if the councillors had specific proposals for identified locations he would investigate the feasibility of their proposals. He stated that proposals that would require public consultation would need to be brought to the SPC for discussion where a county wide policy could be developed.

The District Manager stated that there were two aspects to the response and the SPC would look at the wider pedestrian/cycle movements around towns but within the context of an overall county wide approach.

Councillor Neville requested that the members collate their proposals which could be submitted to the Municipal District Engineer.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Liston, seconded by Councillor Neville and agreed by all the members that, the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District members would identify specific proposals for identified locations to the Municipal District Engineer and that Kildare County Council prepare a range of options as soon as practical on how this can be achieved for Celbridge and Leixlip in the context of a county-wide approach be brought to the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety SPC.

CL10/0620

Update on proposed changes to right of way on Mill Lane, Leixlip

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

Can the council provide an update on the proposed changes to the right of way for traffic on Mill lane in Leixlip?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that item 6 on the agenda dealt with this matter.

The report was noted.

CL11/0620

Proposed double yellow lines at entrance to St Mary's Park, Leixlip

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

Can the council provide an update on the proposed placing of double yellow lines at the entrance to St Marys Park, Leixlip?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that item 7 on agenda dealt with this matter.

The report was noted.

CL12/0620

Provision of copy of most recent transport survey for Celbridge

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

Can the municipal district members be provided with a copy of the transport survey in respect of Celbridge and specifically the most recent surveys?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the raw data collated from the recent survey had yet to be analysed by consultants and was therefore not available in a report format currently.

Councillor Killeen stated that she had made a request for the transport survey last September and clarified that it was not the most recent survey she required but a copy of the previous one.

The Meetings Administrator stated that Councillor Killeen's request for a copy of the previous transport survey in respect of Celbridge would be forwarded to the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department.

The report was noted.

CL13/0620

Development of greenways to encourage cycleways

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

Can certain greenways be developed to encourage cycleways and modes of transport not fully reliant on road usage e.g. rear Castletown to Hewlett Packard?

A report was received from the Strategic Projects & Public Realm Team informing the members that the development of Greenways would be examined as part of the Healthcheck process and Town Renewal Plans being developed for both Celbridge and Leixlip in consultation with various stakeholders including the Roads, Transportation & Public Safety Department and the Area Engineer.

The report was noted.

CL14/0620

Update on Greenway plans for the Celbridge-Leixlip area

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

Can the council provide an update on Greenway plans for the Celbridge-Leixlip area?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Royal Canal Greenway was at detailed design stage. The scheme was currently awaiting direction from the National Transport Authority (NTA) to proceed to tender.

The report was noted.

CL15/0620

Update from the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team

Ms Hunt, gave the members an update from the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team on the towns of Ardclough, Celbridge and Leixlip, a report was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.

Ms Hunt informed the members that analysis had been finalised on the online survey that had been carried out for each town. 157 submissions had been received for Ardclough, the main issue was over development, 693 submissions received for Leixlip, the need for a swimming pool was the main issue and 1,884 submissions received for Celbridge, the main issue was traffic and congestion.

In response to a question from Councillor Killeen what the next stage of the process would be, Ms Hunt informed the members that the findings would be fed into a working document and then Public Consultation Workshops would be held, priorities would be decided and funding streams would be identified.

In response to a concern from Councillor Liston how the community could be fully represented if the turnout at the public meetings was low, Ms Hunt stated that advertisement of these meetings would be through a number of streams such as the Public Participation Network (PPN), Social Media and schools and if attendance was deemed low at these meetings, the team would advertise on-line to try to target, inform and increase awareness in younger people to encourage attendance and participation at meetings in their area.

In response to a question from Councillor Cussen, Ms Hunt clarified that Match Funding came from LPT and in some cases the council's own resources and it was approximately 25%.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms Hunt for the update and urged the members to encourage and emphasise the importance of members in their communities contributing to the discussion of projects that could benefit their towns.

CL16/0620

Strategic Housing Development applications at Crodaun Development, Celbridge

Mr Lynch gave a presentation to the members on the Strategic Housing Development (SHD) application by Crodaun Development, Celbridge, Co. Kildare a copy of which had been circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.

Mr Lynch stated that the purpose of the presentation was to seek the members views which would be included in the Chief Executives Report. He informed the members that public submissions to An Bord Pleanála (ABP) were due by 29 June 2020 with a fee of €20. The

Chief Executive's response to ABP was due by 20 July 2020 with a decision due by 14 September 2020.

In response to questions from Councillor Neville and Councillor Cussen in relation to any additional data that the members may wish to submit following the meeting, Mr Lynch confirmed that as previously facilitated, if the members wished to submit any additional data following this meeting, it would have to be submitted by the 10 July 2020 and it would be forwarded to ABP as an addendum.

Councillor Liston and Councillor Killeen referred to a submission that was compiled as part of a community collaboration on traffic and transport issues.

The members welcomed new housing provision in Celbridge but raised their concerns in relation to the following matters:

- Height of proposed buildings where 2 – 3 story buildings were advised in Local Area Plan (LAP).
- The 6 storey buildings would undermine the residential character of the area and impact negatively on adjacent single-story housing which already exists in Crodaun, Castle Village and Ballygoran housing estates i.e. visual aspect, curtailment of light, increased energy costs, privacy and devaluation.
- The location of the proposed high-rise apartment blocks at the entrance to Celbridge town did not fit in with the character of the historic town of Celbridge.
- This high-density development would negatively impact on traffic, pedestrians, cyclists and the current infrastructure in Celbridge which was already insufficient for the current population.
- Two thirds of secondary students in Celbridge travel this route, most cycling or walking. It was already a cause for concern as footpaths were crowded and cycle paths not sufficient, adding additional traffic was irresponsible.
- There would be approximately an additional 700 vehicles using a stretch of road already experiencing severe traffic gridlock at rush hours and school times.
- Unauthorised landfill of harmful substances at the rear of Kilwogan Lane had caused Kilwogan bog to slip creating almost 60 acres of flood plain and if this landfill was not addressed the flood plain would extend into this site. The ground water system was

vulnerable at this site and the stream that runs on the boundary was a protected drinking water source.

- Concerns around the composition of the soil beneath Kilwogan Bog.
- The impact of the proposed development on the existing sewerage system In Celbridge, which has had numerous issues in relation to blockages and odour.
- Historical drainage problems in the area and the possibility of flood risks with this proposed development.
- Survey should be carried out by a qualified person ie. The Heritage Officer, in relation to the impact on surrounding wildlife e.g. bats.
- How the proposed development would effect the LAP objective for a Western Link Road.
- High densities and shared outdoor spaces are a major impediment to social distancing as experienced in the recent pandemic.
- A Traffic and Transport Management Plan had not yet been carried out for the LAP.
- Clarification of the effect the CDP Variation has on the SHD's.
- No reduction to Creche provision should be granted.
- Provision of bus services and remedies of the time delays at road junctions.
- Need for development to be built on a phased basis so that physical and social infrastructure could be upgraded simultaneously.
- High Density Developments should be in close proximity to train stations and have shuttle bus service provision.

The members thanked Mr Lynch for his presentation.

The Cathaoirleach, with the agreement of the members took the items in relation to grants numbers 17, 20 and 23 next on the agenda.

The District Manager stated that having regard to the requirement under Part 15 Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended, any member who had a conflict of interest such as a pecuniary or beneficial interest, of which they have "actual knowledge" that they or a connected person had, in relation to the following grants, should absent themselves from the meeting before these grants were approved.

CL17/0620

Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2020 Allocation

The members considered the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2020 allocation for Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District which had been circulated to the members.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Neville and with the agreement of all the members that the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2020 allocation for Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District, be approved. (Appendix A attached)

CL18/0620

Grant allocations for Tidy Towns Groups for 2020

The members considered the proposed grant allocations for Tidy Towns Groups for 2020 for Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District which had been circulated to the members.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Neville and with the agreement of all the members that the proposed grant allocations for Tidy Towns Groups for 2020 for Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District, be approved. (Appendix B attached)

CL19/0620

Grant awards from Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department

The members considered the grant awards under the various grant schemes administered by the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department 2020 for Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District which had been circulated to the members.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Neville and with the agreement of all the members that the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department Grant Schemes 2020 for Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District, be approved. (Appendix C attached)

The Cathaoirleach and the members thanked the Heritage Officer, the Environment Department and the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department for all their hard work on the grants for 2020.

CL20/0620

Strategic Housing Development applications at ES Greenfields, Leixlip

Mr Lynch gave a presentation to the members on the Strategic Housing Development application by ES Greenfields, Leixlip, Co. Kildare a copy of which had been circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.

Mr Lynch stated that the purpose of the presentation was to seek the members views which would be included in the Chief Executives Report. He informed the members that submissions to ABP were due by 28 June 2020 with a fee of €20. The Chief Executive's response to ABP was due by 20 July 2020 with a decision due by 14 September 2020.

The members agreed with the principle of residential development in this location and welcomed new housing provision in Leixlip.

The members raised their concerns in relation to the following matters:

- Density levels does not agree with the Local Area Plan (LAP) – concerns expressed regarding the height of the proposed development, where 2-3 storey buildings were advised in the LAP.
- The plans show the proposed installation of a wall to surround The Gate at the entrance to this proposed development, but this was a historical feature, and the vista should be preserved as it added a scenic value to the town.
- Provision of public transport – there was no provision made for transport to the train station.
- Impact of the development on traffic and the physical and social infrastructure in Leixlip.
- A reduction in the size of the creche should not be permitted.
- Cost of one-bedroom apartment was €274,000 – need for more affordable housing.
- Concerns for the high density of the proposed development.

The members thanked Mr Lynch for his presentation.

CL21/0620

License for the demolished Kavanagh's Mill in Griffinrath landfill in Celbridge

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

That Kildare County Council provides to the June Municipal District meeting and makes available on the appropriate section of its website a copy of the license for the demolished Kavanagh's Mill in Griffinrath landfill in Celbridge.

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

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment Department informing the members that the Waste Permit and the Certificate of Registration Database register for waste facility permits and certificates of registration issued by local authorities under the Waste Management Regulations had transferred to the National Waste Collection Permit Office (NWCPO). The register was hosted at <http://facilityregister.nwcpo.ie> Since the waste collection permit system was amalgamated into the National Waste Collection Permit Office (NWCPO) in 2012, waste collection permits were held by the NWCPO.

Mr Fagan stated that he had made available a copy of the licence to Councillor Liston and he would send a copy of the document to the rest of the members following the meeting. He stated that he would bring Councillor Liston's request for the document to be published on the website, to the attention of the Senior Executive Officer.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Liston, seconded by Councillor Neville, that the Administrative Officer for Water Service and the Environment forward a copy of the licence to the other members of the municipal district following the meeting. He stated that he would bring Councillor Liston's request for the document to be published on the website to the attention of the Senior Executive Officer.

CL22/0620

Infrastructure audits and assessment during the Development Plan Review

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Liston.
Can the council outline on what basis will priority be afforded to Celbridge in doing the infrastructure audits and assessment during the Development Plan Review due to commence in 2021?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that audit reports were currently being finalised and would be distributed to the members once completed.

The report was noted.

CL23/0620

Report from Irish Water on cause of water leaks in Confey

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Neville. With the ongoing issues with water leaks in Confey, that the council get a report from Irish Water on what happened and the overall plans in place to ensure this does not happen again.

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

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment Department informing the members that if the motion was passed, a request for a report would be issued to Irish Water. 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: 1850 178 178 Email: localrepsupport@water.ie

It should also be noted that Irish Water hosts a series of Councillor Clinics during the year in Áras Chill Dara. A list of upcoming clinics would be available to the members shortly following confirmation of dates by Irish Water.

Councillor Neville stated that a report should be requested from Irish Water as this issue had happened twice in the previous 12 months and people in Confey were without water for 3 days and a response requested detailing the plans that would be put in place in place to prevent this happening again.

Councillor Caldwell stated that he had been informed that the issue had been caused by a faulty valve which had been replaced.

Councillor Killeen stated that she hoped that the Irish Water Clinics would recommence shortly as there was a huge number of issues that needed addressing. Councillor Killeen expressed her concern in relation to the delay in receiving responses from Irish Water when issues had been reported to their help desk and she stated that some of the responses received on issues were unacceptable. She stated that the issue of the poor condition that footpaths and roads were left in, following their repairs, needed to be addressed.

In response to a question in relation to the provision of dates for Irish Water clinics from the Meetings Administrator, the Administrative Officer for Water Services undertook to circulate the dates for the clinics to the members as soon as they were available.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Caldwell, and agreed by all the members that Water Services issue a request for a report to Irish Water requesting them to detail the cause of the water leak that occurred in Confey and the overall plans that would be put in place to ensure this would not happen again. The Administrative Officer for Water Services agreed to circulate the dates for Irish Water clinics to the members as soon as they were available.

CL24/0620

Update on odour alleviation plans in place for Leixlip Village

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

Can the council give an update on the odour alleviation plans that have been in place for Leixlip Village based on timelines? The work was to begin in Q2 2019.

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment Department informing the members that this is a matter for Irish Water. Irish Water is the national water utility responsible for the delivery of water services to homes and businesses in Ireland. The elected member should contact Irish Water for an update on this matter. They can be contacted via the dedicated Local Representative Service Desk in compliance with Irish Water instructions and protocol. The contact details are as follows; Telephone: 1850 178 178 Email: localrepsupport@water.ie It should also be noted that Irish Water hosts a series of Councillor Clinics during the year in the Áras. A list of upcoming clinics would be available to the members shortly following confirmation of dates by Irish Water. The report was noted.

CL25/0620

Scheme for Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure 2020

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

That Kildare County Council works with the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Members and puts forward a Scheme for Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure 2020 for this municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the Parks Section had outlined their works programme for 2020 earlier this year. There was no capacity to accommodate any additional work in this and therefore were not in a position to put forward a scheme for the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme.

Councillor Cussen noted that there was no funding/resources for 2020 but stated that the members should be aspirational in their approach and have shovel ready projects for 2021.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Caldwell, that the council works with the members of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District on a scheme for Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure in 2021.

CL26/0620

Linear park/cycle pathway along the River Liffey in Celbridge

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

That a feasibility study be carried out to consider a linear park/cycle pathway along the River Liffey in Celbridge.

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

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the Parks Section had outlined their works programme for 2020 earlier this year. There was no capacity to carry out a feasibility study

for a linear park/cycle pathway along the River Liffey in Celbridge. It could be considered for a future works programme.

Councillor Cussen stated that the members of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District should look to progress this pathway.

Councillor Caldwell stated that he supported this motion and he would like to see the issue progressed before 2021.

The Director informed the members that the members had already agreed their Works Programme for 2020 and the Capital Programme for the next 3 years and if they decided to re assign priorities it would take from another project that had already been agreed.

The Executive Parks Superintendent stated that the members had identified projects last year and in addition to them there was a huge amount of day to day issues being addressed by the Parks Team. The Executive Parks Superintendent stated that the members had agreed projects that were sizeable and it would be very hard to progress any projects if the priorities were to change annually.

Councillor Cussen stated that she would like to see this project progressed if there was funding made available from Covid-19, the members should capitalize on it.

Councillor Caldwell stated that the Programme for 2020 should be revisited.

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

The members agreed to consider item 26 and item 28 on the agenda together.

CL27/0620

Plans to develop Wonderful Barn and update on the Sensory Garden

Item 26 - Motion Councillor Caldwell

That the council give an update on the plans to develop and protect the Wonderful Barn and its surrounding area.

Item 28 - Motion Councillor Neville

That this council get an update on capital plans for the Wonderful Barn and Sensory garden from the Parks Department?

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

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that Howley Hayes Architects had been appointed to revise and update the Conservation Plan for The Wonderful Barn. This would inform the preparation of a plan to develop the buildings and amenity lands once completed. The preparation of the plan had been delayed due to Covid-19 but it was hoped to have it completed by the end of the Summer. Timelines with regard to progressing the plans after this were subject to staff resources and progressing other commitments around the county. Detail design of the Sensory Garden had been completed. Further work must be done to prepare tender documents and it was hoped to progress this over the Summer and Autumn to tender stage. However, this was contingent on staff resources and progressing other commitments around the county.

The Senior Executive Parks Superintendent informed the members that a site meeting had been held the previous day and an Archaeology Report was being drawn up and this would inform the Parks Department on how the project to develop and protect the Wonderful barn could advance. It was hoped to have the plan completed by the Summer. The Senior Executive Parks Superintendent informed the members that a bill of quantities had been prepared, the next stage would be to prepare tender documents and it was hoped to have the framework in place by the end of the year.

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

CL28/0620

Public access and angling rights at riverbank to rear of Castle Park, Leixlip

Councillor Killeen requested and the members all agreed that her motion, item number 27 on the agenda, be deferred to the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting to be held on 17 July 2020.

CL29/0620

Community support work and networks providing essential help during pandemic

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

Given the tragic loss and suffering experienced in our municipal district as a result of the pandemic - and the critical community support work and networks that emerged to provide essential help during the crisis, can the Community department comment on learnings for the Council with regard to helping sustain and strengthen community protection and resilience into the future, in particular with regard to our vulnerable members?

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that many vulnerable members of our community experienced severe difficulties when required to cocoon during the Covid crisis. As a result, the Community Call, in association with the Community Response Forum, was established to assist many people in gaining access to services whilst cocooning. Most of the difficulties experienced stemmed from the fact that there was a loss of existing services to people who were accustomed to same and therefore needed help from the call. The call deals with issues including providing transport to medical appointments, arranging to have shopping collected and delivered, providing advice to callers to assist in issues as a result of being isolated, forwarding issues to the Gardai and arranging library housebound services. The call also provided a platform for people to volunteer to provide assistance and these could be directed to the volunteer network. The contacts forged between Kildare County Council and all the community services had been invaluable and would assist Kildare Co Council in responding to any similar type of emergency should it be required. It should be noted that external services were steadily coming back on stream and the number of callers to the helpline had decreased accordingly.

The Helpline continued to operate from Monday to Saturday from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. each day.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.

Appendix A: (CL17/0620) - Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2020 Allocation

Table 1 Community Heritage Grant recommendations per MD

MD	No of Apps	Total
Athy		8,180
Celbridge		7,200
Kildare		15,820
Maynooth		7,950
Naas		2,850
County		8,000
Total		50,000

Table 2 Recommendation - Community Heritage Grant Scheme- Celbridge

No	file No	Name of Group	Project Details	Allocated
1	4	Leixlip Tidy Towns Association	Produce & print booklet/brochure	1,300
2	18	The Irish Military Heritage Foundation CLG	Talks	1,300
3	21	Growing Wild	Forest school	1,300
4	30	The Acre Project	Bee hives	1,500
5	33	Leixlip Community Youth Band	Equipment for exhibition in Wonderful Barn	500
6	53	Tea Lane Graveyard Committee	Reprint book	1,300
Total				7,200

Table 3 Projects which have a county remit

No	File No	Name of Group	Project Details	Allocated
1	3	Kildare Branch IDHBA	Exhibition -artefacts, photos...	1,300
2	7	Wild Kildare	Biodiversity resources	1,300
3	8	Irish Midlands Ringing Group	CES ringing	1,200
4	17	North Kildare Bee Keepers	Equipment	1,200
5	20	Kildare Animal Foundation	Equipment	1,500
6	24	Wildlife Rehabilitation Ireland (WRI)	Conference on wildlife crime & conserving conservation corridors	1,500
Total				8,000

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Table 4 All grant allocated under Community Heritage Grant Scheme

No	Allocated MD	File No	Name of Group	Project Details	Allocated
1	Athy	12	Ernest Shackleton Autumn School	Publication of the journal 'Nimrod'	800
2	Athy	13	Athy Heritage Centre/ Shackleton Museum	Oral history & exhibition on Market House	1,130
3	Athy	22	The Old Bog Cottage	Demonstrations	800
4	Athy	25	Timolin Tidy Towns	Redesign heritage trail walking guide	800
5	Athy	41	Kildare & District Horseshoe League	Book publishing	950
6	Athy	42	Irish Military Vehicles Group	Military Vehicles Re-enactment group	900
7	Athy	45	Narraghmore Development Association	Erect signs	1,500
8	Athy	46	Scoil Bhríde, Lackagh Board of Mgmt.	Restoration of school registers	1,300
9	Celbridge	4	Leixlip Tidy Towns Association	Produce & print booklet/brochure	1,300
10	Celbridge	18	The Irish Military Heritage Foundation CLG	Talks	1,300
11	Celbridge	21	Growing Wild	Forest school	1,300
12	Celbridge	30	The Acre Project	Bee hives	1,500
13	Celbridge	33	Leixlip Community Youth Band	Equipment for exhibition in Wonderful Barn	500
14	Celbridge	53	Tea Lane Graveyard Committee	Reprint book	1,300
15	County	3	Kildare Branch IDHBA	Exhibition -artefacts, photos...	1,300
16	County	7	Wild Kildare	Biodiversity resources	1,300
17	County	8	Irish Midlands Ringing Group	CES ringing	1,200
18	County	17	North Kildare Bee Keepers	Equipment	1,200
19	County	20	Kildare Animal Foundation	Equipment	1,500
20	County	24	Wildlife Rehabilitation Ireland (WRI)	Conference on wildlife crime & conserving conservation corridors	1,500
21	Kildare	10	Milltown Tidy Towns	Constructing old mill wheel	1,200
22	Kildare	15	Rathangan Tidy Towns	Phase 2 - Heritage Trail of Rathangan	1,300
23	Kildare	19	Kildare Town Community Garden	Willow weaving workshops	850
24	Kildare	23	KCG Kids Community Garden	Build a mini wormery	870
25	Kildare	27	Irish Peatland Conservation Council	Pollinator Enhancement Study- creation and management of wildflower meadow	1,400
26	Kildare	28	Newbridge Local History Group	Photo display	1,300
27	Kildare	29	Curragh Local History Group	Research and production of guide to the lesser known aspects of the Curragh Camp heritage	1,500
28	Kildare	35	Kilcullen Community Action	Erect signage	1,300
29	Kildare	38	Marie Hopkins	Laser engraved elevations of 6 chosen buildings in Kildare's skyline	900
30	Kildare	39	Kildare Town Walking Tours	Medieval Tour	800
31	Kildare	40	Old Kilcullen Area Community Association	Heritage Survey	1,500

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32	Kildare	48	Cill Dara Historical Society	Memorabilia Exhibition	1,300
33	Kildare	51	Willow Wonder Workshops	School workshops	800
34	Kildare	52	7th Kildare Rathangan Scouts	Bee hives	800
35	Maynooth	2	Clane Local History Group	History Talks	800
36	Maynooth	6	Newtown Community Group	Erect a plaque & community walkway	1,300
37	Maynooth	9	Zero Waste Community Garden	Planting seeds	400
38	Maynooth	14	Maynooth Local History Group	Walk/Talk	300
39	Maynooth	32	Cloncurry Cemetery Committee	Erect heritage info board	1,400
40	Maynooth	34	Newtown National School	Bug hotel/swift boxes, compost unit	950
41	Maynooth	43	Killeighter Graveyard Committee	Typographic survey of graveyard	1,500
42	Maynooth	50	Ardclough Community Council	Digital archive of social history of Ardclough	1,300
43	Naas	1	Kill History Group	Guest speakers - heritage & history	200
44	Naas	26	Osberstown Drive Maintenance Group	Planting Pollinator friendly flowers and raise awareness of pollinators within the estate.	700
45	Naas	37	Annie Gough	Upkeep of Captain Tickle monument	450
46	Naas	44	St. Laurence's National School	Conservation & interpretation of archaeological finds	1,500
Total					€50,000

Appendix B: (CL18/0620) - Grant allocations for Tidy Town Groups for 2020

Tidy Towns Grants Allocation 2020 by MD		2020 Budget Allocation	2020 LPT allocation	Total MD	
	Athy	18,545	-	18,545	
	Clane Maynooth	19,620	26,500	46,120	
	Celbridge - Leixlip	19,220	25,000	44,220	
	Kildare Newbridge	20,170	116,000	136,170	
	Naas	26,275	20,800	47,075	
	Total	103,830	188,300	292,130	
Athy MD	TT Group (10)	Population Category (from TT report)	Proposed Budget Allocation	Proposed LPT allocation	Total
	Athy	E (5,001 to 10,000)	12,000	0	12,000
	Castledermot	C (1,001 to 2,500)	1,895	0	1,895
	Killmead	B (201 to 1,000)	750	0	750
	Calverstown	B (201 to 1,000)	750	0	750
	Ballitore	B (201 to 1,000)	750	0	750
	Narraghmore	B (201 to 1,000)	750	0	750
	Nurney	B (201 to 1,000)	750	0	750
	Kilkea	A (up to 200)	300	0	300
	Moone	A (up to 200)	300	0	300
	Timolin	A (up to 200)	300	0	300
	Total		18,545	0	18,545
Clane	TT Group (12)	Population Category (from TT report)	Proposed Budget Allocation	Proposed LPT allocation	Total
Maynooth	Maynooth	G (15,001 to 25,000)	7,500	5,250	12,750
	Clane	E (5,001 to 10,000)	3,200	3,500	6,700
	Kilcock	E (5,001 to 10,000)	3,200	4,750	7,950
	Straffan	C (1,001 to 2,500)	1,240	2,500	3,740
	Prosperous	C (1,001 to 2,500)	1,240	2,500	3,740
	Coill Dubh	C (1,001 to 2,500)	1,240	2,500	3,740
	Newtown	B (201 to 1,000)	350	1,000	1,350
	Broadford	B (201 to 1,000)	350	1,000	1,350
	Allenwood	B (201 to 1,000)	350	1,000	1,350
	Robertstown	B (201 to 1,000)	350	1,000	1,350
	Kilmeague	B (201 to 1,000)	350	1,000	1,350
	Carbury	A (up to 200)	250	500	750
	Total		19,620	26,500	46,120
Celbridge	TT Group (3)	Population Category (from TT report)	Proposed Budget Allocation	Proposed LPT allocation	Total
Leixlip	Celbridge	G (15,001 to 25,000)	9,000	10,000	19,000
	Leixlip	G (15,001 to 25,000)	9,000	10,000	19,000
	Ardclough	B (201 to 1,000)	1,220	5,000	6,220
	Total		19,220	25,000	44,220
Kildare /	TT Group (11)	Population Category (from TT report)	Proposed Budget Allocation	Proposed LPT allocation	Total
Newbridge	Newbridge	G (15,001 to 25,000)	10,000	28,375	38,375
	Kildare	E (5,001 to 10,000)	2,700	19,375	22,075
	Monasterevin	D (2,501 to 5,000)	1,400	15,000	16,400
	Kilcullen	D (2,501 to 5,000)	1,400	12,000	13,400
	Rathangan	D (2,501 to 5,000)	1,400	12,000	13,400
	Suncroft	B (201 to 1,000)	600	7,375	7,975
	Caragh	B (201 to 1,000)	600	5,000	5,600
	Milltown	A (up to 200)	270	7,375	7,645
	Brannockstown		600	3,000	3,600
	Athgarvan		600	5,000	5,600
	Kildangan		600	1,500	2,100
	Total		20,170	116,000	136,170
Naas MD	TT Group (5)	Population Category (from TT report)	Proposed Budget Allocation	Proposed LPT allocation	Total
	Naas	G (15,001 to 25,000)	15,000	14,000	29,000
	Kill	D (2,501 to 5,000)	3,500	1,700	5,200
	Sallins	D (2,501 to 5,000)	3,500	1,700	5,200
	Ballymore Eustace	C (1,001 to 2,500)	2,200	1,700	3,900
	Johnstown	B (201 to 1,000)	2,075	1,700	3,775
	Total		26,275	20,800	47,075
	Overall Total				292,130

Appendix C: (CL19/0620) - Community Grants 2020 for Celbridge-Leixlip MD

Community Grants 2020 for approval Celbridge/Leixlip M.D.			
No.	Group	Proposed Grant	Project Details 2020
1	Advocates of Dynamic Life Skills	€810	to provide training for children & parents.
2	Ballyoulster United	€1,950	to purchase new goalposts to convert full sized pitch into three underage pitches
3	Celbridge Access Group	€1,990	to map the location of disabled parking bays in Celbridge/Leixlip MD
4	Celbridge Community Centre Ltd- Christmas Craft & Small Business Fair	€1,460	to run a 2-day Christmas craft fair and family fun day with Santa and Family entertainment
5	Celbridge District Men's Shed	€1,595	to purchase computers, PPE equipment, gardening equipment and art supplies to run project with ISP
6	Celbridge Town AFC	€1,950	to equip and upgrade the clubhouse to function as a community tea/coffee and meeting spot
7	Community Cancer Caregivers	€1,950	to run a pilot program to train 7 volunteers to provide care
8	Craobh Bheartla Ui Fhlatharta/Comhaltas Ceoltoir	€1,950	to purchase instruments for the "instrument bank" which enables people to learn the instrument without having to purchase it
9	Derrybeg Farm	€2,160	to purchase a new sowing tunnel for the farm
10	Foróige Avengers DLS Youth Club	€1,600	to run programs that help promote personal development of young adults with disabilities
11	Leixlip Christmas Lights	€14,000	Christmas Lights
12	Leixlip Intercultural Friends Group	€960	to run English conversation sessions, international family part and interfaith celebration
13	Leixlip United FC	€2,030	to install a wheelchair accessible door and ramp into the clubhouse, along with new flooring and windows
14	Leixlip Youth Premises Group Ltd- Develop A Community Café	€1,950	to refurbish public bathrooms in the centre

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15	MU Barnhall RFC	€1,950	to undertake heavy pruning, removal and replanting of boundary along avenue to Castletown House
16	ShareRing Skills Celbridge	€1,920	1. to run the annual intercultural exhibit. 2. summer/autumn courses in drawing and painting exploring the theme of pollinators

Community Grants 2020 for approval Celbridge/Leixlip M.D.

No.	Group	Proposed Grant	Project Details 2020
17	St. John of God Liffey region/St Raphael's	€1,950	to create a therapeutic garden for services users and members of the public to enjoy.
18	Support Group for Carers North Kildare	€990	to continue to run the emotional therapy/support group for individuals caring for people with special needs
19	The Acre Project	€1,125	to install beehives with a view to educating the community on the importance of pollinators
20	The Irish Military Heritage Foundation CLG	€1,950	to undertake Celbridge's Story which aims to capture, record, preserve and tell the personal stories of the community of Celbridge
21	YMCA Ireland- Celbridge Branch	€1,650	to roll out a fully fledged youth choir in the Mill Celbridge

€47,890

Applicants whose project is unlikely/unsuitable to proceed due to Covid-19

1	19th Kildare Salesian Scout Group
2	Ardclough Youth Theatre
3	Celbridge Community Centre- Day Care Club
4	Leixlip Community Youth Band
5	Leixlip Youth Premises Group Ltd- Youth Club Summer Program
6	Phoenix Foróige Club Celbridge
7	PlayActing Youth Theatre
8	The Silver Threads Social Club

Funding not being provided	Reason	
1	2nd Celbridge Scouts	Project unclear.
2	Fitness Forever	Incomplete application
3	Lucky's Cats Rescue	Not a community group