

Minutes of Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Meeting
Held at 10.00 am on Friday 20 November 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 L Dunne (Senior Executive Officers), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Mr C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Mr M McLoughlin, Mr B O’Gorman and Mr O Brady (Administrative Officers), Mr T Shanahan (Meetings Administrator) and Ms C Dempsey (Meetings Secretary).

Councillor Coleman sent his apologies as he was unable to attend the meeting. Councillor Coleman had given written instruction to the Meetings Administrator that Councillor Neville would move his motion.

CL01/1120

Minutes and progress report

The members considered the minutes of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on 16 October 2020, together with the progress report.

Resolved, on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Caldwell the minutes of the monthly Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on 16 October were confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

Matters Arising
Festival Grant Payments

Councillor Caldwell noted that while festivals did not take place due to Covid19 and festival grants were not paid out, that some groups still have expenses in relation to these.

Resolved, on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Cussen, that expenses that were incurred should be paid to relevant groups from the grants scheme. This item should stay on the progress report.

Irish Language link

Cllr. Liston requested link to the 2018-2021 Language Scheme be rectified as this link on the Public Consultation webpage is broken and therefore cannot be viewed

Resolved, on the Proposal of Councillor Liston, seconded by Councillor Cussen that the Meetings Administrator would rectify and restore this link.

CL02/1120

Schedule of Municipal District Road Works

The Municipal District Engineer updated the member on the Schedule of Municipal District Road Works. He advised the members that the maintenance crews were currently carrying out collection of fallen leaves but that it is a challenging exercise as leaves are constantly falling and don't just fall on a single day.

It was reported that the following maintenance work is also taking place;

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

The planned works during remainder of 2020 are as follows;

- Footpath improvements in Estates
- Road Improvements in Estates
- Drainage and gully cleaning in both towns
- Street Sweeping
- Winter Maintenance
- Upgrade to traffic signals at Leixlip Amenities

- LPT schemes

The members were briefed on the progress made to date on the National Transport Authority (NTA) Stimulus funding 2020;

1. L5058 Green Lane, Leixlip (Tendered)
 - a. Pedestrian signal crossing near St Mary's GAA main clubhouse, shops and schools, Contract awarded and works to commence next week
 - b. Uncontrolled crossing between Glen Easton and Beech Park at current traffic calming ramp. Works completed
 - c. Pedestrian signal crossing west of Beech Park entrance – works have commenced onsite and would be completed next week.
2. R405 Hazelhatch road in Celbridge.
 - a. Tabletop ramp at junction of Hazelhatch road and Shinkeen road. (Contracts awarded and works to be completed next week)
 - b. Construct a footpath from Shinkeen road toward GAA to fill in the missing piece subject to landowner agreement. (Unfortunately, the Council were unable to reach agreement with all the landowners in the required timeframe to secure the funding, therefore this scheme would not be carried out. The Municipal District Engineer noted his thanks to Cllr Galvin for her assistance in trying to deliver this project)
 - c. Pedestrian signal crossing at north entrance to Castletown (Constructed awaiting ESB connection)
3. R404 Celbridge road Leixlip
 - a. Tabletop ramp at junction of R404 with Castletown housing estate. (Contracts awarded and works to be completed next week)
4. Dish footpath at locations in town centers. These proposals cannot be completed in the required timeframe.

The Municipal District Engineer indicated to the members that they need to decide how to spend the LPT. It was agreed that the members would have a separate meeting to discuss

this and would then give a list of LPT intended spend to Municipal District Engineer numbering projects in order of importance.

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CL03/1120

Christmas parking in Celbridge / Leixlip for 2020

The committee agreed to consider item 3 and 5 of the agenda together

That members considered the Christmas parking arrangements in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District for 2020.

A discussion ensued among the members in relation to pay parking for the Christmas.

Councillor Coleman had given written instruction to the Meetings Administrator that Councillor Neville would move his motion that this Municipal District Committee agree to free parking with enforcement for Christmas from 4.00 p.m. on the 11 December 2020 to 10.00 a.m. on the 02 January 2021. Councillor Neville proposed the motion but as it was not seconded the motion fell.

There were concerns that if free parking was available that cars would be left parked in the parking bays all day, while drivers would use public transport to travel to Dublin for shopping. Business were against the suspension of pay parking. There was no suspension of paid parking in 2019. Four members voted against the suspension of pay parking and two voted in favour

It was agreed that there would be no changes to the pay parking arrangements for Christmas.

Resolved, that there will not be suspension of pay parking in Celbridge Leixlip municipal district for Christmas.

CL04/1120

Installation of a footpath on the Celbridge Road

The members agreed to take motion 4 and question 9 together.

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Caldwell that the council put in place a footpath on the Celbridge Road between Forest Park and the entrance to Castletown Estate.

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

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Caldwell that the council put in place a footpath on the Celbridge Road between Forest Park and the entrance to Castletown estate

The following question in the name of Councillor Killeen, was noted.

Can the council provide an update from the previous assessment of the pathway route/pedestrian access from Barnhall Meadows to the schools on the Celbridge Road, to allow for safe pedestrian access to the primary and secondary schools?

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this footpath can be installed in 2021 with an estimated cost of €40,000. The members noted that this could be considered as part of the LPT discussions. Councillor Killeen welcomed this report but advised in the wider context the road was in poor condition and the markings are not visible due to dirt on the road.

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

CL05/1120

Guidelines used to calculate speed limits

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

That the council provide the members of the municipal district with the guidelines used to calculate speed limits in the county speed limit review.

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 guidelines being used to calculate speed limits in the County Speed Limit Review for Kildare is called "Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland" Due to the significant size of the document, it is not feasible to provide a hard copy of same, however, the document can be viewed online at www.speedlimits.ie along with additional information in relation to setting of speed limits.

In response to a request from Councillor Killeen as to how information would be presented to members, the Municipal District Engineer indicated that Speed limit review briefings would take place for each Municipal District in the Chamber with Celbridge-Leixlip taking place at 2:00 p.m. on 01 December. He also stated it was a time-consuming process; the draft would be brought to the members and it would then go to public consultation.

In response to a query from the members, in relation to staff doing walk about surveys, the Municipal District Engineer advised the members the team on the ground have done walk about surveys in the areas concerned. In response to a query could maps be made available to the members when carrying out the review, the district manager said she would check if this was possible.

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

CL06/1120

Installation of pencil bollards outside the new estate on the Shackleton Road

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

That the council install pencil bollards outside the new estate on the Shackleton Road, or take other appropriate steps to help address the ongoing issue of people pulling right up onto the cycle path to drop off children going to school (details provided).

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

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Department, informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer would liaise with Roads/Planning on this matter as these works were carried out as part of a planning condition.

Councillor Galvin informed the members that the cycle lane was mostly used by school children. The members now feel it is less safe than before. The Municipal District Engineer advised members that the new cycle lane was designed to National Transport Authority Standards (NTA). The Municipal District Engineer said he will send this back to the NTA for

review. It was also noted by Municipal District Engineer vehicles were parking on the cycle way. This was illegal and was a matter for An Garda Síochána to enforce. The members had raised this issue with An Garda Síochána.

The matter was also raised by the members with the school management and they had asked the school management to ask parents not to park on cycle path.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Caldwell, that the report be noted and that the Municipal District Engineer said he will send this back to the NTA for review and that the members will be kept updated on any response from the NTA

CL07/1120

Safety measures for pedestrians from Confey to Riversdale

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

Can the council confirm if it has plans to put in place safety measures for pedestrians walking from Confey from the primary schools to Riverdale?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department, there is an existing pedestrian crossing located outside the schools at Confey to enable safe crossing. Unfortunately, from there to Riverdale the footpath widths are restricted by boundaries with private properties.

The report was noted.

CL08/1120

Implementation of casual trading by-laws

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

That the council implement casual trading by-laws in Leixlip to facilitate proposed marketplaces and to set the process in train for proposed public realm improvement Projects.

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

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that the making of Casual Trading Bye Laws was a matter for the elected members.

There are procedural steps and statutory timelines related to the process as follows:

1. Engagement with the members and various Council Departments on the details required in the bye-law;
2. The drafting and legal proofing of any proposed new bye laws by the Council's legal advisors in the matter;
3. Agreement with members at Municipal District meeting on a draft bye-law to be placed on public consultation;
4. A public consultation phase of at least 6 weeks (within this period persons also have a 21 day period to appeal the proposed bye-law to District Court and upwards to Circuit Court for appeal)
5. Report to Municipal District on consultation phase and proposal of revised draft bye law for members decision;
6. If no material amendments are made by the members that would require further public consultation then the bye law may be made but it cannot take legal effect/commence until a further period of 30 days has passed, in accordance with S6(11) of the Casual Trading Act 1995 (as amended);
7. If an appeal has been made the bye-laws cannot commence.

This process would also need to be scheduled to take account of existing projects and workloads within the relevant Department.

If the matter is particularly urgent, in the interim there may be mechanisms under Planning law if private lands were to be used to meet the evident demands for marketplaces.

The bye laws process is however a reserve function as outlined and therefore to initiate the process the starting point is for the members to commence discussion and consideration of the information below. This may be best progressed by them engaging with parties who have approached them regarding interest in casual trading. When the members are satisfied that they have given initial consideration to these matters and identified the questions that require further clarification a meeting may be organised to progress these matters and begin drafting of a new bye law. The considerations are below.

- a) Preferred location where the casual trading should take place (bearing in mind we will have to be discussed with the District Engineer and Pay Parking Section, and possibly Planning Dept.)

- b) The days trading can take place
- c) Hours trading can take place
- d) What type of goods can be sold/not sold
- e) How many licences are to be issued
- f) The size and type of the stalls
- g) How much should the licence cost
- h) Other special conditions – e.g. revocation of licence for failure to stay within a casual trading pitch and/or failure to remove litter etc..
- i) If the bye-laws are not allowing casual trading, will they allow for special event licences to be issued

For clarification purposes if casual trading bye-laws are introduced then there can be no trading outside of the times or days specified in the bye-laws except where a special event licence has been issued.

To assist members the existing bye laws in the County are here:

<http://kildare.ie/countycouncil/YourCouncil/GovernanceandCompliance/CasualTrading>

Finally, the members should be aware that there are new national regulations in this area. These regulations have been referred to the Council's legal advisors for review and with a view to preparing standardised bye law templates, applications, licences, checklists and enforcement letters, that align with any provisions of the new regulations.

The Council expects to complete this extensive legal consultation in mid-December 2020. This should not affect the consideration of the practical matters outlined above that can commence by the members.

If any legal matters arise that would impact the development of a bye law, this will of course be discussed with the members.

The members were further advised by Mr. Shanahan that the new regulations in the area of casual trading necessitate a review of all casual trading bye laws and therefore, with their agreement the bye laws for Celbridge would be reviewed and a bye law for Leixlip prepared.

Councillor Killeen advised that there were traders interested in the proposed location in Leixlip and in recognising that a review would be initiated for the municipal district area welcomed this.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Killeen, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and with all members agreeing that the report be noted and a review to be commenced and the council would send briefings to the members when complete but before the next meeting, in order to initiate the process of drafting new bye laws.

CL09/1120

Repair of Street Lights at Easton Meadows

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

That the council repair the streetlights in Easton Meadows, Leixlip.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department, informing the members that once the exact location of lights was identified the council will repair them.

Cllr Neville expressed his dissatisfaction that the street lights were taking so long to be repaired in Easton Meadows and Cllr Cussen stated as they were not mapped they could not be fixed, it was agreed by the members that once identified by the Public Safety Department they would arrange for repairs to the streetlights to be completed

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Cussen, that the report be noted and municipal district engineer will check with Street light section in relation to this matter.

CL10/1120

Young people in emergency accommodation

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

Can the council confirm, how many young people <12 years, 13-18 and 19-21 have been living in emergency accommodation in Celbridge and Leixlip respectively this year and how many of these young people now have a home?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the following is a breakdown of young people placed in emergency accommodation in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District between January 2020 to date:

22 children in total :

< 12 (15 Children)

13-18 (6 Children)

19 –21 (1 Child, Adult dependant)

15 children have excited emergency accommodation in the following manner:

3 HAP

5 Social allocation

5 returned to family/friends

2 Family hub

There are 7 children currently placed in emergency accommodation in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.

Councillor Liston looked for further details in relation to, how long have these individuals been living in emergency accommodation? Mr. Brady indicated he did not have that level of detail and advised this should be put in as a further question for the next MD meeting.

The report was noted.

CL11/1120

Griffinrath Site, Celbridge listed on Kildare's planning maps

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

Can the council confirm why the Griffinrath site in Celbridge is listed on Kildare's planning maps as exempt development (Section 5) when An Bord Pleanala ruled it was a non-exempt development and its status on previous council maps was unauthorised development?

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that the register map identifies valid applications which have been received rather than final decisions.

In response to a question from Councillor Liston Mr McLoughlin informed the members due to General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) if one is looking for further information in relation to final decision's they need to come into public counter at planning department
The report was noted

CL12/1120

Acquiring access to the council lands at Donaghcumper

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Galvin, can the council confirm if there has been any progress on acquiring access to the council lands at Donaghacumper?

A report was received from Planning and Strategic Department informing the members that the Council have raised the issue with NAMA, as the landowners property is being managed by NAMA who are masterplanning lands and Ballyoulster and phase 2 development at Ballyoulster is conditional on the provision of pedestrian / cycle access across the river Liffey either to Donaghcumper or to upgrade the existing pedestrian bridge in the town.

Councillor Galvin sought clarification, were the Council ruling out access to the land or do they need to wait for bridge to be constructed to get access to the land?

Mr Mc Loughlin indicated he would seek clarification from the Director of Services in relation to this matter.

The report was noted

CL13/1120

Progress in relation to new school site at Celbridge

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

Can the council confirm what progress has there been in relation to the new school's site in Celbridge since the last update?

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Deveopment Department informing the members that, The Celbridge Local Area Plan 2017-2023 identified lands at Ballyoulster for the development of a new residential neighbourhood, including primary and post primary schools and a local park (Key Development Area 2 refers).

O'Mahony Pike Architects in conjunction with the receiver have now prepared a draft Masterplan for the lands at Ballyoulster, which included the identification of educational lands for development totalling c. 6 ha.

The draft Masterplan was presented virtually to Kildare County Council officials at a meeting on 3rd September 2020. The Planning Authority are in regular contact with the Department of Education and Skills and we have continued to brief them of progress.

Collective feedback on behalf of both Kildare County Council (including Planning, Water Services, Environment and Parks Departments) and the Department of Education and Skills were later forwarded to O'Mahony Pike Architects to inform a final Masterplan document that Kildare County Council has not yet received.

Councillor Galvin thanked the Planning and Strategic Department for the detailed report, and indicated she would like to see the draft masterplan when it came in. Mr McLoughlin did not expect it to be ready before the end of the year but would keep the members informed as it progress

The report was noted

CL14/1120

Sewerage foul smell on the Clane Road

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Cussen, can a report be provided to the members on the sewerage foul smell on the Clane Road which occurs annually, outlining the reason for it and how would it be remedied?

A report was received from the Water Services Department informing the members that Irish Water was the national water utility responsible for the delivery of water services to homes and businesses in Ireland. The elected member should contact Irish Water via the dedicated Local Representative Service Desk in compliance with Irish Water instructions and protocol.

The contact details are as follows; Telephone: 1890 178 178 Email:

localrepsupport@water.ie

Councillor Cussen, indicated she would like to see the report and to not have to go through Irish Water to obtain this.

Mr O’Gorman advised he would have the report for the next municipal district meeting in December

The report was noted

CL15/1120

Number of derelict buildings in Celbridge / Leixlip Municipal District

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Cussen and Councillor Liston, can the council update the members on the number of derelict buildings in the municipal district area?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that, there are currently 7 cases being investigated by the Environment Department within the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District area.

The Council has significant powers available under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 for sites considered ‘derelict’. Reports of properties and sites for investigation should be forwarded to the Environment Department.

Councillor Cussen indicated that there was confusion re what is a derelict house and what is officially considered a derelict house for it to be included on the derelict site register.

A run-down house or business that may look derelict does not necessarily mean it goes on the list.

Mr. O’Gorman advised he can brief the members either in committee or informally before the next meeting.

The report was noted

CL16/1120

Phasing out of Glyphosate and the promotion of diversity

The members considered the following joint motion in the name of councillor Cussen and councillor Liston.

That the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District members propose that the Kildare County Council Residents Association Grant Scheme be amended to support the phasing out of glyphosate and the promotion of biodiversity.

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

A report was received from Economic Community and Cultural Department informing the members that a draft Grants Policy covering community, festival and residents' associations grants has been referred to the Corporate Policy Group from the Community and Cultural SPC. Members would be able to suggest and agree amendments to the policy, as it progresses.

Councillors Galvin and Cussen welcomed referral to Corporate Policy Group, educating and raising awareness for all community groups is paramount, a cohort of groups are not aware of detrimental effects of glyphosate to the environment. Groups need to be informed of alternatives to using glyphosate. the ultimate decision re any amendments to the scheme would be approved by full council.

The members suggested renaming the grant 'Grass Cutting and Biodiversity Grant'. Councillor Neville is a member on the Corporate Policy Group. A meeting was scheduled to take place on Monday 23 November, and he would revert, to members with time frames for the review.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Liston with all members agreeing that the report be noted,

CL17/1120

Initiative in Celbridge Leixlip to bring a Christmas theme to the business premises windows.

The members considered the following joint motion in the name of Councillor Caldwell and Councillor Cussen to support an initiative in Celbridge and Leixlip to bring a Christmas theme to the business premises windows and Main Streets to acknowledge the extremely difficult times faced by our communities and businesses due to Covid-19 restrictions and consideration be given to supporting this through the Shop Front grants scheme and unused LPT allocation.

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

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Department informing the members that the distribution of LPT funding is a matter for the members to agree. Any such proposed initiative would have to be agreed by the members also.

The members considered this motion agreeing it was a good initiative especially during Covid-19, however after extensive discussions, a decision could not be made in relation to specific details and the time frames were deemed to be too tight. However, Councillor Cussen undertook to speak to the Head of Local Enterprise Office in relation to the Shop Front Grant Scheme to assess the potential for the use of this scheme for the intentions of the motion.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Caldwell It was not possible to agree a solution for now with restricted timelines.

The LPT funding should be used on alternative schemes / projects, to be decided by the members. The members would speak to LEO in relation to Shop Front Grant Scheme.

CL18/1120

How the Pandemic has impacted employment levels, household incomes and indicators of child well-being.

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Liston, that the council outline the full extent of sources of information we have on how the pandemic has impacted employment levels, household income and indicators of child well-being in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.

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

A report was received from Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSC) have indicated that there was no specific research report in relation to the impact of the pandemic on child wellbeing in Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District or indeed for County Kildare.

However, there have been, several national studies which may give a useful picture of the impact on Irish children and young people:

How's Your Head: Young Voices During COVID-19: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/91f4b-hows-your-head-young-voices-during-covid-19-september-2020/>

ESRI Report: https://www.esri.ie/system/files/publications/SUSTAT94_3.pdf

CSO Report: <https://www.cso.ie/en/releasesandpublications/br/b-csi/socialimpactofcovid-19byagegroupapril2020/>

The Kildare Local Enterprise Office has stated that relevant up to date statistics are not yet available from the Central Statistics Office. However, Ernst and Young accountants Dublin have indicated that 2 out of every 5 employees are currently unemployed or on a PUP payment nationally.

The members welcomed the reports but indicated there was gaps in the Local Area Plan information and therefore difficult to plan for future years, they questioned is this a perceived gap for Celbridge Leixlip MD. Is there funding available where they can get information for Celbridge Leixlip MD to allow them to plan for the future.

If it could also be raised at national level this would be very beneficial.

They also indicated It was a timely discussion as the Local Area Plan is coming up for renewal. If there is a gap in the information this needs to be overcome..

Mr. Dunne informed the members that he would get more detailed information for Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District.

Resolved On the proposal of Councillor Liston, seconded by Councillor Caldwell with all members agreeing that the report be noted. Mr Dunne to seek more detailed information for Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District.

CL19/1120

Access to the playground in the grounds of the Abbey in Celbridge

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Galvin, that the council ask St John of God's to provide public access to the playground in the grounds of The Abbey in Celbridge, which has been closed due to Covid-19.

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

A report was received from the Economic Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that St John of God are currently using the grounds surrounding the playground for exercise for their service users rather than public areas during the current pandemic. Some of these are medically vulnerable so for this reason, they have not been able to allow the public to use this site. This would remain the case but would be kept under review with St John of Gods.

Councillor Galvin advised that this highlighted the problem of having a public playground on private grounds.

Mr Wallace informed the members he would keep in contact with St John of Gods in relation to access to the playground.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Caldwell that the report be noted and this item to be kept under review.

CL20/1120

Redistribution of LPT funding to implement a Christmas initiative to support local small traders.

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Killeen, that the council redistribute a portion of LPT funding to implement a Christmas initiative to support local small traders and to benefit residents of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.

This motion was proposed by Councillor Killeen and seconded by Councillor Neville.

A report was received from the Economic Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the distribution of LPT funding was a matter for the members to agree. Any such proposed initiative would have to be agreed by the members also.

The members considered this motion it was a considered a good initiative especially during Covid-19, however following extensive discussions, a decision could not be made in relation to specific details and the time frames were too tight.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Killeen, seconded by Councillor Neville and by members present it was not possible to agree a solution for now with the restricted timelines. The LPT funding should be used on an alternative matter, to be decided by the members at a future date.

CL21/1120

Improvements to car park at Castletown House

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

That the council request the Office of Public Works (OPW) to improve the car park at Castletown House.

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

A report was received from the Economic Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that, if the members agree, the council would contact the OPW in relation to the car park and enquire whether they have any plans to improve it.

Councillor Neville informed the members that most visitors access Castletown House at the rear entrance. If the OPW were to fix this car park, which requires tarmac and car park markings it would deter some of the dangerous parking that was taking place along the roadside.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Cussen with all members agreeing the members that the council contact the OPW in relation to the car park in Castletown House.

CL22/1120

Updates on future works to be carried out at Wonderful Barn

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

Can the council provide an update on the future works to be carried out at the Wonderful Barn?

A report was received from the Economic Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the consultants are currently finalising the conservation plan for the Wonderful Barn. It is expected the draft report will be completed before the end of the month.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.