

**Minutes of Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Meeting
held at 10.00am on Friday, 15 October 2021**

Members Present: Councillor J Neville (Cathaoirleach)

Councillors V Liston, Í Cussen, B Caldwell, N Killeen, C Galvin
and M Coleman.

Officials Present: Ms E Wright (District Manager), Mr C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Mr T Shanahan, (Meetings Administrator), Ms F Millane (Financial Management Accountant) Ms P Pender and Mr D McDermott (A/Senior Executive Officer's) Mr M Mc Loughlin (Administrative Officer), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Ms E Fagan (Administrative Officer), Ms S Farrar (A/Administrative Officer), Mr C O'Toole (A/Staff Officer) and Ms C Dempsey (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

CL01/1021

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations from the members of pecuniary or beneficial interests under Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001.

CL02/1021

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 17 September 2021 together with the progress report.

Notice of motion for amendment of the minutes in accordance with Standing Orders was received by Councillor Cussen regarding page 2 of the Draft Minutes, CL03/0921 refers.

Proposed amendment to Page 2 Minutes

“Cllr Cussen stated her dissatisfaction re outstanding items in respect of her Motions (Trees in Pots and Grass Cutting in Private and LA Estates CLMD) and that it had been agreed at previous meetings that these items would be discussed at a meeting with Simon Wallace and CLMD Cllrs. This meeting didn't take place as yet and the decisions from meetings should be correctly recorded on the Progress Report and the meeting needs to be scheduled.”

It was clarified to Cllr Cussen by the Meeting Administrator that the October Progress Report would reflect the amendment to the Minutes.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cussen seconded by Councillor Neville and agreed by the members that the minutes of the monthly Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 17 September 2021, amended as agreed, be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CL03/1021

Municipal District Road Works

A report on the municipal district road works was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.

Road works programme for 2021 are listed below;

Road Overlays - Restoration Improvement

R403 Youngs Cross to the county boundary was completed

R148 Galvin's Cross to Ryevale Lawns completed.

L5056 Loughnamona to Castletown Leixlip completed

L1016 Lyons Estate junction to Railway Bridge completed 2 July

L1016 Dangan Corner to Laburnam Grove completed 2 July

L1015 Shaughlins Glen towards Confey completed, during two weeks in August

R148 Intel Roundabout to Louisa Bridge completed in July
Castletown Celbridge scheduled for 26 & 27 October

Castletown Leixlip scheduled for 27 October

Surface Dressing – Restoration Maintenance works completed on 31 May

- Ardrass
- Pluckstown
- Kiladoon Lane, Celbridge completed Monday 11 October

Maintenance crews started working on hedgerow cutting at junctions and gully cleaning would commence on Monday 18 October.

Agreed list of LPT projects were being assessed and programmed for works in 2021.

Works on the footpath from Rye Brewery to Ballyoulster were now completed.

Footpath at Castletown to Forest Park was now completed including Public Lighting.

Additional funding approved from NTA for infill footpath

1. Rye Brewery to Ballyoulster was now completed
2. Castletown to Forest park was now completed
3. Ballyoulster to Loughlinstown Road junction, crew currently onsite, works due to be completed by 24 October.
4. Shinkeen road to Primrose Hill on Hazelhatch road was due to start onsite on Monday 18 October.
5. Hazelhatch road footpath from Liffey Bridge to Primrose Hill school was scheduled for midterm (October 26 – 29)

6. Ardclough road from Temple Mills to Chelmsford was now completed

Councillor Galvin advised she received a complaint that the grass reinstatement was full of rubble at Saint Patricks Park. She also advised the speed display sign on the approach to Ardclough from Celbridge was not working.

The Municipal District Engineer advised he would raise the grass reinstatement at St Patricks Park with the developer and the council would be snagging the works on completion. He also agreed to check out the speed display sign on the approach road to Ardclough from Celbridge and repair if necessary.

CL04/1021

Draft Budget Plan 2022

Ms Millane informed the members that Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 requires that a draft budgetary plan for the municipal district was to be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive and submitted for consideration by the municipal district members for each municipal district. This draft budgetary plan contains the discretionary funding which was made available to the municipal district members. The Act provides that the draft budgetary plan shall set out the general municipal allocation and shall be considered at a meeting within the prescribed period, but no later than ten days prior to the local authority budget meeting on 22 November 2021. The Act also provides that it was a reserved function of the members of a municipal district to adopt the draft budgetary plan either with or without amendments. If the members of a municipal district do not adopt a budgetary plan, the Chief Executive may take account of the draft budgetary plan, as presented to the members of that municipal district, without amendment. The total provision for the General Municipal Allocation for 2022 was €15,990,728 of which €5,444,420 was based on the retained LPT as voted by the members in July 2021. The total provisional general municipal allocation for the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District was €2,821,365.

The pay parking estimates for 2022 were, as for 2021, quite difficult to calculate. The 30 minute 'free parking' window had remained and had had a significant impact on the income in this area. The Roads Department had based the 2022 estimates on the June 2021-August 2021 actual out-turns. As in previous years, the Roads Department would update the members should any additional surpluses arise – these would be ringfenced for use by the District Engineer in consultation with the members of the municipal district.

The following points were raised by the members;

- What budget was used to fund speed limit signage?
- Would Covid-19 restrictions allow festivals to go ahead?
- Was funding allocated to the Abbey Playground by the council last year as no children had been able to use the playground as it was closed to the public due to Covid-19
- The District Manager advised funding for speed limit signage comes out of the central budget, not the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District budget.
- Mr D McDermott advised the plan was for festivals to proceed given the lifting of restrictions.
- Mr S Wallace advised the council did pay monies to the Abbey. This was to cover the maintenance of the playground.

Ms Millane re-iterated to the members that the timeframe would not allow for the members to have another meeting to discuss this draft plan.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Neville, and agreed by all members that the draft budgetary plan be adopted.

CL05/1021

Update on LPT Expenditure

A report on LPT expenditure was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.

Ms P Pender clarified to the members that the unspent budget column means this funding had not been applied for yet.

The members requested a breakdown of the €626,930, (carry forward from 2020 to be allocated). The members would like this listed on the progress report. Once they received clarity in relation to the breakdown the members would have a meeting and make a decision on LPT 2022.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Caldwell, and agreed by all the members that Ms Pender would provide a breakdown of the €626,930 and a further meeting would be arranged to further discuss, and this item should be listed on the progress report.

CL06/1021

Memorial in Athy

A report on Decade of Commemoration Committee regarding a memorial in Athy, a referral from full council was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting. €12,000 per municipal district was being sought to design and construct a suitable memorial in St Mary's Cemetery, Athy to commemorate those buried there who had died in Athy's Workhouse and County Home.

The members indicated that they supported this item and would have a meeting in conjunction with LPT matter, to clarify available funding.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Coleman seconded by Councillor Killeen and agreed by all the members that a meeting would take place to discuss further, and a decision would be made.

CL07/1021

Road Traffic Act 1994 – Section 38 - Proposed Double Yellow Line

A map and report were received in advance of the meeting, to consider the Road Traffic Act 1994 – Section 38 - Proposed Double Yellow Line Markings at River Forest, Leixlip, Co. Kildare.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Caldwell the

members approved the Road Traffic Act 1994 – Section 38 - Proposed Double Yellow Line Markings at River Forest, Leixlip, Co. Kildare.

CL08/1021

Rinawade Estate, Leixlip

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Caldwell. That the council consider putting traffic lights or a roundabout at the entrance to Rinawade Estate, Leixlip

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 It was considered that the existing priority junction that provides access to the Rinawade/Lough Na Mona Estates operates within capacity. Controlled pedestrian crossing facilities were provided to the East and the West of the junction on the Green Lane.

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

CL09/1021

Captains Hill

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Caldwell. That the council provide a report on the possibility of lowering the gradient on both the road and footpath on Captain's Hill.

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

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there would be a very significant cost associated with such works and it was not feasible due to the topography of the area, boundaries,

and private property. No funding was identified for such a project and it would not be reasonable to invest resources into examining such a project with such significant costs

Councillor Caldwell noted the report and stressed the challenges this hill poses to buggy and wheelchair users.

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

CL10/1021

Assessment of Priory Square, St Raphaels Manor

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cussen. That an assessment be undertaken of Priory Square, St Raphaels Manor (2nd right off The Avenue coming from the Shackleton Road Junction) with a view to identifying any appropriate traffic calming measures.

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

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer would arrange for an assessment to be carried out and report back to the November meeting with the findings.

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

CL11/1021

Removal of pole

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Galvin. That the council make arrangements to have the pole moved from the middle of the new path on the Ardclough Road

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

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office had applied to ESB Networks for a line alteration

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

CL12/1021

Update from the NTA re new Bus Connects Services

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

That the council request an update from the NTA on an estimated start date for the new Bus Connects Services in the municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council had contacted the NTA for an update and NTA responded as follows:

In September 2020, the NTA announced details of the new Dublin area bus network and indicated that the revised network would be implemented on a phased basis.

Phase 1: Was completed last June with the successful implementation of new routes connecting Dublin's north east to the city centre.

Phase 2: Which would begin later this year, would involve the implementation of new C-Spine routes between the City Centre and Lucan/Celbridge/Leixlip/Maynooth supplemented by other local and peak time services.

A map of the new network of bus services to be implemented in the Celbridge-Leixlip areas was available [here](#). Implementation of the orbital route W6 would take place at a later date, which had yet to be determined.

All C-spine routes would have 24-hour services including C-Spine routes serving Leixlip and Celbridge.

Finally, the Phase 2 implementation process would include a major communications campaign to assist people in the relevant areas to understand the new bus network.

The members welcomed the report but were disappointed it was not more detailed. They stressed the importance of the communications campaign to ensure there was visibility and specific details outlined in relation to the new Bus Connects Services. **Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Liston, seconded by Councillor Caldwell that the report be noted.

CL13/1021

Road safety assessment in respect of the R449

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Killeen. That the council conduct a road safety assessment in respect of the R449 (from Celbridge interchange and road to Leixlip) and ensure a safety plan was put in place inclusive of pedestrians and consider installing an electronic speed sign.

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

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a traffic speed survey would be carried out in the coming weeks on the R449 and if speeding was identified as an issue, the council would write to An Garda Síochána to advise them and request appropriate enforcement action be taken.

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

CL14/1021

Louisa Bridge, Leixlip regarding safety of cyclists

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Neville. That the council review the Louisa Bridge in Leixlip having regard to the safety of cyclists.

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 Royal Canal Greenway project ties into the cycle lanes at Louisa Bridge and any required upgrades to bring them up to the current standards would be carried out as part of that project.

Councillor Neville noted the report and stated the drawings of the area need to indicate the reality of the situation, as space was limited and that was a concern for the safety of cyclists.

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

CL15/1021

Eir phone box on Main Street, Leixlip

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Caldwell. Can the council provide an update on the request to Eir to remove the phone box on Main Street, Leixlip?

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer requested that the existing phone box be removed from the Main Street of Leixlip last year. Eir advised

that they were required by Comreg to provide pay phone services in the area and also that a number of calls from that payphone were to numbers for assistance. Eir proposed an upgrade to the phone box to a new style Kiosk but this would require planning permission and an application had not yet been received.

The report was noted.

CL16/1021

Traffic/parking outside schools

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Galvin. Can the council confirm what it could do to deal with the traffic/parking situation outside Saint Wolstan's and North Kildare Educate Together National School, Celbridge in the afternoons?

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Warden would attend the location over the coming days. Where double parking was observed, the warden would request that the vehicle move on. The Warden could consider issuing warning notices advising that parking fines may be issued if illegally parked on a public road. The Municipal District Engineer would also raise the issue with school management.

The Municipal District Engineer advised the members, that a letter was given to all parents of students outlining the concerns re traffic/parking situation outside Saint Wolstan's and North Kildare Educate Together National School, Celbridge in the afternoons.

The report was noted.

CL17/1021

Feasibility of locating a crossing near the Applegreen garage

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

Can the council confirm if they have examined the feasibility of locating a crossing near the Applegreen garage on the way out of Celbridge to the motorway?

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there was a current uncontrolled crossing point at the roundabout just down from the Applegreen. The council have not carried out any feasibility of locating a crossing near the Applegreen garage on the way out of Celbridge to the motorway

The report was noted.

CL18/1021

Storm drain cleaning programme for autumn 2021

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Coleman. Can the council confirm when the storm drain cleaning programme for autumn 2021 in this municipal district would commence?

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Storm drain cleaning would commence next week for approximately ten weeks. The Municipal District Engineer would appreciate if people could work with the crew and not park cars over gullies which prevent them from being cleaned. The council understands more vehicles were parked during the day with people working from home but hopefully people would be able to work with the council crews.

The report was noted.

CL19/1021

Pay Parking sign in Town Centre on the Celbridge Road, Leixlip be removed

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Coleman. Can the council confirm that the large sign "Pay Parking in Town Centre" on the Celbridge Road, Leixlip was to be removed?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that this sign had been removed.

The report was noted.

CL20/1021

Possible closure of the level crossing at Blakestown

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

Can the council give an update on any discussions that have been had with the NTA on the possible closure of the level crossing at Blakestown?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the council have been in communication with Irish Rail and the Dart + West project team to discuss a number of items associated with the Dart + project, including Blakestown level crossing. A formal submission had been made by the council to Irish Rail regarding the Dart + West project and its proposal to close the level crossing at Blakestown, advising of its concerns regarding the proposal without any proposal to replace vehicular access at that point.

The report was noted.

CL21/1021

Proposal for the development of the site at the back of Newtown House, Leixlip

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

Can the council provide an update on the proposal for the development of the site at the back of Newtown House, Leixlip?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the Architects Department were currently working on this project with a view to commencing the Part 8 process in Quarter 1 2022.

The report was noted.

CL22/1021

Status of non-local authority vacant houses in the Celbridge area

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Cussen. Can the members receive an update on the current status of non-local authority vacant houses in the Celbridge area, to include details of how many were logged currently?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that There were 33 individual properties logged as possibly vacant and following inspection, 10 of these properties were still considered vacant. Two have been sold and two were in the ownership of a state company. A CPO was commenced for two of these properties and efforts were ongoing in relation to the remaining properties. The report was noted.

CL23/1021

Allocation of homeless families within this municipal district

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Killeen. Can the Housing Department confirm that they were liaising with the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) to allocate homeless families within this municipal district to accommodation at Leixlip House Hotel

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that This facility was being managed by the DRHE and it was not being used to accommodate homeless families from the Kildare area. It was understood that homeless families from the South Dublin County Council administrative area were currently being placed in this facility.

The report was noted.

CL24/1021

Old ESB site in Leixlip town

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Neville.
Can the council clarify and update the members on the plans for the old ESB site in Leixlip town?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that: Cluid were currently in the process of finalising a tender for an Architect Lead Design Team for this site. Cluid intend for a design team to be in place by the end of this year. Once a Design Team was in place, site investigation and designs would progress in preparation of a proposal for a statutory planning approval process. The report was noted.

CL25/1021

How Local Property Tax in this municipal district should be allocated for 2022.

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Liston.
That this municipal district supports the establishment and empowerment of a local citizen's assembly to deliberate and decide on how Local Property Tax in this municipal district should be allocated for 2022.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Liston, seconded by Councillor Cussen.
A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that Guidelines in relation to LPT and retained LPT spend were approved by the council in September 2019 and the members were currently required to have regard to these when making their LPT nominations. The guidelines state that - *The purpose of the retained LPT allocation was to enable municipal districts to target priorities within their own municipal district area, thus enhancing local democracy i.e., this LPT was an enhancement to grants/projects, but spent on a municipal district priority basis.*

The municipal district members as the democratically elected representatives of the citizens of the local electoral areas of Celbridge and Leixlip were responsible for the allocation of the LPT funding for the municipal district. Some LPT projects were cross departmental and, in some cases, were being run alongside a department's own schemes. An additional step in the process could potentially add to the complexity of an already busy schedule of works sometimes with tight deadlines for matching fund spend. The council would continue to ensure that LPT funding was being allocated to the agreed projects as considered and approved by the municipal district committee.

Notwithstanding this, the motion was a matter for the members to consider, however the council does not currently have the resources to assign to such a proposal at this time.

Councillor Liston advised that the establishment and empowerment of a local citizen's assembly had been very successful in other countries, and it was not a new idea as it originated in Brazil and was running successfully in France. She stated there were experts in Ireland that would advise how best to proceed with it and that it would enable civic engagement. The general trend was that there was a decrease in voting in general elections, there was a decline in trust in organisations and that this would enable and support community engagement.

The members raised the following points;

- They support public participation, perhaps this idea could be investigated and run as a pilot within the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.
- The members have a concern about handing over decision making to a group of citizens especially as the members themselves were elected to do this job. They already worked with resident associations and voluntary groups and it was already difficult to get volunteers.
- They would prefer if the motion said 'a portion of LPT funding' as opposed to all LPT funding.

Following further discussion, Councillor Liston proposed an amendment to the motion.

That this municipal district supports the establishment and empowerment of a local citizen's forum to decide on how a portion of Local Property Tax in this municipal district, related to community funding, should be allocated in 2022.

The amended motion was proposed by Councillor Liston seconded by Councillor Killeen with two members voting in favour of the amended motion and five voting against, the amended motion was defeated.

CL26/1021

Boundary hedge between Beatty Grove and Castlewella Park

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Galvin. That the council provide a detailed report on the matter of the boundary hedge between Beatty Grove and Castlewella Park, to include what exactly was envisaged by planning in their requirement to "strengthen" the hedge, had a response been received to a letter of non-compliance that was issued in April and any other relevant details and actions.

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

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that Planning permission for the above development was granted by An Bord Pleanála under planning ref. no. 09.247.365 (16/260). A condition in respect of hedge strengthening was included under condition 2 (c) by An Bord Pleanála. It was noted that the condition of the boundary had improved somewhat since then and the council would continue to monitor the situation, particularly as we enter the planting season.

Councillor Galvin noted the report but advised it was not detailed enough and stated she did not understand what hedge strengthening meant as the hedge was dead.

She advised the development company planted new trees in front of the hedge and as a result the bigger concern of the hedge was not being addressed.

She said anti-social behaviour could occur in this area and with Halloween fast approaching she was concerned the hedge could go on fire. She would like the council to examine the hedge and for the residents to be spoken to about the status of it and what the council planned to do with it.

Mr McLoughlin, Planning Department advised that the Parks Department went out to inspect the hedge since this report was issued, it was still very much a live case and was being monitored.

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

CL27/1021

Map showing areas of responsibility for the River Liffey

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cussen. That the council prepare a map showing areas of responsibility for the River Liffey in the Celbridge area i.e. "responsibility of riparian owner" refers.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the council would investigate the possibility of preparing this map, notwithstanding their responsibilities under GDPR, and revert next month with confirmation.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Neville that the report be noted and the Environment Department would revert next month with confirmation.

CL28/1021

Reuse Month

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

Can members be informed of events by Kildare County Council for Reuse Month in this municipal district area?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that given Covid restrictions it was not possible to organise local events as part of the “October was Reuse Month” national initiative. The Regional Waste Offices have coordinated a number of scheduled online events during the month and these events could be found on the KCC environment homepage and the My Waste website www.mywaste.ie. Reuse Month was being promoted by the council’s Communications Team throughout the month.

The report was noted.

CL29/1021

Dual bins

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Liston
Can the council confirm if our current municipal district waste service provider offers a service for dual bins - including Dry-Mixed-Recycling (DMR) - and if yes, what were the details of this service?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that This matter was discussed in detail at the May meeting of the Celbridge- Leixlip Municipal District Committee.

By way of background, the council’s Transportation and Environment Departments were jointly working on developing a more robust policy around the provision of street litter bins which, inter alia, would be mindful of not just the initial purchase and installation costs but also the ongoing maintenance and servicing costs. Currently, there was no scope within the existing Municipal District budgets to provide additional bins.

The provision of segregated recycling bins in the district, offering recycle “on the go”, would be difficult to enforce and manage. In particular, the trucks used to service

bins would have to have capacity for segregation. There would also be a requirement to have segregated storage facilities for recyclates at depots as well as other logistical arrangements relating to ultimate disposal. The market for recyclates could be volatile and it was possible that this may lead to additional costs. This aspect would have to be further researched.

It was understood that trials in this area previously by Dublin City Council provided disappointing results with high contamination levels rendering the bin contents difficult for recycling. However, this trial was now being repeated and it would be interesting to ascertain the outcome. In this context, the (DCC) Regional Co-Ordinator had offered to attend a forthcoming meeting of the SPC to set out the results of this latest pilot and it may be best to await his report.

It was, however, accepted that there was merit in the proposal, and it would be good to show a lead particularly as the circular economy was now a key national impetus. The council would, therefore, research the matter further in conjunction with the SPC and keep the members informed, in due course.

Finally, it should be noted that generally the major waste collection companies segregate the waste material through Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) prior to final disposal.

The report was noted.

CL30/1021

Water tests

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Liston. Can the council confirm when the most recent water tests were carried out in the municipal district and what were the locations, dates and results?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that The Environment Section of Kildare County Council was responsible for carrying out river monitoring/sampling in accordance with the National Water Framework Directive River Monitoring Programme. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

was responsible for developing the monitoring/sampling programme and had oversight in its implementation.

There were four monitoring stations located within the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District. Please refer to the following table for river name, station name, station code, x,y coordinates.

River Name	Station Name	Station Code	X-coordinate	Y-coordinate
Liffey	Br. in Celbridge	RS09L011700	297359	232864
Liffey	New Br. N of St. Wolstan's (Barnhall Br.)	RS09L011800	299207	234033
Liffey	Leixlip Br. (RHS)	RS09L011900	300826	235807
Rye Water	Br. in Leixlip	RS09R010600	300444	235838

The monitoring programme sets out specific dates for sampling which were agreed between Kildare County Council and the EPA at the start of the sampling year. The frequency of sampling depends on the sample purpose and in the case of the sample locations listed 5 times per year was the necessary sampling frequency.

Field monitoring and the collection of samples was carried out by staff of the Environment Section. Field sheet records and samples were delivered on the same day to the EPA Regional Inspectorate Laboratory, Clonskeagh, Dublin.

The EPA was responsible for sample analysis and the uploading of monitoring data to the Environmental Data Exchange Network (EDEN) system. EDEN users have access to the monitoring data once it had been verified and approved for upload.

- The most recent samples at the Liffey monitoring stations were taken on the 09/08/2021.
- The most recent sample at the Rye Water monitoring station was taken on the 28/09/2021.

The data/test results were not yet available to view on the EDEN system

The report was noted.

CL31/1021

Suspension of Standing Orders

At 12.00 noon the Cathaoirleach informed the members that to continue with the meeting, a suspension of standing orders was required.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by all members that standing orders be suspended for five minutes.

CL32/1021

Reinstatement works to St Catherine's Park

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Killeen. That the council provide an update in relation to reinstatement works to St Catherine's Park in respect of the water works and an update as to the proposed commencement of the sensory garden.

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

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that works on the reinstatement in St Catherine's Park were progressing and due to be completed in the next month. In relation to the sensory garden, we have engaged a consultant to prepare a bill of quantities for the designs prepared for the garden so that the project could be tendered. Further progression beyond this was contingent on us completing a tender for the upgrade of Leixlip Playground first.

Councillor Killeen noted the report and stated she would like a schedule of works of when this would be completed, along with a realistic expected end date.

Mr S Wallace advised it was difficult to give a time frame as he does not have a projects team. There were 60 active projects in the Parks Department and a substantial number of daily issues that needed to be addressed.

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

CL33/1021

Suspension of Standing Orders

At 12.05 noon the Cathaoirleach informed the members that to continue with the meeting, a suspension of standing orders was required.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by all members that standing orders be suspended for ten minutes

CL34/1021

Bike racks at the Willowbrook playground

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Coleman. That the council install bike racks at the Willowbrook playground

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

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that there were bike racks in Willowbrook playground. If more were required, this could be considered for next year's works programme.

Councillor Coleman welcomed the report, he would like the council to interact and engage with the schools in relation to this item.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Caldwell that the report be noted, the council would interact and engage with the schools in relation to this item.

CL35/1021

Cherrywood backlot in Castletown

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Coleman. That the Cherrywood backlot in Castletown be included on the grass cutting programme for 2022.

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

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the Parks Section have carried out occasional maintenance of the area but do not have the budget to undertake regular maintenance. The maintenance of open spaces in estates was the responsibility of residents in the estate.

Councillor Coleman noted the report stating he was disappointed with the response and he would like to have a meeting with the Parks Department to come up with a solution on the best way to deal with this.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Caldwell that the report be noted and a meeting be held with the Parks Department to discuss the matter further.

CL36/1021

Update on progress at the Wonderful Barn

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Neville. That this council receive an update on progress at the Wonderful Barn.

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

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that no further progression of the development of the Wonderful Barn were planned until the results of the Town Renewal Plan survey were compiled.

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

CL37/1021

Playground in Leixlip sited at the Amenities Centre

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

Can the council confirm when were the upgrade works commencing to the playground in Leixlip sited at the Amenities Centre, and what plans were in place to install public toilets at that site?

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that Work was ongoing on the plans to upgrade the playground in Leixlip Amenities Centre. It was likely to be into next year before the council have a tender prepared to upgrade the playground. There were no plans to install toilets.

Councillor Killeen noted the report and sought clarification on a schedule of works of when this would be completed with a realistic expected end date.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.