

**Minutes of Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Meeting
held at 10.00am on Friday, 17 September 2021**

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

Apologies: Councillor C Galvin.

Officials Present: Ms E Wright (District Manager), Mr C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Mr B Leonard, (Meetings Administrator), Ms Hunt (Senior Executive 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.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that Councillor Galvin had sent her apologies. He confirmed that Councillor Galvin had given instruction to the Cathaoirleach that he could move her motions. The Cathaoirleach and members welcomed Ms E Wright to the meeting as District Manager and stated they looked forward to working with her in the future.

CL01/0921

Declarations of Interest

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

CL02/0921

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the annual and monthly Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meetings held on Friday, 16 July 2021 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by the members that the minutes of the annual and monthly Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meetings held on Friday, 16 July 2021 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CL03/0921

Matters arising

On progress report item (CL22/1220) (Protecting and monitoring of drinking water sources in Celbridge Leixlip) and (CL03/0321) (Matters arising). Councillor Liston requested that the Municipal District committee be provided with a presentation that highlights the areas of responsibility and specific actions for protecting and monitoring drinking water sources in our municipal district, by the various agencies and public bodies, with inclusion of representatives from each of the bodies. She would like this item to be put back on the progress report and was disappointed that it was removed.

Councillor Cussen stated her dissatisfaction re outstanding items in respect of her Motions (Trees in Pots and Grass Cutting in Private and LA Estates Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District) and that it had been agreed at previous meetings that these items would be discussed at a meeting with Simon Wallace and Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District Councillors. 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. Page 8 of Sept Progress Report needed to be amended to reflect the outcome from Motions.

On progress report item (CL07/0721) (Safety barrier at the Roman Bath in Louisa Valley park) Councillor Caldwell asked was there any progress on fencing the area off, as it was a dangerous location in its present state. He enquired could temporary fencing be installed in the interim until permanent fencing was installed.

CL04/0921

Municipal District Road Works

The Municipal District Engineer updated the members on the works that had been advanced in the previous period in relation to the Road works programme for 2021 and the Surface Dressing – Restoration Maintenance works that had been completed.

He advised that maintenance crews were starting work on hedgerow cutting at junctions and gully cleaning would commence in the coming weeks.

He confirmed the 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 were now completed including Public Lighting.

The Municipal District Engineer advised of additional funding approved from NTA for infill footpaths in six locations and updated the members on Private Developer Works taking place in the municipal district.

The members welcomed the report and raised the following points;

- enquired about the additional funding from the NTA and how this could be used to free up LPT to be reinvested back into Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District
- how the day was selected for the traffic movement survey at junctions in Celbridge and enquired, could the members get the principal report in bullets?
- would like to see a fair division of LPT funding between all areas of Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.

- the work was a temporary inconvenience for road users, but the work needed to be carried out, when completed there would be substantial improvements to the quality of the roads in the future.
- asked the Municipal District Manager could she contact Dublin South Council in relation to the hedging off the roundabout in this area that needed to be trimmed back.

The Municipal District Engineer advised the following:

- The allocation of the LPT would be at the discretion of the elected members.
- In relation to the traffic movement survey there was no day picked for any reason, it was just to get a general feel of the area on any given day, he accepted every day was slightly different. The survey was a conditioned in the planning permission. He agreed to circulate the report.

CL05/0921

School Warden at the junction of Castletown Estate and the Green Lane

The Cathaoirleach requested that item 4 and 11 on the agenda be taken together. All the members agreed.

Item 4

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

That the council reinstate the school warden at the junction of Castletown estate and the Green Lane immediately.

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

Item 11

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

Could the council update the members on the status of the school warden at the Castletown Greenlane corner?

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that The Road Safety Officer could confirm that a School

Warden was relocated from another school crossing to the one at Castletown Road/Green Lane junction to commence on Thursday morning 2 September. The warden now covering the crossing was expected to remain at the Castletown/Green Lane junction for the foreseeable future. The crossing where the warden was relocated from already had a pedestrian controlled crossing system and was in itself a safe place for people to cross when operated properly.

The members noted the reports and requested the following information;

- A list of locations, attendance time of crossings wardens within the municipal district and a list of school wardens to be provided.
- Advance notice to be issued to the members when wardens were redeployed on a permanent/long term basis.
- Was lack of wardens a staff resourcing issue or a safety issue?
- The members would like the Road Safety Officer to attend a meeting to discuss issues.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Neville, and agreed by the members that the Road Safety Officer would be invited to attend a future meeting to address the issues raised and the report be noted.

CL06/0921

Assessment for different types of calming measures at Kilwogan Lane

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

That the council arrange a visit to Kilwogan Lane, to meet residents there and assess its suitability for different types of traffic calming measures.

As authorised by Councillor Galvin, 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 Municipal District Engineer would make contact with the residents of Kilwogan.

The members welcomed the report and noted there was a policy in place to address traffic calming measures. They did not think ramps were the solution and indicated the message needed to be highlighted to slow down drivers and enquired if a chicane was an option.

The Municipal District Engineer indicated there was a policy in place and that would dictate what appropriate measures should be implemented. The policy ensured all information was fed into a central system and everyone would get the same answers. An assessment would be carried out and then the options available would be explored.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by the members that the report be noted and the Municipal District Engineer would arrange a visit to Kilwogan Lane, to meet residents there and assess its suitability for different types of traffic calming measures.

CL07/0921

'Workhouse Burial Ground' sign

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cussen. That the council replace the broken bilingual directional sign 'Workhouse Burial Ground' on the pole at the top of Main Street, Celbridge.

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 the sign to be replaced

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by the members that the report be noted and the Municipal District Engineer would arrange for the broken bilingual directional sign 'Workhouse Burial Ground' on the pole at the top of Main Street, Celbridge to be replaced.

CL08/0921

Engineer's safety report

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Killeen. That the council carry out an engineer's safety report prior to sign off, on the safety of the proposed change, detailing any engineering solutions that may be required, on all roads in the Municipal District proposed to have speed limits above 60kmph as part of the current speed limit review.

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

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that, in 2012 a Speed Limit Working Group was set up by the Minister of Transport and in 2013 The Speed Limits Working Group published its recommendations to reform the speed limit system. One of the key recommendations was that all speed limits in the country should be audited every five years by the relevant local authority, in accordance with the Road Traffic Act 2004 and Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland.

The Kildare Speed Limit Review Public Consultation document titled "Draft Bye-Laws Revision A" should therefore be considered the technical report supporting the review of the speed limits carried out on all Local, Regional, National and Motorway routes in the Celbridge-Leixlip municipal district road network, which includes the proposed changes on speed limits above 60kmph.

The members noted the report and raised the following concerns;

- Road users were contacting members on a regular basis about road safety concerns.
- Perhaps a solution would be to get an engineer to sign off mitigation schedule when completed, they questioned when they would see the schedule of works for lower technical roads.

The District Manager accepted the concerns and advised that there had been two years of meaningful work behind the public consultation, and that all submissions received would be examined. The Roads Transportation and Public Safety Department was engaging with;

- Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- Roads Safety Authority
- An Garda Síochána

A new step in the procedure was a national appeals process. The Transport Safety and Emergency SPC were updated of this recently. This was positive news as it would facilitate legitimate queries. If one wanted to appeal it, the first step would be to do so through the council, there was no fee for this part of the process. It may then be escalated to a regional panel for €125. If it was upheld, the fee would be refunded. The District Manager anticipated that the panels would be in place by year end.

Councillor Killeen expressed her concern that safety issues would not be taken into account, and this gave rise to a gap in the process.

The District Manager advised that a technical methodology following legal guidelines would be adhered to and the appeals process was a very positive advancement. She was confident that safety issues would be addressed through the appeals process.

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

CL09/0921

Plans to introduce traffic calming measures on Kilwogan Lane

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Cussen.
Could the council confirm if it plans to introduce traffic calming measures on Kilwogan Lane following concerns raised local residents?

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there were currently no plans to introduce traffic calming on Kilwogan Lane. Kilwogan Lane would be assessed in line with Kildare County Council Traffic Calming guidelines.

The report was noted.

CL10/0921

Implementation timeline for laying of a grass mesh path

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Liston.
Could the council confirm what was the implementation timeline for the laying of a grass mesh path at the gate between Hazelhatch Park and The Grove in Celbridge?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the supplier used previously for the grass meshing was UK based and due to Brexit, the council have had to source an alternative supplier which was proving problematic. However, the council were continuing to source one and hoped to have this work completed by the end of the year.

The report was noted.

CL11/0921

Update on the Celbridge to Hazelhatch Link Road Project

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Coleman
Can the council update the members on the Celbridge to Hazelhatch Link Road project?

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that The Celbridge to Hazelhatch Link Road was currently at the option selection stage, in the process of identifying an emerging preferred option. This involves a detailed assessment of all five shortlisted Route Corridor Options under the following criteria:

- Economy
- Safety
- Environment
- Accessibility and Social Inclusion
- Integration
- Physical Activity

The next phase of non-statutory public consultation would invite feedback on an Emerging Preferred Option for the scheme. The consultation would take place later in the year and would be an opportunity for all stakeholders to provide views on the Emerging Preferred Option.

The report was noted.

CL12/0921

Street lights at the entrance to St. Catherines Park

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Neville.
Could the council provide an update from the ESB, as to when the new street lights at the entrance to St. Catherines Park at Glendale would be energised?

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that no connection date was available at present, however public lighting would continue to engage with ESB to have the lights energised as soon as possible.

The report was noted.

CL13/0921

Statues of Catherine and William Connolly

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

That the council investigate the possibility of reinstating the life size statues of Catherine and William Connolly in their intended home on the Connolly monument at Tea Lane.

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

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that the Heritage Officer was liaising with the Tea Lane Graveyard Conservation group regarding options for creating replicates of the Conolly statues.

The members raised the following queries;

- Could the members be provided with more information on where the statues were now?
- Could they be returned to their original location at Tea Lane?
- Could replicas be made if originals could not be found or utilised?
- The members questioned who would pay if replicas were required, and it should not be up to the council or the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District to fund this.
- Financial support from the OPW would be greatly appreciated.
- They would also like to ask Tea Lane for a list of projects taking place over the next five to ten years and how much these would cost?

Ms Hunt advised she would take these concerns back to the Heritage Officer and the elected members would be updated accordingly

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Liston, seconded by Councillor Neville and agreed by the members that the report be noted, and that Ms Hunt would bring their concerns back to the Heritage Officer and the elected members would be updated accordingly.

CL14/0921

Automated External Defibrillators

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Coleman. That the council install Automated External Defibrillators in local authority estates in this municipal district as a pilot for the county.

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

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that the members would recall a joint motion from Councillors Leigh and Breslin related to AEDs in housing developments was discussed at the July meeting of full council ie. That Kildare County Council writes to the Minister responsible for Local Government and for Planning with the following proposal: That as part of the conditions for planning applications for new housing estates, developers must install Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs).

Following discussion at the plenary meeting, it was agreed by full council that correspondence would issue to the Minister as outlined, and the matter would be referred to the Housing SPC for consideration, in consultation with the Planning SPC and the Local Community and Culture SPC.

In this regard, the members may wish to consider recommending that the Housing SPC, in consultation with the Planning and Local Community and Culture SPCs, include the issue of the installation of AEDs in local authority estates as part of their deliberations on this matter also.

Councillor Coleman noted the report and stated he thought the council could make the decision if willing and felt it should not have to go to the Minister. Local authority housing estates were strategically placed around towns and their locations were ideal for assisting the community of first responders. He stated that following a

cardiac arrest it is crucial that a person had access to a defibrillator within the first three / four minutes and stated he would like this motion referred to the appropriate SPC.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by the members that the report be noted and this item be referred to the appropriate SPC.

CL15/0921

Previously owned council properties leased back to the Council

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

Can the council confirm if any previously owned council properties have been leased back to the council as social homes in this municipal district?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that leasing records have been checked and no previously owned council properties have been identified as being leased back to the Council as social homes in this municipal district.

The report was noted.

CL16/0921

Public Realm Update

Ms M Hunt informed the members that a report on all projects had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting.

The deadline for Celbridge Health check and Town Renewal plan had been extended, unfortunately the same could not apply to Leixlip as the part 8 for Maynooth / Kilcullen was also taking place.

The Public Realm team anticipated carrying out face to face surveying in Leixlip once COVID-19 restrictions allowed. They hoped to target different cohorts e.g.: school students and their parents. Notice of this would be advertised before this

takes place. Ms Hunt advised that the draft town renewal plan would be on display and participants could engage with the design team.

Ms Hunt advised that the design team met with Ardclough residents who were very excited about the town renewal plan.

The members welcomed the report and raised the following points;

- Could relevant voluntary groups be targeted through the PPN and the Liffey Champion newspaper.
- It was crucial to get feedback from citizens as to what they want in their areas.
- What were their suggestions, could it be libraries, theatres, swimming pools?

Ms Hunt advised these points would be considered.

The report was noted.

The Cathaoirleach requested that item 20 and 21 on the agenda be taken together. All the members agreed.

CL17/0921

Item 20

Extension to deadline for the Celbridge Town Renewal Plan consultation

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Liston. That the council extend the deadline for the Celbridge Town Renewal Plan consultation to allow for in-person engagement events to further support broad public engagement with the development of the plan.

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that The online public consultation for the Celbridge Town Renewal Plan was scheduled to close on 17 September however in order to maximise consultation across all age cohorts, the consultation period would be extended to 27 September. In addition, the Public Realm team planned to carry out an on-the-street public consultation when

restrictions allow. This survey would include a defined set of questions for the public to answer and the locations and times (to be agreed) would include the Main Street and school gates.

Following this on-the-street public consultation, if it was considered necessary by the team and elected members, a second in-person consultation event could be organised for later this year to further inform the design process.

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

Item 21

CL18/0921

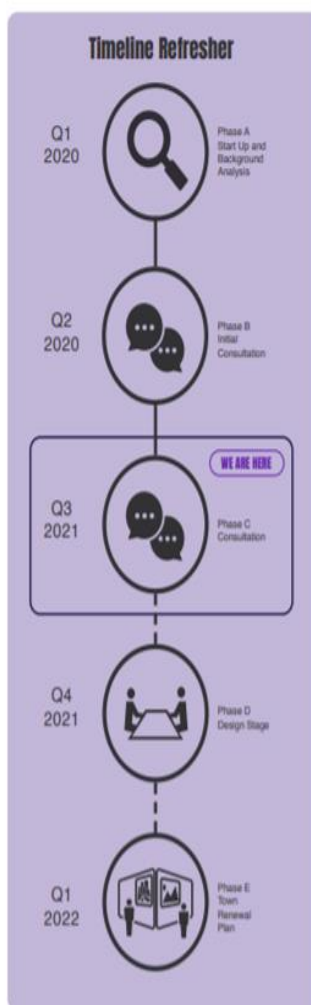
Update on the next steps for the town renewal plan for Leixlip and Celbridge

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Neville.
That the council update the members on the next steps for the town renewal plans for Leixlip and Celbridge.

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the graphic and text below outlines the consultation steps for the Town Renewal Plan process for both Celbridge and Leixlip.

CONSULTATION STEPS



Phase A – Start Up and Background Analysis (Q1 2020)

This phase consisted of the appointed design team carrying out site visits and background analysis to generate a set of plans which help our understanding of the town, its history and structure. Typical issues we looked at are existing land uses, open spaces, connections and linkages, public transport and movement network, building heights etc. This information's helps the design team build a picture of the town and better understand the opportunities.

Phase B – Initial Consultation (Q2 2020)

This phase consisted of an online mini-survey, carried out from 5th to 19th of June 2020, which sought to get a snapshot of what residents thought worked well and what didn't work so well. The team also met with local representatives to understand their hopes and concerns for the town. Learning about local strengths, needs, issues and challenges is a massively important step in the process of design development, and so engagement and feedback is essential.

We are grateful to the respondents who completed our Community Mini-Survey, and the excellent additional comments submitted. As we embark on this exciting project, the feedback we received will help guide the project Design Team in the early design proposals and considerations. The results of this mini -survey are presented back as part of this consultation.

Phase C – Consultation (Q3 2021)

This current phase consists of an online survey which will see wide communication of the project – its aims and objectives, how the engagement process will inform the project, how people can get involved, means of contact, etc. Using a new website, surveys, meetings with local stakeholders, electorate, public engagement we will be listening closely and gathering knowledge on local strengths, needs, challenges and opportunities. This initial communication stage will set out the context of the Town Renewal Plan and look for specific feedback on what proposals you would like to see brought forward.

Phase D – Design Stage (Q4 2021)

Following this consultation stage, preliminary designs will be drawn up which respond, where possible, to feedback received and transparently set out the rationale. These emerging ideas will be put on display and, depending on Covid restrictions, the website may be used to upload information and illustrate material. It could have a short questionnaire with a series of specific questions aimed to draw out useful responses.

Phase E – Town Renewal Plan (Q1 2022)

This phase would see the finalisation of the Town Renewal Plan and publication of the document.

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

CL19/0921

Complaints of out of hours planning breaches

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Killeen. That the council puts an action plan in place to deal with complaints of out of hours planning breaches in this municipal district. The plan should outline the process

involved in investigating these complaints and outline how multiple complaints about single sites would be dealt with.

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that where complaints were received regarding a developer working outside the permitted operating hours on a development with conditions setting out operating times. The Council make contact with the developer to advise of the complaint and the developer was reminded of the particular planning condition that needs to be complied with. In the event that the developer continues to ignore the planning condition and fails to comply with the planning condition, the Council would consider the most appropriate enforcement action and may initiate enforcement proceedings for non-compliance. In the event of multiple complaints on a single site, the process was the same as outlined.

Councillor Killeen noted the report, she advised she gets complaints from the public on a regular basis about developers working out of hours, such as getting deliveries at 4 a.m. or 10 p.m. and this was a breach of planning conditions. She accepted that the Council could not take calls at these times but wanted a strategy to be put in place to deal with these queries.

Ms Hunt advised the planning department were well aware of these issues. The problems should alleviate, unfortunately August was a very difficult month planning applications were up 20% and the department also had five resignations. The department had to prioritise damage to environment as opposed to contacting builder and developers as staffing resources were so limited.

Ms Hunt advised she would ask the team in enforcement to carry out a review in this area, but reiterated the council could not take out of office hour queries, but they could look at a strategies to deal with these queries.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Killeen, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by all members that the report be noted and Ms Hunt would ask the team in enforcement to do a review in this area.

CL20/0921

The Bower on the Abbey grounds in Celbridge

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Coleman. That this council asks the Heritage Officer to write to The Provincial of the St. John of God Order on the urgency to protect and reinstate the Bower on The Abbey grounds in Celbridge.

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that subject to the members agreement, the Conservation Office of Kildare County Council would undertake a site inspection to establish the extent of the works to the Bower at Celbridge Abbey and determine the most appropriate course of action under the Planning & Development Acts, 2000 (as amended) in this regard.

The members welcomed the report and stressed the urgency in repairing the bower (a meeting place). Some fragments of the bower fell into the river recently and if this area flooded again, the pieces would be difficult to retrieve. The members highlighted the difficulty in getting access to the site and were disappointed that the issued had not been addressed earlier.

Ms Hunt advised under the Planning & Development Act, planning staff were allowed enter onto any lands for investigation and she noted the urgency in repairing the bower.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Liston and agreed by the members that the report be noted and the Conservation Officer carry out a site inspection.

CL21/0921

Planning enforcement cases

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Killeen. That the council confirm how many planning enforcement cases have been opened in this municipal district in the last two years and of these, how many enforcement actions have arisen, how many cases remain open and how many have been resolved?

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that while it was not possible to provide statistics at Municipal District level, the following was a summary of activity at county level for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021.

	2019	2020	2021 to 03/09/2021
New Complaints.	240	274	197
Warning Letters Issued.	357	356	61
Enforcement Notices Served.	185	155	3
Legal Proceedings Initiated.	33	22	2
Cases Closed.	162	133	37

Members would be aware that owing to Covid-19 health guidelines, the Council's enforcement officers have been restricted with regard to entering property, which had an impact on enforcement.

Councillor Killeen welcomed the report. She questioned how many complaints were addressed through the appropriate process and how many cases remain open. She accepted that the current system does not allow cases to be broken down by municipal district.

Ms Hunt advised the new planning system being put in place should allow the complaints to be broken down by municipal district and should capture a clearer picture by early next year

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

CL22/0921

Grant Allocations for Tidy Towns Groups for 2021

The members considered the grant allocations for Tidy Towns Groups for 2021.

Tidy Towns Grants Allocation 2021						
Celbridge-Leixlip MD	TT Group (3)	Population Category (from TT report)	Proposed Budget Allocation		Agreed LPT Allocation	Total
	Celbridge	G (15,001 to 25,000)	€ 7,785		€ 10,000	€ 17,785
Leixlip	G (15,001 to 25,000)	€ 7,785		€ 10,000	€ 17,785	
Ardblough	B (201 to 1,000)	€ 1,055		€ 5,000	€ 6,055	
	Total		€ 16,625		€ 25,000	€ 41,625

The members thanked the Tidy Towns groups for the substantial amount of work they do.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Liston and agreed by the members present that the grant allocations for Tidy Town Groups for 2021 be approved.

CL23/0921

Update on recycling facility for North Kildare

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

That the council give an update on the recycling facility for North Kildare

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

A report was received from the Water Services, Environment & Climate Action Department informing the members that following a tender competition, consultants have been appointed, whose role would be to perfect design aspects, review

financial aspects, carry out some further market soundings' and formally invite expressions of interest for a possible concession contract. This programme was currently being discussed and agreed with the Consultants and the elected members would be kept informed.

The members welcomed the report and stressed the urgency of proceeding with this facility.

In addition the members raised the following points:

- Was this facility at risk of not being funded, was funding ever identified for it?
- What was the tender competition for?

Mr Fagan advised that the consultant was to identify the funding requirements, but no funding had been identified. He also advised that the process was still at a very early stage. He advised the tender competition was in relation to the appointment of a consultant.

The District Manager explained the meaning of a concession contract stating that such a contract could be put in place in accordance with procurement guidelines.

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

CL24/0921

Used mattress collection date

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Caldwell. Could the council provide an update on whether a used mattress collection date had been agreed?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that

following a public tendering process, Bord na Mona /AES won the contract for the provision of a Mattress and Couch Amnesty day to be held at Silliot Hill Civic Amenity Site on **Sunday, 3 October** next.

The Event was being funded by €30,000 from the Anti-Dumping Initiatives Grant Scheme through the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications in co-operation with the WERLA's. Discussions were underway with the contractor regarding the logistics involved and the Environment Department were also in liaison with the Council's Communications Team regarding the advertising of the event to the general public.

The event would be open to domestic householders only

The members noted the report and queried could a Mattress and Couch Amnesty day be considered for the north of the county in the future. Councillor Caldwell would like this raised with the Environment Department and it noted on the progress report The report was noted.

CL25/0921

Meeting with the municipal district on the structures and process of water governance

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

A report was received from the Water Services, Environment & Climate Action Department informing the members that the following response had issued earlier this year;

There were a number of organisations with responsibilities in this area, eg.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Irish Water,

Kildare County Council,

LAWCO (Local Authority Waters and Communities Office)

Irish Water was responsible for the production, distribution and monitoring of drinking water from public water supplies. Where a public supply was not in place, a home or premises may be supplied by a group water scheme, a small private supply or a private well. Irish Water was responsible for the monitoring of public water supplies and Local Authorities were responsible for monitoring of group water schemes.

The current Drinking Water Regulations provide the EPA with supervisory powers for public water supplies. The EPA could direct Irish Water to improve the management or quality of a public water supply. The Local Authorities have a similar supervisory role in relation to group water schemes. Under the regulations, Irish Water must notify the EPA of drinking water quality failures or risk to public health from a public water supply.

The EPA produces an annual report which provides an overview of the quality of drinking water in public and private supplies. The reports were based on the assessment of monitoring results reported to the EPA by Irish Water and the Local Authorities, and on EPA enforcement activities.

LAWCO's Officers work closely with local communities, public bodies, sectoral interests, Public Participation Networks (PPNs) and other stakeholders to promote collaboration in the management of our natural water environment.

Bearing in mind also that the EPA have oversight of the discharge licenses issued to Irish Water for the Municipal WWTP's in addition to the licenses issued for the operation of the Water Treatment Plants. Also, the Environmental Health Office of the HSE monitor the drinking water supplies in terms of public health. Kildare County Council works closely with all parties in terms of impacts on the environment of all of this infrastructure, however the Motion clearly refers to the protection and monitoring of the drinking water supplies.

There were other regulations/powers which also provide for the protection of drinking water supply zones, e.g. Water Pollution Act, Good Agricultural Practice for Protection of Water Regulations, Planning Regulations, Use of Sewage Sludge in Agriculture Regulations, Groundwater Protection Plans & Groundwater Protection Responses, etc.

LAWPRO does not have statutory enforcement powers.

Irish Water's Local Representative Service Desk (localrepsupport@water.ie) could assist with further information on Irish Water's procedures.

Councillor Liston noted the report but stated that it did not answer her question as to who was responsible, for setting up a meeting with the municipal district on the structures and process of water governance and she asked could it be raised at Environmental and Water Services SPC.

Mr Fagan outlined the difficulty with setting up such a meeting.

Councillor Liston requested that the item stay on the progress report, however Mr Fagan suggested that further clarification on the matter should be addressed to the Director of Services.

The report was noted.

CL26/0921

Proposed viewing platform on the Liffey at the Slip in Celbridge?

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

Could the council provide the members with an update on the construction of the proposed viewing platform on the Liffey at the Slip in Celbridge?

A report was received from the Water Services, Environment & Climate Action Department informing the members that this was examined by the Environment Section a number of years ago at the request of the local tidy towns group, wherein some preliminary designs were advanced. The project was broadly considered to be

feasible, subject to planning as well as relevant environmental and other consents. There were also some consultations with the municipal district engineer. All in all, if progressed, this would likely be a significant project and in addition to the relevant consents, a source of funding would have to be identified as well as a lead department.

The report was noted.

CL27/0921

Community Grant Allocations for Groups for 2021

The members considered the community grant allocations for 2021.

Community Grants 2021 for approval			
No.	Group	Project	Proposed Grant
1	Celbridge Christmas Lights	The upgrade and repair of existing Christmas lights & fittings	€2,250
2	The Irish Military Heritage Foundation CLG	Celbridge's Story: This project aims to capture, record, preserve, and tell the personal story of the community of Celbridge in North County Kildare through a dedicated website and youtube channel.	€2,100
3	Ballymakealy Women's Group	Biodiversity planting & trellises on wall backing on to three estates	€700
4	Darkness Into Light	Community walk event to highlight suicide and self-harm issues	€1,330
5	Celbridge Tourism & Heritage Forum	To purchase wall-mounted audio visual display unit	€2,655
6	Leixlip United F.C.	To enhance entrance walkway with new fencing and planting	€2,390
7	Confey GAA	To purchase hurling and football equipment for underage teams	€2,400
Total Grants for award			€13,825

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Killeen and agreed by the members present that the grant allocations for Community groups for 2021 be approved.

CL28/0921

Life buoy at the back of Castle Park

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Caldwell. That the council install a life buoy along the stretch of the Liffey bank at the back of Castle Park (off Mill Lane).

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that arrangements would be made to have a life bouy installed at this location.

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

CL29/0921

Signage requesting 'caution hedgehogs crossing'

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cussen. That signage requesting 'caution hedgehogs crossing' (or similar wording) be considered as a pilot for some housing estates in Celbridge?

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that subject to the members agreement, the Heritage Officer would contact Councillor Cussen directly to discuss the motion in further detail and the members would be kept advised via the Progress Report.

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

CL30/0921

Removal of trees and debris from the River Liffey

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Cussen. Could the council confirm who was responsible for the removal of trees and debris from the River Liffey in Celbridge when reports of such were logged with the council?

A report was received from the Water Services, Environment & Climate Action Department Department informing the members that the River Liffey was not a statutory drainage district. Accordingly, responsibility rests with riparian owners.

Councillor Cussen noted the report, she requested clarity and queried what mechanism was in place to deal with this and who was responsible?

Mr Wallace advised removal of items from the river Liffey was not always straight forward. He advised if a tree falls from a landowners property, that person was responsible. If it falls directly into the river Environment Department was responsible.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.