

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

**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 R Linnane (Executive Engineer), Ms M Hunt (Senior Executive Officer), Ms P Pender (A/Senior Executive Officer), Ms S O’Gara (A/Senior Executive Architect), Ms E Fagan, Ms V Cooke (Administrative Officers), Mr C O’Toole (A/Staff Officer), Mr T Shanahan (Meetings Administrator), Ms C Dempsey (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

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**CL01/1221**

**Declarations of Interest**

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

**CL02/1221**

**Minutes and Progress Report**

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 19 November 2021 together with the progress report. The minutes of the monthly meeting were approved subject to amendments of item (CL15/1121) by Councillor Cussen who stated that the sentence ‘that a meeting was arranged’ be replaced with ‘that a meeting be arranged’. The members agreed.

Regarding the progress report, Councillor Cussen raised a question with regard to item (CL35/1021) and asked what the outcome was in relation to the grass cutting schedule, and she would like this portion of item CL35/1021 to remain on the Progress Report, given that it arose from a motion.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Neville seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by the members that the minutes of the monthly Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 19 November 2021 be approved subject to the agreed amendment of CL15/1121. The progress report was noted.

### **CL03/1221**

#### **Municipal District Road Works**

The Cathaoirleach and members welcomed Mr Linnane, Executive Engineer to the meeting, he would be replacing Mr Buggie as Municipal District Engineer in the new year. The members also thanked Mr Buggie on his outstanding work to date. Mr Buggie and Mr Linnane would both attend the January Municipal District meeting before handover was finalised.

The Municipal District Engineer stated that a comprehensive report had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting providing an update on works which had been undertaken since their last meeting and also details of future works.

Road works programme for 2021

Road Overlays - Restoration Improvement (Completed)

- R403 Youngs Cross to the County boundary Completed
- R148 Galvin's Cross to Ryevale Lawns Completed to start 8 July
- 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 2 week in August

- R148 Intel Roundabout to Louisa Bridge Completed in July
- Castletown Celbridge completed 26 & 27 October
- Castletown Leixlip completed 27 October

Surface Dressing – Restoration Maintenance works completed on 31 May

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

Maintenance crews were working on gully cleaning and general maintenance. The crews were currently clearing leaves from footpaths and working their way around the housing estates. The Municipal District Engineer asked for people's cooperation as they would get around to everyone. The crew dealt with several fallen trees during storm Barra.

Shinkeen road to Primrose Hill on Hazelhatch road works was 90% completed with ESB pole to be relocated.

### **Private Developer Works**

#### **Main Street to St Patrick's Park**

Works were 95% completed, with reinstatement works outstanding. The developer is currently working on reinstatement.

The Main Street reinstatement would be carried out by a contractor on behalf of the council. The developer had agreed to pay the council for the reinstatement.

#### **St Patrick's Park**

Main works were completed with reinstatement works to be carried out and snagged by the council.

### **Crodaun**

The developer had completed works to realign Irish water drainage pipes. The realignment of footpath to incorporate the new entrance for the development was scheduled to start in early November subject to agreement with Irish water of the relocation of the watermain. The developer is still awaiting agreement from Irish Water.

### **Shackelton Road**

The developer was working on the realignment of the junction of the Shackelton Road and the Oldtown Road including the installation of new traffic signals with right turning lanes. It was estimated these works would take 14 weeks to complete. The surface water line from Oldtown road to Wolstan Haven is now completed.

The developer was currently carrying the foul sewer connection.

Traffic signals were currently being installed and it was planned to switch them on 22 December.

The final resurfacing of the road would take place during February midterm or the Easter holidays. However, it was important to note that the traffic signals would be operating on fixed timings until the final resurfacing was carried out and the detection loops were cut into the road.

The Cathaoirleach and members welcomed Mr Linnane, Executive Engineer to the meeting, he would be replacing Mr Buggie as Municipal District Engineer in the new year. The members also thanked Mr Buggie on his outstanding work to date. Mr Buggie and Mr Linnane would both attend the January Municipal District meeting before the handover was finalised.

The members welcomed the comprehensive report and raised the following points:

- Could the work on the Shackelton road be carried out at night?
- Could the lights be turned on at St. Patricks Park?

- Could communications be sent in advance to the parents of school children about the pipe that is to be erected in front of the two schools.
- Were submissions to the GDA strategy taking place as it was closing in January?
- Would the road works be more spread out over next year?

The District manager responded with the following;

- The Roads Department was making submissions to the GDA strategy and were working with the Planning Department in this regard and that the deadline had been extended to the end of January.
- Advance notice came through the Municipal District Engineer, regarding roadworks and was posted on the council website.

The Municipal District Engineer advised

- Working at night was not viable due to lack of light, which may give rise to health and safety issues, in addition noise from road work carries further at night. The council strived to carry this work out during nonpeak school times.
- The council were waiting for the ESB to power up the lights at St. Patricks Park
- He spoke to the school with regards to the pipe that was being installed and had given them notice of when it would be happening.
- He reiterated roadworks information goes onto the council website, but the council had no control over work or postings to social media carried out by developers.
- He explained that when extra funding becomes available it had to be used within the calendar year and this could result in a lot of work taking place towards the end of the year. Unfortunately, this extra funding timeframe does not allow for works to be spread out over the year.

Councillor Galvin asked that the Municipal District Engineer send the website link to the members of where you could access the updates to roadworks being carried out.

**CL04/1221**

**To receive an update on LPT Expenditure 2021**

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members on the update of LPT expenditure for 2021. The members noted the report.

Ms Pender advised the members there was a balance of €65,000 that was unspent. She also stated she was working on itemising the breakdown of the €626,930 carry-over LPT funds from 2020 and would have this breakdown before the LPT meeting in January.

The members agreed to have a meeting to further discuss LPT expenditure on 7 January at 3.30pm, The District Manager, Ms Pender, Mr Buggie, Mr Linnane, Ms Hunt and the elected members should be in attendance.

The report was noted.

**CL05/1221**

**An application for funding be made to the NTA**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cussen. That an application for funding be made to the NTA for pedestrian/cyclist improvements to the Shackleton Road, to include junctions from housing estates where they exit onto this road.

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 Sustainable Transport Section is discussing the 2022 Programme of Works with the NTA at present. One of the potential projects is

to examine both signalised and unsignalized junctions with a view to improving crossing facilities for vulnerable road users. The Shackleton Road would be one such suitable candidate for consideration in the Celbridge Town area, subject to funding being made available.

The members noted the report and raised the following points;

- They have written to the Gardai Superintendent in the area highlighting the dangers.
- There needed to be a review of each estate in Celbridge.
- Cycling needs to be prioritised over driving.
- The County Development Plan should come to the fore when considering these projects and how does it manifest in terms of design and engineering?
- There needed to be initiatives with regards to education in this area, as some cyclists and pedestrians were not visible and not adequately lighting up.
- Could the members view the strategy submission and what was guiding it.

The District Manager responded with the following;

- The Roads Department were in the process of building a Sustainable Transport 12-person team, they already have 9 staff placed, these 12 positions were being funded by the NTA.
- The strategy submission was compiled by the Roads and Planning Departments, the main concerns at the moment were timelines and Strategic Housing Developments, she advised she does not have an outline yet, but it is a public record and the NTA would publish all of them.
- Mr Hodgins, Senior Engineer, would come to the municipal district meetings early next year. Queries the members have could be channelled through this sustainable transport team, and that Mr Hodgins would advise on the best approach to proceed with this.

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

**CL06/1221**

**Road safety assessment of the pedestrian traffic lights in Confey**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Killeen. That the council undertake a road safety assessment of the pedestrian traffic lights in Confey following recent reports of motorists either not seeing the lights as they turn red or not having sufficient time to stop, to establish if an engineering solution may be required to make the area safer.

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 it is considered that the visibility to the traffic signals and the traffic signal safety timings were adequate on this 50kph section of carriage way. It is proposed to provide additional road markings, including anti-skid surfacing to further highlight the presence of the pedestrian crossing.

Councillor Killeen noted the report and confirmed parents of school children were concerned about their children's safety on this road. In addition, she added that the school's street program should be implemented in this area.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Killeen, seconded by Councillor Neville and agreed by the members, the report was noted.

**CL07/1221**

**Dishing of the footpath/cycle path up by the Hazelhatch train station.**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Galvin That the council dish the footpath/cycle path so that cyclists could access it when exiting the roundabout towards Celbridge up by the Hazelhatch train station.

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 Engineer would arrange for the Celbridge crew to carry out these works in the new year.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Neville and agreed by the members, the report was noted.

**CL08/1221**

**Grit cycle-lanes, footpaths and roads this winter in this municipal district.**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Galvin. That the council grit cycle-lanes and footpaths as well as the roads this winter in this municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council only treats roads listed on the winter maintenance plan. There were no plans to treat footpaths or cycle lanes. There is also no budget or resources to carry out these works within the municipal district. At times of extreme weather events and where resources allow, the local municipal district office had carried out treatment where possible.

Councillor Galvin noted the report and stated it would be important that the required budget could be funded as active travel needed to be a more appealing option than driving a vehicle.

The District Manager responded that this matter was also raised at full council, hence her Department was aware of it. The winter maintenance program had already been agreed and could not be amended at this stage. These routes had been decided based on funding. It would be reviewed, in February / March 2022.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by the members, the report was noted and the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department would review the program in February / March 2022.

**CL09/1221**

**Taking in charge the road adjacent to Bridge House**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Coleman. That the council commences the process of taking in charge the road adjacent to Bridge House leading to the pedestrian bridge in Celbridge.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office had no objection to this road being taken in charge, subject to the completion of statutory procedures.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by the members, the report was noted and the council would commence the process of taking in charge the road adjacent to Bridge House leading to the pedestrian bridge in Celbridge.

**CL10/1221**

**Access into and within the Riverforest Estate**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Neville. That the council provide an update on the LPT project to assess the access into and within the Riverforest Estate, and this update to include a short, medium and long-term plan for the area.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council is liaising directly with the

DART+ Irish Rail Project Team regarding significant works at Confey Bridge over the railway. Until these discussions were concluded, it is premature to advance consideration of any changes to the approach road alignments in the area. Once a clear outcome of the configuration at Confey Bridge is established, work could recommence on examining the entrance to River Forest Estate.

The members noted the report they raised the following points

- € 25,000 LPT funds had been put aside for this project.
- It is one of the biggest estates in the county with over 700 houses with the school in close proximity.
- The Dart project should not be used by the council as a reason to delay this project.
- This area needed to get a higher priority as it was a health and safety risk, and the members had assumed traffic lights or a roundabout were to be considered for this area.

The District Manager responded with the following;

- Discussions were ongoing with all parties. Irish Rail have significant plans for the area and that engagement with the Roads and Planning Department was also taking place.
- The council would look at short-, medium- and long-term measures and ascertain what was reasonable and feasible in consultation with the Sustainable Transport Team.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Neville seconded by Councillor Killeen and agreed by the members, the report was noted and the council would look at short, medium and long term measures for the Riverforest Estate.

### **CL11/1221**

#### **Extra lighting at the area behind Cedar Park**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Neville. That the council review the area behind Cedar Park at the entrance opposite Scoil Eoin Phoil and at Oaklawn Estate, for extra lighting.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Public Lighting Section would visit the location of the requested new streetlight, and it would then be assessed using a priority system within Kildare Lighting Infrastructure Priority Schedule (KLIPS). Lighting schemes would be scored on various factors and placed within KLIPS according to that score. The lighting within KLIPS would be installed as and when funds become available and depending on where the request sits within KLIPS.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Killeen and agreed by the members, the report was noted, and the Public Lighting Section would visit the location of the requested new streetlight, and it would be assessed using a priority system within Kildare Lighting Infrastructure Priority Schedule (KLIPS)

**CL12/1221**

**Clane Road, after Lovers Lane**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Cussen.  
Can the council provide an update on the assessment of the bend on the Clane Road, after Lovers Lane?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office were arranging for the installation of marker posts at this location in the coming weeks.

The report was noted.

**CL13/1221**

**Ownership of land along the M4 in Celbridge**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Liston.  
Can the council confirm if it or Transport Infrastructure Ireland owns the land folio references KE60699F and KE6260 along the M4 in Celbridge?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that all lands acquired for road schemes were always eventually registered to Kildare County Council. Folio number KE 60699F was registered to Kildare County Council. The portion of land contained in Folio number KE 6260 was CPO'd but was not yet registered to Kildare County Council due to ongoing legal difficulties.

Councillor Liston sought clarification on when the ongoing legal difficulties would be resolved.

The District manager advised files had been retrieved from storage and were being examined by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department, she advised she would share the relevant map with the members after the meeting.

The report was noted.

### **CL14/1221**

#### **Domestic violence service providers**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Killeen. That of the housing units available for allocation in 2022 in this municipal district, that the council work with domestic violence service providers to develop a system for the allocation of a specific number of units to use as transition units for families seeking to flee domestic violence situations.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Killeen, seconded by Councillor Neville. A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that In 2017 the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government [now the DHLGH] issued a guidance document to housing authorities in relation to assisting victims of domestic violence with emergency and long-term housing needs. Housing authorities play an important role for victims of domestic violence in relation to emergency accommodation needs, but also in preventing homelessness by addressing long-term accommodation needs. The role that could be played by

housing authorities was, however, chiefly limited to assisting those households that were qualified for social housing support, but also in ensuring that those that may be eligible for supports were appropriately assessed.

Tusla was the lead agency with responsibility for the provision of domestic violence services in the State. In relation to the provision of accommodation, funding under the Capital Assistance Scheme was available to approved housing bodies to meet the housing needs of victims of domestic violence. Such proposals must be progressed in collaboration with Tusla who must confirm that any support services required have been provided for. Both Tusla and a provider of domestic violence services in the region have a place on the Mid-East Regional Homelessness Forum. A provider of domestic violence services in the county was also represented on our Homeless Action Team.

Where a victim of domestic violence presents to a housing authority best practice would dictate that the case was referred to a specialist domestic violence service so that any particular care needs could be considered and addressed. Victims may have particular needs beyond what could be provided via housing authorities by way of emergency accommodation, e.g. specialist legal or medical assistance may be required.

Short-term emergency accommodation (e.g. B&B/hotel) could be considered to assist people who were unable to return to their homes because of domestic violence on a humanitarian basis, without having to assess eligibility for social housing supports. Where a long-term housing need was identified, a social housing assessment would be required.

The national guidance acknowledges that housing authorities would not have unused accommodation on standby to be allocated to newly qualified households. However, being qualified for entry on to the list allows households to pursue other supports that were provided by the State – e.g. Housing Assistance Payment, Rental Accommodation Scheme, Rent Supplement – and to access an independent tenancy in the private rented sector.

The Department of Justice was currently engaged in a review of the strategy on domestic violence, sexual and gender-based violence. Local authorities were engaging in the review process through the County and City Management Association [CCMA].

For information of the elected members, a similar motion was considered by the plenary council in February this year. The members who tabled the motion understood at the time that a provider of domestic violence services in the county was engaging with Tusla with regard to applying for Capital Assistance Funding to provide transition type accommodation.

The members noted the report and raised the following points.

- One or two units should be set aside and provided in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District for this most vulnerable cohort of our society.
- Could the council review their approach at the moment and enhance what they were doing?

Ms V Cooke responded with the following

- The council assist in any way they could, however they were restricted as there was only so much the council could do.
- The Government had provided a lead authority in this area and that was Tusla, the council supports Tusla and work closely with this organisation.
- There was a Homeless Forum that the council work with and feed into.
- Ms Cooke also agreed to bring the capital funding opportunities available to the attention of the relevant organisations, in response to a request from Councillor Killeen.

The District Manager echoed Ms Cooke's comments and reiterated that Tusla were the lead state body and had adequate experience in this area. She advised that they support any housing applications received but there were constraints with the councils housing units when it comes to domestic violence allocations.

Councillor Killeen proposed an amendment to the motion:

That the council write to Tusla requesting that transitional housing units be made available for allocation in 2022 by Tusla in this Municipal District and that persons seeking to flee domestic violence in this municipal district who are clients of domestic violence service providers, have access to specific accommodation units from Tusla to use as transition units for families seeking to flee domestic violence situations.

The amended motion was proposed by Councillor Killeen seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by all members.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Killeen seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by the members that the council write to Tusla requesting that transitional housing units be made available for allocation in 2022 by Tusla in this municipal district and that persons seeking to flee domestic violence in this municipal district who were clients of domestic violence service providers, have access to specific accommodation units from Tusla to use as transition units for families seeking to flee domestic violence situations.

### **CL15/1221**

#### **Public Realm**

A report was distributed to the members by Ms Hunt updating the members on the Strategic Projects and Public Realm quarterly status for December. The members noted the report.

The members raised the following points;

- Where the town renewal plan was mooted would the public get a chance to make submissions?
- Could they see the consultation feedback report in relation to Ardclough, once it was finalised and how soon would they see applications for funding on it.
- There was a smell of stale water at the seating at Captains Hill, could it be examined?

- Was the €73,585 LPT contribution by members for projects in Celbridge fully spent.
- Were the council anticipating additional public realm funding sources for next year?
- When do the council anticipate the Wonderful Barn construction work commence?
- Could the Public Realm department assist the Parks Department and vice versa?
- Could the parklets at Castletown have weatherproof parasols installed over the seats as they were not being utilised, as they were constantly getting wet.
- Could they get a copy of the Health check and Town Renewal plan consultation feedback received from Celbridge and Leixlip?

Ms Hunt responded with the following;

- If the town renewal consultation process takes place, additional LPT funding would be required to fund this.
- She would circulate the feedback report after the meeting.
- The funding streams usually open for applications during the months from May to July.
- The grassed area at Captain Hill would be examined.
- She would like to attend the LPT meeting scheduled for the 07 January with the elected members.
- The Planning Department would be carrying out a review of the Development Contributions Scheme. As part of that review a new category of development levies for public realm would be proposed for the members approval which could see development levies set aside specifically for public realm projects
- An application will be made to the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund in respect of the redevelopment of the Wonderful Barn.

- Ms Hunt had spoken to Mr Wallace, Parks Department and the Sustainable Transport Team and assessed how they could assist each other where there was an overlap of work.
- It was anticipated the construction work at the Wonderful Barn could at the earliest start in 2024 should funding be in place and Part 8 proposals approved.
- Public Realm team have already reviewed suitable parasols for Castletown area which are capable of withstanding winds of 80 km per hour.

Ms O’Gara advised once she had the edits finished for the Health Check and Town Renewal plan consultation feedback received from Celbridge and Leixlip, she would circulate it to the members.

On a different matter Ms Hunt also advised she received a phone call from Department of Education in relation to item CL15/1121 Celbridge Schools, on foot of a letter issued in November, inviting them to give an update on the Celbridge School Campus issue. They were in process of issuing a letter to the council which will give a full update on progress made to date on this issue. Ms Hunt undertook to circulate the letter to the members once received.

### **CL16/1221**

#### **Map of hedgerows that were townland boundaries**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Liston. That the council develop a map of hedgerows that were townland boundaries for the municipal district, with a view to their protection under the Boundary Survey (Ireland) Act, 1854 and that this information was provided in Open Data format.

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

A report was jointly received from the Parks and Planning Department informing the members that the council do not have the resources to carry out this survey at this time, however, should the members identify or set aside funding to procure

consultants to prepare same and confirm the merit and value of the study, such a proposal may be progressed.

The members noted the report and raised the following points.

- The hedgerow boundaries need to be protected, they were biodiversity friendly and originate from medieval times.
- There should be protection in place and in planning applications in relation to hedgerows.
- Could the hedgerow be mapped and could this be made available to the members.
- What type of budget would be available?

Ms Hunt said she would revert to the Parks Department and Heritage Officer with regards to ascertaining the budget available and would circulate to the members after the meeting. She also advised it was generally a condition in planning applications that hedgerows be maintained and protected.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Liston, seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by the members, the report was noted, and Ms M Hunt would revert to the Parks Department and Heritage Officer to ascertain the budget available and would circulate to the members.

### **CL17/1221**

#### **Public Realm Projects**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Killeen. Can the council provide an update on which public realm projects in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District would be delivered in the first 6 months of 2022, and what opportunities would the public have to engage further with the process and plans.

A report was received from the Strategic Projects & Public Realm Team, Planning Department informing the members that the following projects would be finalised and delivered in the first 3 months of 2022:

- Ardclough Health Check/Urban Design Analysis & Town Renewal Plan
- Leixlip Health Check/Urban Design Analysis & Town Renewal Plan
- Celbridge Health Check/Urban Design Analysis & Town Renewal Plan

Each of the above plans would identify key projects for each location. Funding applications would be developed for the delivery of these projects. The funding applications would be submitted to the appropriate funding streams when they were opened for applications during 2022 (e.g., RRDF, URDF, Carbon Tax Fund, Town & Village Renewal Scheme etc).

The report was noted.

**CL18/1221**

**Vanessa's Bower at Celbridge Abbey**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Coleman. Can the council provide an update on the outcome of the site inspection by the Conservation Officer to establish the extent of the works to the Bower at Celbridge Abbey?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that Please find attached report of the councils Consultant Architectural Conservation Officer in respect of Vanessa's Bower. Further action would be taken with respect to the recommendations and actions of this report once the currently vacant Architectural Conservation Officer post in the council was occupied, which was envisaged to be later this month (December).

The report was noted.

**CL19/1221**

**Suitable sites for annual drop off/collections of large/recyclable items**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cussen. That the council hold meaningful discussions with this Municipal District Committee to identify sites for annual drop off/collections of large/recyclable items as in the

absence of a Civic Amenity Centre in the municipal district, residents were required to go to Dublin or Silliot Hill for disposal of same.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that this was a matter for the members to discuss and agree. The Environment Department was happy to sit in on any discussions agreed by the members.

The members noted the report and raised the following points;

- The north of the county had no such facilities available, the community were paying taxes and this facility should be made available to them.
- The members would welcome a meeting with the Environment Department and it should be added to the progress report.
- Elected members, Mr Linnane, Mr Buggie and the Environment Department should attend this meeting.

Mr Fagan noted the members comments and was happy to bring them back to the Environment Department and facilitate a meeting. If the members could not attend the meeting, they could submit questions that would be raised on their behalf.

The members agreed to have the meeting on-line on Friday 21 January at 9am, before the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Cussen seconded by Councillor Neville and agreed by the members, the report was noted and a meeting take place on-line on Friday 21 January at 9am, before the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting.

### **CL20/1221**

#### **Environmental Data Exchange Network (EDEN)**

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

Can the council confirm how members of this municipal district can access environmental information that was provided by Kildare County Council to the Environmental Data Exchange Network (EDEN)?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that EDEN was the EPA's online web portal for local authorities and licensees to communicate with the EPA and provides an online gateway to Environmental and Radiological Protection Licensing, Monitoring, GIS and Reporting applications for organisations to communicate with the EPA"

Access to EDEN was not available to the general public. Extensive information was however available to the public on a wide range of environmental data on [www.catchments.ie](http://www.catchments.ie)

If any of the members have any specific queries, they could contact the Environment Department and a member of staff would assist them.

Councillor Liston sought clarification in list format of what information was provided on EDEN. Mr Fagan stated he would bring them back to the Environment Department.

The report was noted.

#### **CL21/1221**

#### **Plans for the cemetery in Leixlip**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Neville.  
Can the council confirm what the plans are for the cemetery in Leixlip, to include details of location scale and timeline?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that in light of a number of challenges, mainly relating to a high-water table and difficulties relating to access etc, it was very unlikely that it would be feasible to

extend the current cemetery. Accordingly, the council had prioritised the location of a new site for a cemetery for Leixlip. In his regard, the Council had identified a possibly suitable site (not too far distant from existing cemetery) were which was currently being considered. It should, however, be stressed that matters at a very early stage and the municipal district members would be kept fully informed as matters (hopefully) progress.

The report was noted.

**CL22/1221**

**Recycling centre in the Celbridge-Leixlip area**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Neville. Can the council update the members on any recent funding submissions made to Government for the recycling centre in the Celbridge-Leixlip area?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that as the members would be aware, planning approval, through the part 8 process, had been secured for the provision of Civic Amenity Site on lands owned by the council close to the Celbridge Interchange. Consultants have been engaged to progress matters to the next stage which would involve the seeking of expressions of interest from the private sector to progress it as part of a possible public private partnership/ concession -type contract (similar to Silliot hill and Athy). This should be completed around the end of quarter 1 or beginning of quarter 2, 2022. The ballpark costs were in the region of € 5 million and the council, as matters stand, do not have the resources to progress such a project on its own.

In the interim, the council had been examining the possibility of some grant funding and indeed had made representations at central level as suggested in the motion. Regrettably, there was no national grant funding stream currently available for such projects. The council was, however, monitoring the situation at national level and should any new funding opportunities arise, it would be primed to apply. It was also looking at possible EU funding, specifically the LIFE programme. Any assistance

which either the municipal district members or indeed the Oireachtas members could provide in this regard would be greatly appreciated.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.