

**Minutes of Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Meeting  
held at 10.00am on Friday, 19 November 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 T Shanahan (Meetings Administrator), 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 P O'Rourke (Climate Action Officer), Ms C O' Flynn (Development Programme Graduate), Mr C O'Toole (A/Staff Officer), Ms C Dempsey (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

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**CL01/1121**

**Declarations of Interest**

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

**CL02/1121**

**Minutes and Progress Report**

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 15 October 2021 together with the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Cussen seconded by Councillor Coleman and agreed by the members that the minutes of the monthly Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 15 October 2021 were approved. The progress report was noted.

**CL03/1121**

**Municipal District Road Works**

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.

He advised the maintenance crews were working on gully cleaning and general maintenance. The crews were clearing leaves from footpaths and working their way around the housing estates. The municipal district engineer and his team asked the public for cooperation as they get around to everyone.

He confirmed the agreed list of LPT projects were being assessed and programmed for works in 2021.

The works on the footpath from Rye Brewery to Ballyoulster were now completed. The footpath at Castletown to Forest Park were now completed including Public Lighting.

**The additional funding was approved from NTA for infill footpath**

- Rye Brewery to Ballyoulster Completed
- Castletown to Forest park - Completed
- Ballyoulster to Loughlinstown Road junction – Completed.
- Shinkeen road to Primrose Hill on Hazelhatch road – Works 90% completed with ESB pole to be relocated.
- Hazelhatch road footpath from Liffey Bridge to Primrose Hill school - Completed
- Ardclough road from Temple Mills to Chelmsford - Completed

**Private Developer Works**

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

Works were stopped due to a clash with unmapped public utilities.

Works recommenced on Monday 15 November and would be completed by 19 November with final permanent reinstatement to be carried out in 2022.

Works would continue in the lower half of St Patrick's park until late December with road reinstatement to be completed in 2022.

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

Main works were completed with reinstatement works to be carried out and snagged by the council. Developer was removing spoil and reinstating green areas temporarily.

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

- They noted the volume of work that was taking place in Celbridge, they urged the public to be tolerant and patient whilst this work was ongoing as there would-be long-term benefits for all concerned once it was completed.
- They questioned when the pole in the middle of footpath on Chelmsford road, Celbridge would be removed?
- The members questioned was the municipal district office holding off on re-marking lines at bus stops?
- They asked what happens to leaves that were collected and if they could be used for producing something sustainable?
- They queried would the NTA funding be similar for next year?
- They queried what was happening at the road that links Adamstown to Lucan and cuts off at Celbridge?
- They thanked the Municipal District Engineer and his team for all their hard work.

The Municipal District Engineer responded with the following;

- The council had paid the ESB to remove 3 poles hence the pole on Chelmsford Road should be removed imminently.

- The go live date for bus improvements was anticipated to be 28 November.
- The leaves were brought to Green Recycling in Lady Chapel and some were sent to Derrybeg Farm for recycling, however as the quantity of leaves was so substantial it was not feasible to send them all there.
- If they were to be used for a sustainable nature it may fall under the remit of the Parks Department and the members could check with this Department.
- The NTA funding would be announced at the beginning of the year.
- The work on the road that links Adamstown to Lucan stopped during Covid-19 but the matter would be followed up with South Dublin County Council to check on the status of these works.

The District Manager acknowledged the essential work that were taking place in the north of the county. She echoed the members request to the public to be patient whilst this work continues.

She acknowledged the NTA were concentrating on the Greater Dublin Area Network. Mr Hodgins and the Sustainable Transport team were preparing to meet with each of the municipal districts in the new year with a view to discussing how the members can bring forward further proposals for consideration, which will be achieved via a call for Expressions of Interest. She asked the elected members to encourage the community to engage through this consultation mechanism later in 2022.

### **CL04/1121**

#### **Christmas Parking Arrangements 2021**

The Cathaoirleach requested that item 4 and 8 on the agenda be taken together. All the members agreed.

#### **Item 4**

The members considered Christmas parking arrangement in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District for 2021.

### Item 8

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Coleman. That this municipal district committee agree to two hours free parking (Monday to Friday) for Christmas from 10am to 12 midday on dates between 13 December and 1st January (inclusive) with enforcement of illegal parking to continue during this time.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this was a matter for the members to determine.

A discussion ensued among the members in relation to pay parking for the Christmas period. The following points were raised;

- There were concerns that if free parking was available all day, that cars would be left parked in the parking bays, whilst drivers would use public transport to travel to Dublin for shopping.
- The members were trying to promote active travel, and offering free parking would undermine that.
- Perhaps evidence could be presented next year, to assess whether or not free pay parking generates more business.
- It was not about how much it costs to park a vehicle, it was the fact that people were busy at Christmas time and want to be able to park and do their business, and not worry about paying for parking.

The Cathaoirleach called for a show of hands vote on Councillor Coleman's motion.

**Resolved** with two members voting in favour of the motion, five members voting against and with no abstentions, the motion fell.

Councillor Killeen proposed a motion from the floor as follows:

To consider a short period of free parking potentially from 23 December to 31 December.

As Councillor Killeen's motion was not seconded, the motion fell.

It was noted by the Cathaoirleach that as no alternative to the current position regarding pay parking had been agreed, there would be no changes to the pay parking arrangements for Christmas period in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.

**Resolved** with the agreement of the members that there would not be suspension of pay parking in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District for Christmas.

### CL05/1121

#### Connecting Ireland Consultation

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

That the council arrange an online, teams meeting with the Local Link Manager and Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Members to discuss the Connecting Ireland Consultation and how it may benefit our municipal district

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 with the members agreement, a request could issue to Mr. Alan Kerry, Local Link, to attend an online, teams meeting with elected members in advance of the closing date for submissions.

The NTA has embarked on an extensive communications programme reaching out to constituents within Kildare for their views on proposals to improve public transport, improving the Local Link service. The [Connecting Ireland](#) Rural Mobility Plan was an ambitious programme of enhancements to create a more integrated, accessible, and sustainable [public transport](#) network for rural Ireland.

For members information, the NTA would be holding online public information events on the 15, 16 and 18 of November, providing an opportunity to hear from the NTA team and to learn more about Connecting Ireland. The webinars could be accessed using the links below:

[Public Webinar 1 – Monday 15 November 11:00 AM](#) (Sign Language Interpreter available)

[Public Webinar 2 – Tuesday 16 November 7:00 PM](#)

[Public Webinar 3 – Thursday 18 November 1:00 PM](#) (Sign Language Interpreter available)

Submissions on this ambitious and welcome Plan could be lodged before the closing date of December 10. The Transportation Department would work with the Council's Communications Team to highlight the importance of this publication, encouraging public engagement with the process.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by the members, the report was noted and the council arrange an online teams meeting with the Local Link Manager and Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Members.

#### **CL06/1121**

##### **Consultation plan for the Celbridge to Hazelhatch Link Road**

The Cathaoirleach requested that item 6 and 12 on the agenda be taken together. All the members agreed.

##### **Item 6**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Liston. That the council outline which specific reports were referred to in the consultation plan for the Celbridge to Hazelhatch Link Road and to confirm that an environmental constraint report would be published as part of the consultation materials made available to the public, in advance of the emerging preferred route consultation. The motion was proposed by Councillor Liston, seconded by Councillor Coleman.

##### **Item 12**

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

Can the council provide an update on progress on the Celbridge to Hazelhatch Link Road?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Celbridge to Hazelhatch Link Road project was currently at Phase 2 Option Selection (see image below) and was in the process of identifying an emerging preferred option.

During Phase 2 it was necessary to establish whether, at face value, a sufficient case exists for considering a Project in more depth, that was, progression to Phase 3 Design and Environmental Evaluation. During Phase 2 all reasonable / feasible options were examined (Option Selection Process) and their costs, benefits and effects on the environment were interrogated to identify a preferred option, if any, that would progress to Phase 3 Design and Environmental Evaluation.



Phase 2 Option Selection was sub-divided into three Stages as set out below,

Stage 1 – Preliminary Options Assessment.

Stage 2 - Project Appraisal Matrix. ← **We are here**

Stage 3 - Preferred Option.

The project was currently in Stage 2 of Phase 2 which involves a detailed assessment of all five shortlisted Route Corridor Options under the six Common Appraisal Framework Criteria:



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

Non-statutory public consultation no. 2 would take place in Q1 of 2022 which would provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to provide views on the Emerging Preferred Option. The following reports will be made available during public consultation no. 2:

1. Environmental Constraints Report,
2. Preliminary Option Selection Report, and
3. Public Consultation No.1 Report

Stage 3 (Preferred Option) would commence following the completion of Stage 2, anticipated to be in Q2 of 2022.

Phase 3 (Design & Environmental Evaluation

Phase 3 (Design & Environmental Evaluation) would commence subject to the completion of Phase 2.

Phase 4 (Statutory Processes)

Phase 4 (Statutory Processes) would commence subject to the completion of Phase 3. Further opportunities would be provided for landowners, members of the public and interested parties to make submissions during Phase 4 (Statutory Processes).

Councillor Liston and Coleman thanked the council for the detailed report. Councillor Coleman queried was there any reason for the delay and would there be further delays?

The District Manager advised the delay was not within the Council's control. It was not appropriate to go into a non-statutory consultation phase over the Christmas period. She reiterated that non-statutory public consultation was expected to take place in Quarter 1 of 2022.

The members requested they get notice of the non-statutory public consultation phase well in advance of launch day and the District Manager update the members accordingly.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Liston seconded by Councillor Coleman and agreed by all members that the report be noted and the members get notice of the Non-statutory public consultation phase well in advance of launch day and the District Manager update members accordingly.

**CL07/1121**

**Double yellow lines at Glen Easton**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Killeen. That the council implement double yellow lines at the entrance section in Glen Easton to improve road safety where problematic parking was occurring at the site. The motion was proposed by Councillor Killeen, seconded by Councillor Cussen.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer has provided a drawing showing the requested location for double yellow lines. The Municipal District Engineer has no objection to the installation of double yellow lines at this location and if the members passed the motion, the Section 38 process could commence. **Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Killeen, seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by all members, that the report be noted and that the members gave their support to the Roads Department to commence the statutory process under Section 38 of the Roads Act.

**CL08/1121**

**Breakdown of carry-over LPT funds**

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

Can the council provide a breakdown of the €626,930 carry-over LPT funds from 2020?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the LPT expenditure report was discussed by members at the October meeting. It was agreed that the LPT Co-Ordinator would complete a review of the €626,930 carry over of LPT funds and present a breakdown of this figure to members at a future date.

The Municipal District Engineer explained this was very busy time of year for the Roads Department, with drawdowns for NTA and other business. He anticipated the members having the breakdown of €626,930 carry over LPT funds before future LPT discussions with members.

The report was noted.

**CL09/1121**

**Traffic issues outside NKETS and St. Wolstan's**

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

Can the council inform the members on what (potential) improvements to the traffic situation were identified following a recent visit by council staff to observe/address the traffic issues outside NKETS and St. Wolstan's?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer discussed the situation with the school and correspondence has issued to parents. No improvements to the traffic situation were identified as the issue arises due to driver behaviour. The Warden would continue to monitor and could consider issuing Warning Notices advising that parking fines may be issued if illegal parking continues on the public road.

The report was noted.

**CL10/1121**

**Public lighting at the bus stops by Young's Cross**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Galvin.  
Can the council update the members on how was/is it determined that public lighting is sufficient on the road and at the bus stops by Young's Cross?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that public lighting was reviewed having regard to column height, lamp wattages, light spread and distances between columns. In relation to Youngs Cross, lighting at the location was in line with current standards for the type of roadway and no additional lighting was required. The area would benefit from an upgrade of existing lighting to LED which would take place as part of the Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project.

The report was noted.

**CL11/1121**

**Timeline for completing the County speed limit review**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Coleman.  
Can the council provide a timeline for completing the County speed limit review in this municipal district?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the review of the public submissions (290) was continuing and amendments to the associated mapping was ongoing in parallel. It was expected that the reports would be ready for discussion with the elected members in January 2022 with a review to completing the review process in Quarter 1 2022. The tender documents for the purchase and installation of new signage, especially for residential estates, was being actioned in anticipation of the conclusion of the process.

Mr C O'Toole advised that the County Speed limit review would be presented in individual road format as opposed to block format. It would go to municipal district

meetings for approval regarding their District, before the full County wide review was presented to full council.

The report was noted.

**CL12/1121**

**Cycle-route plans from the Garda Station in Leixlip**

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

Can the council provide an update on the cycle-route plans from the Garda Station in Leixlip to the Kilmacreddock roundabout?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that An update on the Easton Road Cycletrack project funded by the NTA was set out below with the current stage of the works.

- Current Phase 3 (Preliminary Design) – consultants appointed and preparing a design to be brought to a Part 8 Statutory Public Consultation Process;
- Next Stage 4: Planning & Statutory Approvals (Quarter 1 2022).

The report was noted.

**CL13/1121**

**Royal Canal greenway completion phase between Leixlip and Maynooth**

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

Can the council confirm what the status was of the Royal Canal greenway completion phase between Leixlip and Maynooth?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that an update on the Royal Canal Greenway Project funded by the NTA was set out below with the current stage of the works.

- Current Phase 5 (Detailed Design & Tender) – consultants preparing a tender report for the construction of the approved scheme.
- Next Stage 6: Construction (Quarter 1 2022)

A tender process has separately commenced to appoint a consultant to design improvements to the approved scheme, following discussions with Waterways Ireland and the National Transport Authority. The consultant would examine the impact of the provision of a boardwalk along sections of the canal to widen the Greenway where the number of users were expected to be highest. A presentation to both groups of relevant MD members would be arranged when more information was available.

The report was noted.

### **CL14/1121**

#### **Kildare Open Data**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Liston. Can the council confirm when the Kildare Open Data portal was expected to be launched and available for the municipal district?

A report was received from the IT Department informing the members that to develop the Open Data Portal, the following needed to be in place;

- In July 2021 the Open Data Act was enshrined in Irish Legislation. To enable Public Bodies to meet their 'open data' requirements a technical Framework needs to be in place. The Department of Public Expenditure and Reform have gone to tender for an updated Technical Framework *Appendix (A)* to support the creation of Open Data by facilitating training and support of Open Data creation to the required standards. Note these technical requirements would be a key enabler for the open data portal.
- Last week, the council were in contact with one of the Stakeholders involved in this tender process and they expected the Framework would be in place in

Quarter 4 2021. When the Framework was in place, we intend to draw down technical services from this Framework to provide software, expertise, training, and support services for the creation of a Data Catalogue.

- Once this software and expertise was procured, the council plan to set up a team comprising representatives from all functions within the council. These representatives would act as Data Champions who would be responsible for co-ordinating the population and classification of datasets into the Data Catalogue for their function. The Council expect this exercise to take several months.

By Quarter 2 2022 we should have a good indication of the number of data sets to be published as Open Data. The amount of work required with each data set to take them to the appropriate data standards required for Open Data publication (*Appendix B*) and the amount of work required within each function to maintain these datasets to a live standard, would be significant. This data catalogue would form the basis for a planned and structured approach to the publication of data as Open Data. Before each data set was made publicly available, we were required to ensure that we adhere to the standards in *Appendix (B)*.

- The IT department would develop a new Open Data Portal in Quarter 1 2022. Where possible, filters would be implemented to make a municipal view of this data. Note the Technical Framework would provide the IT Department with a Cloud based hosting solution. A key directive from the Department was the ongoing expansion of the National Open Data Portal by increasing the amount of open data published to this central resource.
- Recently a new Data Governance Committee has been established in Kildare County Council. A subgroup of this committee will focus specifically on Open Data. Once datasets have been identified, the Open Data Subgroup would

make the final decisions before publishing to the Kildare Open Data portal and the Central data repository OpenData.Gov.ie while adhering to *Appendix (B)*.

- Currently Kildare County Council publish Data in an Ad-hoc fashion to the National Open Data Platform. Datasets listing could be viewed at *Appendix (C)*. The steps above would enable a more systematic approach while adhering to the Open Data and Re Use of Public Sector Information (PSI)” Directive transposed into Irish law in July 2021.

### **Appendix (A)**

#### **Technical Framework would include services for the support of:**

- *General Introduction to Open Data*
- *Open Data & Re-Use of Public Service Information Directive – Implications for public bodies*
- *Data Audits and Open Data Publication*
- *Introduction to Data Analytics and Visualisations*
- *Data Anonymisation Techniques*
- *Introduction to Linked Data*

### **Appendix (B)**

*Following on from an Audit and a Data Classification, Public Bodies were required to provide a list of data available for re-use as Open Data. This data must meet the following standards or will not be publishable.*

- *Online and in machine-readable format*
- *Ensure that potential requesters were able to search the list and the metadata by electronic means*
- *Enable the aggregation of metadata at European Union level – DKAT-AP*
- *Make practical arrangements facilitating the preservation of documents available for re-use.*



**Appendix (C)**

| <b>Datasets</b>                                  | <b>Views</b> |
|--|--------------|
| <i>Enterprise, Industrial and Business Space</i> | 305          |
| <i>Accessible Parking</i>                        | 224          |
| <i>Poll Districts</i>                            | 172          |
| <i>Scenic Routes</i>                             | 285          |
| <i>Architectural Conservation Areas</i>          | 282          |
| <i>Eastern and Midland Climate Action Region</i> | 327          |
| <i>Scenic Views</i>                              | 224          |
| <i>Landscape Character Areas</i>                 | 383          |
| <i>Recreation Areas</i>                          | 412          |
| <i>Record of Protected Structures</i>            | 5            |
| <i>County Council Buildings</i>                  | 100          |
| <i>Libraries</i>                                 | 283          |
| <i>Fire Stations</i>                             | 157          |
| <i>Poll Stations</i>                             | 282          |

The report was noted.

**CL15/1121**

**Celbridge Schools**

The members considered the following joint motion in the name of Councillor Ciara Galvin, Joe Neville, Nuala Killeen, Bernard Caldwell, Áde Cussen, Vanessa Liston and Michael Coleman.

That a meeting be arranged before or at the December municipal district to discuss the progression of the Celbridge Schools' Campus for Celbridge Community School, St. Raphael's Special School and St. Patrick's NS.

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that Kildare's Planning Department has been liaising with the Department of Education in

relation to the proposed relocation of the Celbridge Schools' Campus for Celbridge Community School, St. Raphael's Special School and St. Patrick's NS. In relation to same it should be noted that Heads of Terms have now been agreed and discussions were advanced between the Department of Education and the Receiver in relation to a contribution towards key infrastructure to serve the site. The 'Ballyoulster' Masterplan was initiated and prepared on behalf of the Receiver, with comments provided by Kildare County Council. However, it should be noted that there was no formal sign-off of the Masterplan by Kildare County Council and it has no statutory basis though it sets out the Receiver's vision for the site. It should also be noted that Kildare County Council has and would continue to make it very clear that the development of any lands for residential development at Ballyoulster must include the delivery of the educational campus as part of Phase 1 of the overall development of the subject lands. Conveyancing may take time and Kildare County Council has no part to play in relation to the sale and site ownership issues, nor does Kildare County Council play any role in determining the size of campus or the capacity of each school. We now await completion of the sale and signing of contracts with respect to the site which was being managed by the Department of Education.

Having regard to all of the above and the fact there was limited scope for further action by the council at this time, it was respectfully requested that the members withdraw the subject motion at this time.

Councillor Galvin asked to confirm for the record the full detail of the original motion that had being submitted for inclusion on the agenda, which had not appeared. She confirmed the detail of the original joint motion submitted was as follows:

That a meeting be arranged before or at the December municipal district to discuss the progression of the Celbridge Schools' Campus for CCS, St. Raphael's Special School and St. Patrick's NS, including but not limited to: the issues surrounding the masterplan, arrangements and date of completion of site ownership issues, determination of size and capacity of each school and the campus overall.

To include in the meeting an invitation to the following to participate: Councillors, Council officials (all involved departments), and the relevant representatives from the Department of Education dealing with the schools' building programme in Celbridge.

The purpose of the meeting is primarily to ascertain indicative timelines and each strategic action required in order to deliver a completed School campus."

The members noted the report expressing dissatisfaction with the suggestion of withdrawing the motion however Ms M McCarthy explained as the sale was not finalised, the Planning Department thought it was slightly premature to have a meeting at this stage.

The Meetings Administrator sought clarification of whom the members wanted to invite to this meeting. Following discussion, it was confirmed that the members did not wish to seek a Deputation in this matter but asked that a meeting be held outside of the MD meeting, and that the Department of Education only (not NAMA) were to be invited. The members asked that if possible, this meeting be scheduled for the day of the MD meeting or for the day before.

Councillor Coleman stated that the delay and lack of information was not due to any inaction by the council as Mr Ryan and Ms O'Donnell had kept the members updated at every stage of the process to date.

Councillor Cussen also suggested having a meeting with the Planning Department and the members to fully inform them in advance of meeting the Department of Education.

Ms McCarthy advised the Planning Department would write to Department of Education inviting them to attend a meeting as requested.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Neville and agreed by all members that the report be noted and that the Planning Department would write to Department of Education inviting them to attend a meeting.

**CL16/1121**

**Climate Action Initiatives**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms O'Rourke, Climate Action Officer and Ms O'Flynn, Development Programme Graduate to the meeting.

Ms O'Rourke updated the members on the climate action initiatives currently being undertaken and informed them that €25,000 LPT funding was being sought from each municipal district.

Ms O'Rourke thanked the members for their interest and contribution to date, and for being the first MD to initiate projects in 2020.

Ms O'Rourke advised the members that it was on the Climate Action SPC agenda to ensure information gets to all parties, i.e. Climate Action SPC and Water Services & Environment SPC, concerning climate action projects/initiatives. This would be presented in a report, outlining what the Climate Action Department did to date and findings which would outline what they could improve on.

The members queried was there a maximum and minimum in relation to funding that would be granted. Ms O'Rourke advised the minimum would be €10,000/€15,000 the maximum would be €25,000. €5,000 would be the minimum amount offered, this was to facilitate meaningful projects.

Councillor Galvin asked that the members receive notice of the publication of the scheme in advance. Ms O'Rourke agreed to issue the scheme to the members in advance for their information.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms O'Rourke and Ms O'Flynn for their contribution and updates, he said it was an exciting and innovative time for Climate Action and these initiatives would impact on every Department of the council.

**CL17/1121**

**Councillor Caldwell**

Councillor Caldwell sent a message to the Meetings Administrator advising that he had to leave the meeting and confirmed that he had given written instruction to the Meetings Administrator that Councillor Neville could move his motions, and that Councillor Neville had agreed to so do.

**CL18/1121**

**Extension to Confey Cemetery**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Caldwell  
Can the council provide an update on an extension to Confey Cemetery?

The motion was proposed by Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Cussen. A report was received from the Water Services, Environment Department informing the members that the Council has identified lands in the Confey area that may be suitable.

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

**CL19/1121**

**Provision of a Christmas Tree recycling point for Celbridge area?**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Cussen.  
Can the council provide members with an update on arrangements for the provision of a Christmas Tree recycling point for Celbridge area?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that Information on Christmas tree recycling points in Kildare would be made available closer to the time. If the councillor has any suitable sites in mind, she may pass those details to the Environment Section.

The report was noted.

**CL20/1121**

**Columbarium Wall for Donaghcumper Cemetery**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Cussen.  
Can the council provide an update on progress in the provision of a Columbarium Wall for Donaghcumper Cemetery?

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment Department informing the members that this project would be moving to the design phase very shortly and now features on the 2022 work programme.

The report was noted.

**CL21/1121**

**Derelict buildings listed on the derelict sites register**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Killeen.  
Can the council provide the members with a copy of derelict buildings listed on the derelict sites register for this municipal district?

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment Department informing the members that the Environment Section has a team who deal directly with Derelict Sites and have systems in place to track complaints, carry out investigations and ensure follow up.

All complaints were investigated and statutory notices were issued where a property was deemed derelict (formal definition of a derelict site was contained in the Derelict Sites Act 1990).

The initial steps would usually involve the service of a statutory notice [Section 8] on property owners to put the onus on them to carry out the works required to address any dereliction. Most cases were resolved in this way.

The Council was also happy to engage with the owners in a constructive way in order to resolve matters. A few cases were also progressed through the Courts. Cases which were not resolved in accordance with the foregoing would be entered on the Derelict Sites Register.

The number of such entered onto the register was never a full indication of overall activity under this heading and there was often confusion around this. Similarly, there was often a misunderstanding regarding the definition of dereliction, for example, a 'vacant' building was not necessarily 'derelict'.

There was currently one site in Celbridge- Leixlip Municipal District on the Derelict Sites Register, with a further four under active investigation/resolution. A presentation on the standing operating procedures and issues involved was made to the Naas Municipal District last year and the Environment section would be more than happy to do the same for Celbridge /Leixlip MD members. Indeed, it was also since made to the SPC and was well received.

The Derelict Sites Register could be viewed in the Environment Section.

The report was noted.

### **CL22/1121**

#### **St. Catherine's Well**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Caldwell. That this council ask Fingal County Council to repair and make safe St Catherine's Well which was in the section of St Catherine's Park under their management.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that if the members agree, a request would be made on behalf of the members to Fingal County Council in relation to St Catherine's Well.

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

**CL23/1121**

**'Dead hedge' boundary between Castlewarden Park and Beatty Grove**

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

That the council meet residents affected by the 'dead hedge' boundary between Castlewellan Park and Beatty Grove on-site, to discuss possible resolutions.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that arrangements, have been made to meet the residents in relation to the hedge

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

**CL24/1121**

**Leixlip Playground**

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

That the council provide an update on the plans for Leixlip Playground?

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that a survey of primary schools in Leixlip has been carried out to ascertain the views of children in relation to the design of the new playground.



The council would try and incorporate these views into the redesign of the playground. The next stage was to examine the feasibility of the request from the Sports Centre to reallocate parking spaces being lost as a result of the proposed additional ground allocated to the playground. If this was not feasible then the existing footprint could only be used to redesign the playground. Once this was complete, the council would tender for consultants to redesign the car parking and also tender for the redesign of the playground. A new member of staff was due to start this month with the section and would be working on progressing this project.

The members noted the report stating they were disappointed this project had not moved forward. Mr Wallace outlined that the Celbridge-Leixlip municipal district had the biggest programme of tree works schedule in the county. In addition to the outdoor youth facility, wonderful barn, sensory garden and with a shortage of staff, it was a challenge to manage all the projects. Mr Wallace stated it would be helpful if the members discussed a prioritisation of the work schedule.

The members raised the following points;

- The community were dissatisfied with the slow progress on the Leixlip playground.
- They agreed it would be worth convening a meeting with playground sub-committee, elected members, and the new member of staff, due to start in the parks department, to move this project forward and discuss other projects.
- They noted the substantial work Mr Wallace and his team had achieved to date and acknowledged the shortage of staff in the Parks Department and welcomed the new member of staff, who would hopefully progress some of this workload.
- They said they did have a meeting in 2019 and agreed a list of projects, they would sit down again and put projects in absolute order of priority.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Liston and agreed by all members that the report be noted and the members would meet with

playground sub-committee, Mr Wallace, elected members and new member of staff to discuss further and that the report be noted.

**CL25/1121**

**Vacant Bank building in Leixlip**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Killeen. Can the council inform the members if it has considered utilising the vacant Bank building in Leixlip for community purposes?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department could take it into consideration if the facility becomes available.

The report was noted.

**CL26/1121**

**Tidy Towns**

The Cathaoirleach congratulated Leixlip, Celbridge and Ardclough for their success in the Tidy Towns Competition. Leixlip were awarded a Gold medal and Celbridge silver. Ardclough were awarded 329 points. He thanked all the volunteers who worked so hard in achieving these results.

Councillor Coleman also noted the great achievement in the Community Awards held in the Westgrove hotel, Clane on the 4 November.

The following estates were mentioned:

Wheatfield Upper, Ardclough were the winners in the category (21-40 houses).

In the Category (86 + houses), 3<sup>rd</sup> Place was awarded to Ballymakealy, Celbridge and runner up was Avondale, Leixlip.

The members noted these great achievements. They congratulated and thanked all the groups and individuals involved for their ongoing contributions and voluntary hard work and wished them continued success with their endeavours for the future.

The meeting concluded.