

**Draft Minutes of Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Meeting held at 10.00am
on Friday, 21 May 2021
on Microsoft Teams**

Members Present: Councillor Í Cussen (Cathaoirleach)

Councillors B Caldwell, C Galvin, N Killeen, V Liston, J Neville
and M Coleman.

Officials Present: Ms C Barrett (District Manager), Mr C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Mr T Shanahan, (Meetings Administrator), Mr L Dunne and Mr K Kavanagh (Senior Executive Officers), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Mr O Brady, Mr M McLoughlin, Mr J Shannon and Mr E Fagan (Administrative Officers), Mr B Murnane (Assistant Engineer), Mr C O'Toole (A/Staff Officer), Ms B. Loughlin (Heritage Officer) and Ms C Dempsey (Meetings Secretary).

CL01/0521

Declarations of Interest

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

CL02/0521

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 16 April 2021 together with the progress report.

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

CL03/0521

Municipal District Road Works

The crews worked within the guidelines from central government around COVID-19 and only carried out essential works. These involved resolving ponding/flooding issues, they maintained road signage to ensure it is clear and visible and maintained the road and footpath network.

The Road works programme for 2021 was outlined:

- Road Overlays - Restoration Improvement
- R403 Youngs Cross to the Co boundary Completed
- R148 Galvin's Cross to Ryevale Lawns Tender Awarded
- L5056 Loughnamona to Castletown Leixlip Completed
- L1016 Lyons Estate junction to Railway Bridge Tender Awarded
- L1016 Dangan Corner to Laburnam Grove tender Awarded
- L1015 Shaughlins Glen towards Confey
- Surface Dressing – Restoration Maintenance works commencing on 31st May
- Ardrass
- Pluckstown

CL04/0521

Speed Limit Schedule of Proposed Amendments Rev. B

A report in relation to the Speed Limit Schedule of Proposed Amendments Rev. B was circulated to the members in advance of their meeting.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Coleman and agreed by all the members that the Speed Limit Schedule of Proposed Amendments Rev. B Public Consultation Process be commenced.

CL05/0521

Parking restrictions on Riverforest Avenue

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

That the council consider putting parking restrictions on Riverforest Avenue around the area of the steps close to Confey college.

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

A report was received from the Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer has observed all day parking at this location and would be in favour of parking restrictions as the parking is causing vehicles to cross onto the wrong side of the road approaching a junction. If the members agreed, a Section 38 drawing for parking restrictions could be prepared in line with the sketch that was circulated to members in advance of this meeting.

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

CL06/0521

Meeting with residents of Wheatfield and Ardclough

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Galvin. That the council meet with a delegation of residents of Wheatfield and Ardclough, with the view to resolving the ongoing issues with the unfinished footpath and speeding in the vicinity of Wheatfield Cottages.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that, with the agreement of the members and once COVID-19 restrictions allow, the Municipal District Engineer would meet with a delegation of residents as requested.

Councillor Galvin welcomed the report she received a letter from the residents of Wheatfield and Ardclough with 160 signatures requesting this footpath be fixed. She stated traffic calming measures were also needed on this road as the increase in An Garda Síochána speed checks, had little effect.

The Municipal District Engineer advised that the land located between Wheatfield and Ardclough, is owned by a local person and if support was given locally to allow access to enable fixing of the footpath, he would consider it.

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

CL07/0521

Car free Sunday

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Liston. That the council works with local communities and businesses to provide at least one car free Sunday on Main Street in Celbridge from June-September in order to create a safe and welcoming community space for socialising, recreation and play.

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

A report was received from the Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the current request to close Main Street, Celbridge, albeit on a temporary basis, would need to be cognisant of the impact this would have on vehicular movement, particularly on public transport, access arrangements and emergency access facilities.

The statutory procedures for a Temporary Road Closure would need to be undertaken. This process required advertising, public consultation etc. and takes approximately 8 weeks to complete, meaning the earliest the closure could come into effect would be late July/early August.

Warning signage, detour signage would be required in accordance with Traffic Management Plan for the temporary closure should it proceed. The signage would need to be put in place at suitable locations and removed at the end of each closure period.

As the closure would attract additional footfall to the area, it could lead to an increase in littering. It would not be possible to provide any increased street cleaning/bin collection service should this occur.

Councillor Liston welcomed the report, reflecting on a very hard year endured by all due to COVID-19. She noted the car free Sunday, would promote local businesses, get community life across all generations back together, and would create an open space environment.

Following discussion, the following points were raised by the members

- A one-day event like was a good idea, but there was a lot to consider when organising it.
- It could be very expensive, funding resources and insurance would need to be considered.
- An out-door event like this could be hindered by unpredictable weather
- There was only one main street in Celbridge where this could occur, if there were other streets where it might happen, it would be more viable.
- Health and safety and traffic congestion were major issues.
- Who was going to drive the project?
- The streets could not be closed during mass times, residents also need to be able to access their houses.

The Municipal District Engineer stated there would be a body of work to consider and would require a committee to run it.

Councillor Cussen proposed an amendment to the motion,

That a feasibility study be carried out to assess if Celbridge Main Street could be pedestrianised for one Sunday in August / September.

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

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cussen seconded by Councillor Liston and agreed by the members that a feasibility study be carried out to assess if Celbridge Main Street could be pedestrianised for one Sunday in August.

CL08/0521

Bus stop around the Elton Court area

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Caldwell. Could the council provide an update on the request for a bus stop around the Elton Court area on the Celbridge road in Leixlip?

A report was received from the Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this matter has been referred to the Traffic and Sustainable Transport team who would raise the issue directly with the NTA. The report was noted.

CL09/0521

Entrance to St Patricks National School

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Galvin. Could the council advise what steps would need to be taken to put an alternative entrance to St Patrick's national school through the vacant council owned land adjacent to the school and Primrose Gate estate?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that Kildare County Council owns a 1.02-hectare site on the Hazelhatch Road

between/adjacent to Celbridge GAA Club, identified at area B and circled in red below. This land does not have a direct connection with St Patrick's National School as the eastern boundary abuts the GAA grounds. The council land was zoned for residential purposes and the Housing Department have prepared a feasibility study for this site. This site was subject to flooding and flood mitigation works in this area would be needed in order for this site to be developed for housing. When flood mitigation works are complete and the site was ready for development, a pedestrian connection could be considered but this would need to be agreed with Celbridge GAA.

The report was noted.

CL10/0521

Traffic layout, speed and safety of area outside Confey Cemetery

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Neville
Could the council confirm when would the council review the traffic layout and speed and safety of the area outside Confey Cemetery now that the cemetery was not being extended?

A report was received from the Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that The Municipal District Office would liaise with the Traffic Management section ahead of the next municipal district meeting in June and brief the members.

The report was noted.

CL11/0521

Section 40 Data Protection Act

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Galvin.
That this council discuss the issues with the requirements in relation to the recently introduced Policy on Management of Representations from Elected Representatives

(Section 40 Data Protection Act), as it relates to the members of this Municipal District Committee.

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

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that the Policy on Management of Representations from Elected Representatives (Section 40 Data Protection Act) was listed on the agenda for the Corporate Policy Group (CPG) meeting taking place on the 24 May. Further communication would issue to the elected representatives following the CPG meeting.

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

CL12/0521

Old ESB site in Leixlip

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Caldwell
Could the council provide an update in relation to the old ESB site in Leixlip?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that Cluid are currently carrying out feasibility studies on this site. The most current study is reviewing the impact of the ESB Mast if an alternative location was not secured by the ESB.

The site that houses the ESB mast was in the ownership of the ESB and the ESB have access rights through Kildare County Councils site. Therefore, the Architectural Services Section was liaising with ESB on this matter so the full potential of Kildare's site could be realised.

The report was noted.

CL13/0521

Suspension of Standing Orders

The Cathaoirleach proposed to suspend standing orders at 11.20am for 5 minutes to facilitate a break before item 13 was taken.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cussen seconded by Councillor Coleman and agreed by all members present

CL14/0521

Review of Local Area Plans

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Neville. That the council setup a review of the previous Local Area Plans in Leixlip and Celbridge with councillors to assess their progress and goals, as the council advances beyond the midpoint of said plans.

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

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm, Department informing the members that the Planning Department are currently undertaking the review of the Naas and Athy Local Area Plans along with the review of the Kildare County Development Plan. The review of the Maynooth Local Area Plan was also scheduled for later in 2021/early 2022. Further LAP's would be prepared in line with their expiration following the progression of the County Development Plan. The Leixlip and Celbridge LAPs do not expire until January 2023 and September 2023 respectively.

Councillor Neville noted the report and stated councillors and Kildare County Council needed to carry out reviews of local area plan to track that amenities are catching up to support new residential developments.

Councillor Cussen also noted there was good work happening, such projects as the bridges in Celbridge, the youth facility, and the wonderful barn. However Kildare County Council need to carry the citizens with them and perhaps this was where Public Realm Department could step in, one avenue would be proceeding with launching the public consultation process video which was outlined at the April Celbridge-Leixlip municipal district meeting, it was anticipated this video would be ready by the end of May.

Mr Mc Loughlin advised a desktop review would take place at the half-way point but it was challenging as there were several local area plans progressing. He confirmed he would report these issues back to the Senior Planner for further consideration.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by the members, that this item be placed on the progress report and that the report be noted.

CL15/0521

Obelisk on Castletown lands

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Neville. That this council asks the Office of Public Works if they have any plans to protect and maintain the Obelisk on Castletown lands, including whether consideration has been given to putting a fence around it in that while protecting the structure doesn't detract from it.

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

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm, Department informing the members that the Heritage/Conservation Office would undertake to contact the Office of Public Works to determine their future plans for the protection of the Obelisk (Connollys Folly) and would revert to the Municipal District members on receipt of a response in this regard.

Councillor Neville welcomed the report. He queried could the unattractive fencing be replaced with an alternative more attractive fencing. Councillor Caldwell asked if the OPW would consider consenting granting access during Heritage Week.

The Heritage Officer advised she could not give a definitive answer on the motion until she spoke to the Office of Public Works. She would ascertain could the fencing be replaced to be more visually pleasing.

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

CL16/0521

Planning applications granted in the municipal district

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Killeen. That the council outline the number of planning applications granted in the municipal district in the last 5 years, including strategic housing developments, which included the provision of childcare facilities, and list those which have or have not commenced to date, as well as those which have sought to amend capacity or remove this as part of the development

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

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm, Department informing the members that the following was a list of all creches/childcare facilities granted in residential developments in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District since 1 January 2017.

File	Applicant	Location	Description	Date Granted	Date Units Commenced	Date Creche Commenced
20/307223	ES Leixlip Greenfields Ltd	Kilmacredock, Leixlip	239 dwellings and creche	10/09/20	Not commenced	Creche not commenced
17/711	Paul Carr	Callenders Mill, Celbridge	Childcare facility	11/10/17	N/A	Childcare not commenced

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18/300606	Ardstone	Barnhall, Leixlip	450 dwellings and childcare facility	13/4/18	31/5/18-4/1/18	Childcare not commenced
18/301230	Cairn	Mariavilla, Maynooth	462 dwellings, student accommodation, creche, café, gym	20/5/18	10/2/19-31/10/20	Childcare not commenced
20/306504	Ardstone	Crodaun, Celbridge	372 dwellings and childcare facility	3/9/20	5/3/21	Childcare not commenced
20/307100	Crodaun Developments	Crodaun, Celbridge	467 dwellings, childcare, retail & Gym	8/8/20	Not commenced	Childcare not commenced

Councillor Killeen noted the report and queried the role Kildare County Council had in checking in on progression of these childcare facilities. Councillor Killeen would contact Mr McLoughlin to learn about the process and what the enforcement procedure would entail

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Killeen, seconded by Councillor Galvin.

The report was noted.

CL17/0521

Update on the masterplan for the three schools in Celbridge

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Galvin. Could the council give an update on the masterplan for the three school's site in Celbridge?

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm, Department informing the members that the Department of Education and Skills has advised the Council that significant progress has been made recently regarding the school campus at Ballyoulster. The Department advised that they expect the acquisition to proceed to legal conveyancing stage in the near future. The acquisition

would be subject to contract. Further updates would be provided to the members once they become available.

The report was noted.

CL18/0521

Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2021.

A report in relation to Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2021 allocation for the Celbridge/Leixlip Municipal District was circulated to the members in advance of their meeting.

The members questioned were there groups that were not applying for funding that Kildare County Council could reach out to. In addition, they asked if groups could submit before and after photos.

The Heritage Officer advised if there are groups that are not getting funding and feel they should be receiving it, they could talk to the Heritage Office who would advise on the process. The Heritage Officer also advised the groups are requested to submit an interim report in June / July which would encompass the before and after photos.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Liston and agreed by all members that the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2021 allocation for the Celbridge/Leixlip Municipal District be approved. **See Appendix 1**

CL19/0521

Update on the Leixlip Local Area Plan 2020-2023

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cussen
That the council provide an update on the Leixlip Local Area Plan 2020-2023 to include details on delivery of units Phase I and the status of the Confey Masterplan for Phase II.

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

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm, Department informing the members that the information below sets out the current status (May 2021) of the lands identified as Phase 1 and Phase 2 in the Leixlip Local Area Plan 2020 – 2023.

Phase 1: Key Development Areas (KDAs)

Key Development Area (KDA)	Estimated Development Capacity (LAP p.12)	Current Status	Units built / under construction
The Wonderful Barn KDA	450	Under construction	<u>Phase 1</u> 152 units: Purchase complete. 51 units and creche: Under construction. <u>Phase 2</u> 247 units: Under construction (to be completed Q1 2022).
Celbridge Road East KDA	280	No pre-planning meetings or planning applications received.	0
Leixlip Gate (Kilmacredock) KDA	320	Planning permission granted for SHD development comprising of 239 units (136 houses, 103 apts. and creche) for the northern portion of the KDA.	No commencement notice submitted as of mid-April 2021

Phase 2: Leixlip-Confey

Pursuant to objective CON1.1 of the Local Area Plan the Planning Department has sought to progress the development of a masterplan for the Confey lands, and has over the past number of months engaged with key stakeholders including the landowners and the National Transport Authority (NTA). In recognition of the current roads and public transport infrastructure in the area, it was agreed with the NTA that the masterplan for Confey should be progressed within the context of future public

transport connectivity and active travel plans for the wider area, taking into consideration the high levels of inter-connectivity with neighbouring settlements. Accordingly, the council was awaiting the outcome of this study, which would feed into the draft NTA Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area before progressing further.

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

CL20/0521

Required capacity for school spaces

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Killeen. That in advance of the County Development Plan review process and in order to inform members in advance, the council details its forward planning role in setting out required capacity for school places and in addition to this, this Municipal District Committee writes to the Department of Education seeking a report on their assessed capacity of both primary and secondary schools' places, current and proposed, in the municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm, Department informing the members that the Department of Education have advised that they are not resourced to produce ongoing reports on current and future capacity for individual schools. Identification of future needs for the provision of school sites and school facilities was an important task in the preparation of a new development plans. Kildare County Council engage with the Department of Education at the preparatory stages of the making of a new development plan (and Local Area Plan) and the Department was also a statutory consultee in the statutory planning process (county development plans and local area plans).

This engagement between the Council and the Department includes an assessment of existing schools' provision in the various settlements in the development plan area, and more importantly, the distribution of the likely planned population increases over the lifetime of the plan. Kildare County Council has regular engagement with the Department of Education on these matters. The process was that where population increases are indicated, the Department examines closely the extent of the increase in a particular settlement, the location of the proposed additional population and the capacity of the existing schools in the particular settlement to cater for it; whether it would be feasible (or appropriate) to extend an existing school in order to meet the projected future need or whether a new school altogether was likely to be required. The engagement was valuable in identifying likely requirements to provide new schools to cater for the future population and assists the planning authority in considering the most appropriate site or sites from a physical and schools planning perspective and proposing a suitable zoning. Given that the Kildare County Council Development Plan was in preparation, this engagement is ongoing.

Councillor Killeen noted the report stating that the situation in relation to insufficient school places was going to deteriorate as more houses continue to be built, therefore the contact between the council and the Department of Education was extremely important.

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

CL21/0521

Revisit walkability of Celbridge and Leixlip

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Cussen. Could the council provide a report to this committee on the outcomes from the recent revisit walkability of Celbridge and Leixlip, to assist in the Section 254 licence application process and parklet provision?

A report was received from the Municipal District Office informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer visited both towns with the public realm team to review what measures could be taken to assist. The public realm team are in the process of procuring street furniture/parklets for the areas identified and the municipal district office would assist with installation. Due to the high demand nationally, procuring items was proving more difficult than anticipated.

Councillor Cussen noted the report stating she was looking for more detail in relation to who do businesses apply to in relation to obtaining furniture and could businesses be given advice on joining up with neighbouring communities. She would follow up with Kildare County Council by email to get further detail on this process.

The report was noted.

CL22/0521

Meeting with Environment and Roads Department re littering concerns

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cussen. That the councils Environment and Roads departments agree to a meeting with Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District councillors to discuss ongoing littering concerns and measures to address this in our Municipal District.

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

A report was received from the Environment and Roads Department informing the members that subject to the members agreement, the Environment Department and Transport Department would be happy to meet with Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District councillors to discuss ongoing littering concerns and measures to address this in the Municipal District.

Councillor Cussen welcomed the report and stated she would send out dates for meeting with Environment and Roads Department next week and this was agreed by

the members. Councillor Coleman suggested it may be beneficial to have Tidy Towns attend this meeting.

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

CL23/0521

Litter and waste management budget 2022

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Coleman. That the council considers that the litter and waste management budget 2022 to be assigned to this Municipal District, be increased to allow for a seven-day bin collection service in Celbridge and Leixlip

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

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment Department informing the members that this was a matter for the members to agree when considering the 2022 budget.

Councillor Coleman welcomed the report and advised that the Municipal District was seeking to be treated fairly and was not looking for any special treatment. He confirmed Tidy towns were looking for bin collections to be carried out by Kildare County Council seven days a week. He understood there was an audit of bins taking place and that the budget was limited. He noted the black bags hanging off the existing litter bins are very unsightly.

Mr Fagan agreed that an increased service needed an increased budget.

Mr Buggie advised that Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District are not treated differently to other areas. He noted that Celbridge-Leixlip were looking for a seven day bin collection and with the resources available Kildare County council provided a five

and a half day collection. He noted the great work carried out by the Tidy Town groups and advised the meeting off-line would be beneficial.

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

CL24/0521

Volumes and types of waste from public bins

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Liston. That the council provide a report detailing the volumes of and types of waste from public bins in the Celbridge-Leixlip municipal district, how this waste was being processed and the cost, what was it being converted to (recycling all or only some) and detail any measures required for improvement of our waste processing goals.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council empty one 14 cubic metre skip every week full of street bin waste from Celbridge and one from Leixlip. This costs in the region of €25,000 just on skips per annum, however this system was now under extreme pressure due to the volume of waste being left at or in street bins. Kildare County Council policy of any bag any bin means the waste was all types of waste. These skips are collected by Greenstar/Panda under a central government procurement. The collection company advised the waste was sorted and either recycled or repurposed.

Councillor Liston noted the report. She advised tidy towns carried out a survey on the waste and 50% was non-recyclable. Plastic bottles, cans and glass bottles made up a substantial portion of waste and if a water fountain was made available this may reduce this type of waste. She questioned what measures were put in place to improve the processing of waste, considering dog poo bags were contaminating it.

Mr Buggie advised that street bins are not for household waste and the waste in these bins was made up of items bought in the local shops. Kildare County Council follow the policy of 'any bag any bin' re dog fouling, considering this, the waste in the bins would be contaminated and due to health and safety reasons the staff would not sort this waste. Mr Buggie stated that segregation is not carried out by Kildare County Council but he would contact the providers to establish their practice.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Liston, seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by the members, this item would remain on the progress report and that the report be noted.

CL25/0521

Restrictions on burning of smoky coal and other prohibited fuel

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Liston. Could the council advise how it currently informs the public and raises awareness regarding the regulations regarding restrictions on burning of smoky coal and other prohibited fuel in the municipal district's Low Smoke Zones?

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment Department informing the members that Kildare County's Council website includes information on the relevant legislation for the smoky coal ban, e.g. Air Pollution Act (Marketing, Sale, Distribution and Burning of Specified Fuels) Regulations. Under current regulations the sale, marketing, distribution and burning of bituminous (smoky) coal was not permitted in specific low smoke zones (LSZs) across the country. These apply in cities and all towns with populations in excess of 10,000 people.

The council website has links to general information about the ban, including maps of the Low Smoke Zones in which it applies, and links to general FAQ documents for householders and retailers/ suppliers.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/policy-information/26f183-environmental-policy/#air-quality>

If you sell 'smoky' coal in a Low Smoke Zone, you are committing an offence and could be fined up to €5,000 upon conviction in court.

If you have bags of 'smoky' coal on display or signs advertising this coal in a Low Smoke Zone, you are committing an offence and could be fined up to €5,000 upon conviction in court.

If you distribute bags of 'smoky' coal in a Low Smoke Zone, you are committing an offence and could be fined up to €5,000 upon conviction in court.

It was an offence to burn smoky coal in a house in an area where the use of smoky coal for heating purposes has been banned. If there was a suspicion that that smoky coal was being burned at a private house in a Low Smoke Zone, the Local Authority may call to investigate, and may ask to see a sample of the fuel being burned.

In February 2021, the Minister / DECC launched a public consultation seeking views on the further regulation of solid fuel use for domestic home heating. This public consultation closed last month on the 02 April 2021. We would expect there would be significant national media generated following the outcome of the consultation process.

The report was noted.

CL26/0521

Large capacity bins in Celbridge and Leixlip

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Cussen
Could the council advise when would the large capacity bins be put in place in Celbridge and Leixlip as per plenary council decision in April 2021?

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment Department informing the members that as agreed at CPG, both the Roads and Environment Sections are working on proposals to enhance litter related services in order to, in particular, address COVID-19 pinch points with funding to be sought from the recent Government initiative [5m nationally]. This may also include replacement or upgrading of some bins but would not include the large commercial type. Details would be available in advance of the next meeting of Full Council.

The report was noted.

CL27/0521

Litter and dumping fines to date

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Coleman. Could the council inform the members how many litter and dumping fines have been issued to date this year, in this municipal district?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that to date this year, 8 fines have been issued and 96 complaints have been dealt with in this municipal district.

The report was noted.

CL28/0521

**Grant awards by the Economic, Community and Cultural Development
Department**

A report to consider grant awards under the various grant schemes administered by the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department was circulated to the members in advance of their meeting.

A discussion ensued amongst the members the following points were raised

- Does Kildare County Council give funding to Charities?
- An application was received by a group that worked out of Maynooth, why were they coming to Celbridge-Leixlip as opposed to Clane-Maynooth municipal district.

Mr Shannon responded we do not fund charities they are excluded in our policy. The group working out of Maynooth were based in Celbridge but training out of Maynooth, they also provide services not just in Maynooth but in the north of the County.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Liston and agreed by all members that grant awards under the various grant schemes administered by the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department were approved. **See appendix 2**

CL29/0521

Newtown House, Leixlip

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Caldwell. That the council retain and maintain the buildings and garden inside the walled garden that was part of Newtown House in Leixlip.

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

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the Housing Section are examining the options available to retain as much as possible of the open space and existing walls as part of our proposed housing development. They were also engaging with stakeholders such as Leixlip Youth Services to arrive at a satisfactory design for the available open space to the side and rear of Newtown House. The proposed development would be circulated to Members prior to the launch of any Part 8.

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

CL30/0521

Removal of tree at the River Liffey

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Coleman. That the council remove the tree that fell into the River Liffey approximately 100 metres downstream from the bridge in Celbridge.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that arrangements would be made to have the tree removed from the River Liffey as requested.

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

CL31/0521

Update on appeal for the swimming pool for North Kildare

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Coleman. Could the council give an update on the appeal submitted to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in relation to the Large-Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund grant for the swimming pool for North Kildare?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that unfortunately, there was no further update in relation to the appeal. The members would be informed as soon as a response was received from the Department.

The report was noted.

CL32/0521

Pilot youth participation forum in Celbridge

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Liston. Could the council advise what was the current status of the project for establishing a pilot youth participation forum in Celbridge?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that a letter was received from INSYNC in response to this question, this was distributed to the members.

Councillor Liston noted the report; however, felt the report did not answer her question and would follow up with Community and Cultural Development Department directly to seek clarification.

The report was noted.

CL33/0521

Growth of kayaking or other water activities on the Royal Canal at Leixlip

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Neville. Could the council confirm if it has engaged with Waterways Ireland and the Royal Canal Amenity Group to explore the opportunity for the growth of kayaking or other water activities on the Royal Canal at Leixlip?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that Kildare Sports Partnership has engaged with Waterways Ireland on various projects but not specifically in relation to water activities on the Royal Canal at Leixlip. The Sports Partnership would be very open to explore opportunities to grow kayaking and water-based activities in the area and would welcome a discussion with Councillor Neville on how to progress this.

The report was noted.

CL34/0521

Network of advertising historical and touristic trails

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Killeen. Could the council advise what engagement has been undertaken in respect of Into Kildare/Waterways Ireland/Kildare Fáilte in developing a network of advertising historical and touristic trails in the municipal district to highlight tourism opportunities in the County and confirm if the various sites of interest are linked up and what criteria was used for inclusion in the trail guides?

A report was received from Into Kildare informing the members that Into Kildare has collaborated with the Heritage Officer and Sports Partnership to review and update the current Tow Path Trails brochure, and to include a digital version. The updated brochure would include the addition of the new walking and cycling routes recently launched, as well as those where work was currently underway. Additionally, a bank of itineraries has been created by Into Kildare, and was available on our website, to cluster attractions throughout the county and encourage visitors to spend longer in the County.

In particular for the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District, we have previously worked with Breda Konstantin on the Celbridge Town Heritage Trail, including it as part of the Rose of Tralee tour of Kildare, and worked closely with Ardclough Village Centre in developing Arthur's Way Heritage Trail. These, and other walking and cycling trails, would continue to be promoted to encourage visitors to Kildare.

The report was noted.

CL35/0521

Business and COVID-19 support's available through the Local Authority

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Killeen. Could the council advise what business and COVID-19 supports are available through the Local Authority to businesses in this municipal district?

A report was received from the Local Enterprise Office informing the members that listed are some Immediate COVID-19 Supports, this list was updated weekly.

Kildare Businesses Reopen in Summer 2021

Business Restart 2021

Avail of free of charge one-to-one advisory sessions on business concerns relating to reopening in Summer 2021. An expert mentor would be appointed to advise on concerns in the following areas:

- o Cashflow and Finance
- o Tax/VAT related Queries

- o HR and Staffing issues
- o Sales and Marketing
- o Online Strategy and promoting your reopening
- o Applying for Finance
- o Health and Safety - Reopening your shop or business premises in line with COVID-19 Government Guidelines
- o Outdoor Seating & Accessories for Tourism & Hospitality Businesses (Hospitality Sector Only)
- o Or any other business-related issues that may arise due to the current circumstances.

Reopening your Business after COVID-19 - Health & Safety Workshops

Workshop and one to one mentoring to ensure businesses are equipped to adhere to health and safety requirements when reopening. Wednesday 05 May, 9am - 1pm.

Outdoor Seating and Accessories Grant

Funding of up to €4K (for up to 75% of the ex-VAT cost of equipment purchased/installed) was available for Kildare businesses in the tourism and hospitality sector. *Expenditure must be incurred between 01.04.2020 and 30/09/2021. Scheme open w.e.f. 12/04/2021 – 30/09/2021*

Shop Front Grant Scheme: Retail Improvements

The Shop Front Improvement, Accessibility and Age Friendly Grant Scheme offers grant aid of up to €5,000 or 50% of eligible costs for painting and/or repairs.

Retail Enhancement Scheme

Kildare LEO's Retail+ Retail Enhancement Support Programme has supported over 30 Kildare retailers. The combined paint and merchandising scheme and mentoring and training programme featured significant financial support.

Shop County Kildare Online Trading Platform

The last 12 months has proven the essential need for Kildare businesses to be trading online. This shared e-commerce platform developed to bring Kildare

businesses online was free of charge, and businesses could register here:

www.shopcountykildare.ie

Trading Online Voucher Scheme

The Trading Online Voucher Scheme financially supports small businesses with trading online to boost their sales and reach new markets.

This scheme was a 50% funding opportunity with up to €2,500 available and could be used towards eligible costs such as digital marketing strategies, e-commerce websites or app development.

COVID-19 Business Loan- Micro Finance Ireland

The COVID-19 Business Loan Scheme was available for micro-enterprises that have been impacted by COVID-19. Loans from 5k - 25k are available, with zero repayments in first 6 months. Kildare LEO would also provide mentorship to support with the application.

Suite of Grant Aid

Available to business (subject to qualifying criterion) such as: Feasibility Study Grant, Priming Grant, Business Expansion Grant and Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.

Appendix 1

A total of 50 applications were received under the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2021. The projects applied for cover a number of themes which are compatible with the County Heritage Plan i.e. gathering data, raising awareness, dissemination of information, tourism and the creation and conservation of heritage sites or items. 46 of the applications were deemed to be eligible for grant purposes.

Of the 4 applications that did not receive funding, 3 application did not meet the criteria of the scheme, 1 was a double application from the same organisation. The total amount allocated by Kildare County Council under the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2021 is €43,250 The total value of the applications seeking funding under the 2021 Grant Scheme is €115,408. Please see attached recommended allocation for the Community Heritage Grant Scheme for 2021.

Table 1 Community Heritage Grant recommendations per MD

MD	No of Apps	Total
Athy	4	2,900
Celbridge	7	7,195
Kildare	13	13,900
Maynooth	9	8,150
Naas	7	6,180
County	5	4,800
Total	46	43,250

Community Heritage Grant Scheme Projects 2021

No	App No	MD	Group	Project Detail	Amount
1	6	Athy	Narraghmore Development CLG	Heritage Poster	800
2	15	Athy	Ballitore Tanyard Community CLG	Local Community Archive	300
3	20	Athy	Ernest Shackleton Autumn School	Annual Nimrod journal	800
4	43	Athy	Shackleton Museum Athy	History education pack	1,000

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5	9	Celbridge	Leixlip History Club	Erect plaque	1,000
6	32	Celbridge	Celbridge Guided Tours	Bicentenary Commemoration Lady Louisa Castletown	800
7	35	Celbridge	Inland Waterways Association of Ireland IWA I Kildare Branch	Research into history & heritage of Corbally Brach of the Grand Canal. Produce booklet & video	1,000
8	44	Celbridge	Ballyoulster Utd	Wildflower meadow	1,100
9	45	Celbridge	Irish Military Heritage Foundation CLG	Kildare's Great War video as part of Ireland's Great War Programme	1,200
10	49	Celbridge	Tea Lane Graveyard Committee	Method statement - restore the swift Celbridge Abbey	1,295
11	50	Celbridge	Wolstan Haven Residents Assoc	Pollinator area	800
12	2	Kildare	Robertstown Community Amenities Association R.C.A.A	Produce and place small heritage plaques at historical sites and walks	1,100
13	7	Kildare	7th Kildare Rathangan Scouts	Extend beekeeping project	600
14	13	Kildare	Cill Dara Historical Society	Calendar, mount and display photos	1,000
15	14	Kildare	Rathangan Tidy Towns	Planting	1,300
16	16	Kildare	Suncroft Community Outreach Group	6 week nature based summer camp for children	1,100
17	17	Kildare	Kids Community Garden - Kildare Town	Interactive learning online - heritage and biodiversity	1,200
18	21	Kildare	Portarlington Monasterevin Select Vestry	Paint railing of St. John the Evangelist, Main Street, Monasterevin	1,100

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19	24	Kildare	Milltown Tidy Towns	Heritage signage	1,000
20	31	Kildare	Newbridge Local History Group	Archiving - headstones and death records	1,200
21	38	Kildare	Kilcullen Community Action	pollinator friendly spring bulbs, in line with biodiversity plan	1,200
22	39	Kildare	Irish Military Heritage Foundation CLG	Speaker Conolly Summer School Exploring Identity, Diversity and Reconciliation, Castletown House	1,100
23	40	Kildare	Passlands Graveyard Committee	Restoration of damaged/decayed railings surrounding graves	1,200
24	41	Kildare	Melitta Park Residents Association	Biodiversity garden	800
25	3	Maynooth	Clane Local History Group	Publication annual history journal & photography exhibition	950
26	8	Maynooth	Coill Dubh N.S.	Sensory garden for children in ASD classes	1,100
27	10	Maynooth	Newtown Community Group	planting an orchard & native Irish trees	1,100
28	12	Maynooth	Lyreen Manor Management	Planting	800
29	18	Maynooth	Prosperous Heritage Society	War of Independence - filming scenes of events around Kildare	800
30	19	Maynooth	Newtown National School	Planting school orchard	800
31	36	Maynooth	Kilcock Tidy Towns	Community garden & signage	900
32	37	Maynooth	Courtown Park Residents Association	Biodiversity planting	800
33	47	Maynooth	Cloncurry Heritage Committee	Heritage Information Board	1,100

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34	1	Naas	Kill History Group	Zoom History Talks	280
35	4	Naas	Ballymore Eustace Trout & Anglers Assoc.	Fishing survey	1,098
36	5	Naas	Annie Gough	Re-painting monument	400
37	23	Naas	Naas Local History Group	Digitise photos - Naas town and surrounding areas	600
38	27	Naas	Millbank Residents' Association	Landscape entrance to estate	800
39	33	Naas	Ballymore Eustace Tidy Towns	Boat planter feature, professional advice, add manure fertiliser, plant perennials	400
40	34	Naas	Johnstown Community Association	Conservation mgmt. plan for historic graveyard of Johnstown Church	1,250
41	48	Naas	St. John's Church Kill, 200th Anniversary	Historical booklet	1,250
42	11	County Kildare	Irish Midlands Ringing Group	Sand Martin ringing	1,000
43	22	County Kildare	North Kildare Bee Keeping Assoc	Wildflower meadow, expand apiary, buy heather press	1,000
44	25	County Kildare	Co. Kildare Archaeological Society	Journal of County Kildare Archaeological Society	800
45	30	County Kildare	The Irish Peatland Conservation Council	Bumblebee Monitoring Project on Lullymore West	1,000
46	42	County Kildare	Birdwatch Ireland Kildare Branch	Furnishing Naas lakes with suitable nesting, resting, roosting architecture for water birds	1,000
	Total				43,223

Projects not funded in 2021

Ardclough Community Council	Does not meet the criteria of grant scheme
Old Kilcullen Area Community Association	Does not meet the criteria of grant scheme
Caragh Tidy Towns	Does not meet the criteria of grant scheme
Kildare Town Community Garden	Duplicate Application

Appendix 2

19th May 2021

To: The Members of the Celbridge/Leixlip M.D.

Grant awards to be approved under various Grant Schemes 2021

Dear Councillor,

The Economic Development, Community and Cultural Department recommends grant awards under the various Grant Schemes for 2021, as outlined below, for consideration of Celbridge/Leixlip Municipal District on Friday 21st May 2021.

LPT

Discussion has taken place with members in regard to funding set aside from LPT.

Community Grants

Under the Community Grant Scheme there were 33 applicants for consideration. These applications have been assessed and the approval of 20 applications with a value of €44,180 is recommended.

Of the 33 applications, no grant payment is considered appropriate to one applicant for the reason outlined. Eight applications will be considered under residents associations LPT and a further 4 are from sports clubs and will be considered under LPT also.

Festival Grants

A total of 5 applications were received under the Festival Grant Scheme 2021 and grants to the value of €2,300.

Private Housing Estates

A sum of €13,766 has been awarded to 41 privately-owned housing estates. These residents' associations represent 7,292 houses.

Local Authority Estates

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Open Space Maintenance Grants of €8,040 have been awarded to 8 Local Authority Residents' Associations. These represent 1,013 houses in total.

The Economic Development, Community & Cultural Department is recommending the grants as detailed on the attached report for approval by the members of the Celbridge/Leixlip Municipal District.

Payment of grants will be processed as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Liam Dunne
Senior Executive Officer.
Economic Development, Community & Culture.

Festival Grants 2021 for approval

No.	Group	Project	Proposed Grant
1	ShareRing Skills Group	1. to purchase a full Zoom subscription to run workshops for group members. 2. to expand the pollinator project with training workshops for interested persons	€1,875
2	Leixlip Youth Premises Group CLG	to run a programme of events for members of our Youth Clubs over the Summer 2021	€1,030
3	Leixlip Youth Premises Group CLG	to purchase of garden tools and equipment for the cleanup, maintenance and upkeep of the outdoor areas of the Centre	€750
4	Celbridge Access Group	to develop a brochure of simple measures for businesses to become more accessible	€1,540
5	Leixlip Christmas Lights	to Provide Christmas Lights for Leixlip, Co. Kildare	€14,000
6	Tea Lane Graveyard Committee	to purchase a Barna shed to store props and other items used by artists performing at Tea Lane .	€1,445
7	Celbridge Mens Shed	to expand the woodworking and art projects currently being undertaken	€1,725
8	Community Cancer Caregivers	to extend the service we offer to provide weekly housekeeping for 2 hours for a maximum of 6 months whilst our clients attends Cancer treatment.	€2,250
9	Community Cancer Caregivers North Kildare	to recruit and provide training for 10 volunteers in Maynooth and its surrounding areas.	€2,400
10	The Acre Project	to create a number of biodiverse gardens within the Acre Project site.	€2,130
11	19th Kildare Salesian Scout Group	to upgrade the grounds of the scout site for easy and safe ingress, and egress, cooking facilities, supported by the technological side that will ensure the connectivity and learning.	€2,100

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12	Celbridge Community First Responder Group	to purchase of more life saving and training equipment for our First Responder Group to train volunteers	€2,250
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Community Grants 2021 for approval

No.	Group	Project	Proposed Grant
13	Leixlip Special Olympics Club	to supply T-shirts, Polo Shirts and Water Bottles for Special Needs Athletes	€1,125
14	Dara Community Living	to provide volunteer services to elderly and vulnerable people our estates.	€1,430
15	The Bridge Garda Youth Diversion Project	to run a summer programme, focused on challenging underlying attitudes and accepted norms around cannabis use among young people.	€1,110
16	Ardclough Youth Theatre (Ardclough Dramatic Society)	to undertake "A Sense of Place" project for the benefit of the community	€3,000
17	Ballymakealy Residents Association	to improve large flower bed	€300
18	Easton Meadows Residents Association	to repair and replace railing	€1,430
19	Buion St Cecilia Briggins	to purchase flowers for parish centre and purchase more camping equipment	€340
20	Silver Thread Club Celbridge	to arrange various trips and events for service users	€1,950
Total Grants for award			€44,180

Funding not being awarded		Reason
1	Dermot Early Youth Leader Initiative	Not enough information to assess.