



**Minutes of the Celbridge - Leixlip Municipal District Meeting
Held on Friday 16 December 2022 at 10:00 a.m
In the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara.**

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

Officials Present: Ms E Wright (District Manager), Ms. C. Barrett (Chief Fire Officer), Mr R Linnane (Municipal District Engineer), Mr K Kavanagh (Senior Executive Officer), Mr D Hodgins (Senior Engineer), Ms S Barry (A/Senior Staff Officer), Mr T Shanahan (Meetings Administrator), Ms J Woodhouse (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

The Cathaoirleach opened the meeting noting that this was Ms Wrights last meeting as District Manager and that Ms Barrett would be the new Acting District Manager from January 2023

CL01/1222

Declaration of Interest

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

CL02/1222

Minutes and Progress Report

The Cathaoirleach noted that a notice of motion for amendments to the minutes in accordance with Standing Orders was received from Councillor Liston who requested amendments from the November meeting. The amendment had been circulated to the members.

The members considered the revised draft minutes of the monthly Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on Friday 18 November 2022 with the progress report.



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Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Liston and agreed by the members, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on Friday, 18 November 2022 of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District with the circulated amendments, be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CL03/1222

Municipal District Road Works

The Municipal District Engineer updated the members of the works carried out over the past month within the Municipal District.

Winter Preparation Works: Hedgerow cutting works at junctions ongoing. Gully cleaning and open drain and water cut clearing ongoing. Winter service salting operations commenced on 17 October.

The Area Engineer noted 17 salting runs to date including hand salting that had been carried out at schools, pedestrian crossing and nursing homes.

Footpath Replacement Works:

- Footpath replacement works in Thornhill and Willowbrook in Celbridge and St. Mary's Park in Leixlip now complete.
- Advanced site clearance works for infill footpath on Hazelhatch Road between Wolsten Abbey and Shinkeen Road carried out. Presence of Irish Water contractor at this location preventing progression of any further works.

Road works programme 2022

Road Overlays - Restoration Improvement

RI	Location	Start Date	End Date	Details
1	R405 West of Crofton's	Mon July 4	Fri July 8	Completed
2	L1014 Kellystown Lane North	Mon August 8	Fri August 12	Completed
3	R403 Shackleton Rd. to Ardrass	Mon July 11	Fri July 22	Completed
4	L5056 Glen Easton to Westfield	Mon July 25	Fri July 29	Completed
5	L1016 Ardclough Rd & L5064 Kearneystown	Tues August 2	Fri August 12	Completed



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6	L2008 Boston Cottages	Mon July 18	Fri July 22	Completed
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Road Opening Licenses:

- Irish Water works being carried out by Coffey Construction are progressing slowly on Primrose Hill/Hazelhatch Road. Works on road are now suspended for Christmas period from December 9 until the new year. A meeting was held with Irish Water to discuss improvements with traffic management. Irish Water have offered to meet the members to discuss same in early January.
- Installation of foul rising main on Green Lane, Leixlip complete. Cycle lane/Footpath Line marking remaining.
- Overlay of Shackleton Road complete during school mid-term. Traffic detection loops now Installed.

Private Developer Works

St Patricks Park:

Resurfacing works on the main road through estate previously scheduled for early December has now been postponed due to cold daytime temperatures. Works is expected to be carried out in January 2023.

The members asked if repairs to the bridge would be done before Coffey's come back. The Area Engineer confirmed bridge repair crews will be out on 5 January for approximately a week to repair the bridge and following this a crew carrying out works to connect the new housing units on Laurel Lane will be carried out before Coffey's will be allowed back on the R403.

CL04/1222

Sustainable Transport and Active Travel Team projects

Mr D Hodgins presented the members with an update on the Sustainable Transport and Active Travel Team projects in the Celbridge- Leixlip Municipal District (see Appendix 1). The below were discussed regarding projects undertaken in 2022 and planned for 2023 and Mr Hodgins invited questions from the members following the presentation.



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- 1) The Green Lane Active Travel Scheme Part 8 had been approved and design work is continuing.
- 2) The Royal Canal Greenway has started construction with a Phase 2 design of the scheme to examine design issues not included in the previously approved Part 8 scheme (e.g., surfacing and public lighting)
- 3) The Celbridge Active Travel Bridge Part 8 had been approved and design work is continuing.
- 4) Leixlip Maynooth Interim Cycle track scheme received negative feedback. Caution was expressed about the implementation of interim schemes as they may not achieve objectives and therefore could lead to a loss in public confidence.
- 5) VRU improvements – new facilities as well as upgrading existing were completed in 2022 and it is hoped to continue this in 2023, subject to funding being made available.
- 6) Leixlip Permeability Scheme completed which has helped to demonstrate the benefits and improved a wider understanding of active travel permeability projects.
- 7) Safe Routes to School – none in this Municipal District in 2022, 1 school selected for 2023 on the Aghards Road. The selection of schools is a matter for An Taisce Green Schools and the NTA.
- 8) Cycle safety at signalised junctions – pilot project at Cope Bridge where the traffic signals have been upgraded to include detection for cyclists. An above ground radar is now being used as the existing loops were not detecting carbon framed bikes.
- 9) Cycle parking due to commence early 2023 with one school and one club as a pilot, a contractor has been appointed and more funding to be sought from the NTA to progress this in 2023.

The members raised the following points:

- Has the delayed revision of the Cycle Manual been published by the NTA?
- Is there a breakdown per MD for the €9.7 million spent County wide?
- How many projects on the current list will be progressed should funding be available?
- Disappointed that no school safe route is on the list for this Municipal district in 2022 or that there is no mention for cycle links for schools despite a number being requested. It was also questioned regarding the installation of cycle racks and whether cargo bike parking would be installed in Celbridge?



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- On Aghards Road, it was noted that not all people walk/cycle and that motorised access needs to be accommodated as there are 9 residential estates around the school in this area. There was a previous motion regarding request for carpark for drop off and collection, could this be incorporated?
- Is there a scheduled time frame for the Royal Canal Scheme?
- How best to communicate with the public the shared road space.
- Will there be monitoring regarding uptake and any change in behaviour, post-delivery of projects?
- Will there be communications plans around delivery of new projects?
- Is there any scope for changing safe routes to school locations, or increasing the numbers? How are these projects to be linked in with public realm with regards a vision for the whole area?
- The Council was thanked for all works in Celbridge. Complimented works also on Cope Bridge causing less complaints, permeability noted as a great success also.
- To clarify works to Shillechain Lane as part of plans.

Mr Hodgins advised that

- No publication date for new cycle manual –understood a final draft has been circulated between the Department of Transport and National Transport Authority.
- The €9.7 million drawdown for 2022 compares to €4.7 million in 2021 and reflects the level of work undertaken by the team in the past 18 months.
- €16-18 million has been sought for 2023 from NTA. It was explained that that there is a funding requirement of €45 million per annum needed to build what has already been started, and it will take at least 3 years to build out what is already designed. There are 36 projects, with 10 staff currently, but there is turnover at a high rate in the sector than can affect delivery.
- The selection of schools is a matter for An Taisce and the NTA
- The Aghards Road scheme will be examined by An Taisce and brought to the members at consultation stage
- Construction has commenced on the Royal Canal and a construction timescale of 18 months is expected



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- There is a need to improve communication to explain the impact of the measures contained in the New Climate Action Plan, this will be discussed with the NTA.

The members agreed to invite a representative to attend to explain the Safe Routes to School selection process in more detail.

CL05/1222

Cycling Review

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

That the council outline the scope of the cycling review and other transport studies currently underway in Celbridge from the perspective of how they could be used to develop a vision for the future transformation of Main Street to a pedestrian & cyclist prioritised public realm, that is child, youth and age friendly, for social, environmental and economic benefits for the community and local businesses.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Sustainable Transport Section has sought to examine the review of existing cycle facilities in Celbridge to tie in with the proposed active travel bridge, which was approved by the elected members earlier in 2022. No funding has been secured from the NTA for the implementation of schemes in the area.

Councillor Liston asked the following:

- Benefits of enhancing the area and that it could overlap works with the Public Realm team
- Questions what vision was in respect Main Street and Castletown?

Councillor Liston was advised by Mr Hodgins that its intended to work with Public Realm team and these assessments would then lead into local area plans, it is then to decide where the funding would come from.

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



CL06/1222

Celbridge Bridge to Young's Cross

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Neville
That the council review the area from the Celbridge Bridge to Young's Cross for pedestrian and cycle safety.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Sustainable Transport Section has a 2022/2023 Work Programme agreed with the Funding Agency, the National Transport Authority. This section of the road network is not included on the current list of schemes but is included on the Greater Dublin Area Strategic Cycle Network plans for County Kildare.

The members raised the following

- They noted safety issues were highlighted during recent road works and something needs to be done.
- There is wasted space which could be utilised. Could options be investigated to take cyclists off road in places where road narrows and bring them back onto a cycle lane.
- Noted by members that land is owned by Kildare County Council near the River Liffey along this route, giving off-road potential.
- Could the option of the ESB poles being pushed back be investigated.
- Could the allocation of LPT be used to progress this.

Mr Hodgins informed the members that it hadn't been forgotten. The project is on the NTA's Greater Dublin Area cycle plan, and he would like to develop a scheme as part of the strategic cycle network but it's a question of resources and time whilst managing the current expectations, set out in his presentation.

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

CL07/1222

Safety Review



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The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Neville
That a safety review for pedestrians be carried out of the area from Confey Church to the Leixlip House Hotel.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office will carry out a review of this section of the R148 in 2023.

The members noted reports of fast, dangerous driving being reported and could the previous review be looked at with regards enhancements and funding.

Mr Linnane confirmed a new independent safety review would be carried out.

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

CL08/1222

Campaign for Cyclists

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cussen
That this council asks that the Road Safety Officer liaise with this municipal district and the Superintendent of Leixlip Garda District to carry out the joint education awareness campaign for cyclist in our area as soon as possible.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Cussen and seconded by Councillor Killeen.

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that The Road Safety Officer in conjunction with An Garda Síochána and the Road Safety Authority promote a number of awareness campaigns during the year. The arrival of Covid has removed the onsite campaigns which were promoted with Schools and other groups. The Road Safety Officer can consider the proposal as part of the work programme for 2023.

The members raised the following,

- That this is a repeat motion as nothing has happened yet.



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- It was hoped not only to target schools with an Gardai Siochána doing safety talks but to reach out to *everyone* who cycles.
- It was noted that South Dublin County Council give out lights to cyclists and could this be an option. People are not using high viz clothes whilst out cycling and that scooters are now a concern also.

It was agreed for this to be bought forward on the 2023 programme but noted there is a role for the RSA in this also.

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

CL09/1222

Bye Law

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Killeen
That Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District enact a bye law to prevent HGVs and trucks loading or unloading in residential areas until 6am on weekdays due to significant noise disturbance for residents.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the making, amending, and revoking of bye laws is a reserved function of this Council. However, preventing HGVs and trucks from loading and loading in areas of proximity to businesses is difficult to enforce. If the residential areas are in the charge of the Local Authority, the road is a public right of way. If parking is permitted on the roadway, all motorists, including visitors, have the right to park on the roadway. Where a HGV restriction is introduced in a town or village, provision is made for truck/van deliveries to enter the town/village to complete their deliveries.



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Section 38 of S.I. No. 82/1997 – Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, 1997 states:

38 Restrictions on Parking

Heavy Goods Vehicles

38. (1) (a) Where traffic sign number RUS 019 [Prohibition on Parking] is provided at the entrance to an area in association with an information plate containing a symbol to indicate a large vehicle, a vehicle whose unladen weight exceeds the weight specified on the information plate, shall not be parked in the said area.

(b) Paragraph (a) shall not apply to a large vehicle parked while goods are being loaded in or on to it or unloaded from it, for a period not exceeding thirty minutes from the commencement of the parking.

(2) The end of the prohibition provided for in sub-article (1) shall be indicated by traffic sign number RUS 019 accompanied by an information plate containing a symbol to indicate a large vehicle and the word "END/CRIOCH".

And that Part B is of particular note and relevant to the motion put forward by Councillor Killeen.

Councillor Killeen advised that there is an issue in Leixlip with HGV's are arriving at 03:00am 7 days a week, loading significant loads and interfering with resident's sleep.

Ms Wright advised the members that this is a difficult situation to manage and would be very problematic for Gardai to enforce. This has come up before and is not feasible or enforceable, consequently because of these factors she would not be willing to divert resources.

Councillor Killeen asked if the report could be reissued stating the above? Ms Wright advised it was not necessary as it's not a feasible project, and the minute will reflect this.

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

CL10/1222

Learner Driver Support Programme

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



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That the municipal district members consider funding a controlled trial of an accompanied learner driver support programme which aims to reduce road fatalities by using LPT allocations as an innovative approach to road safety improvements in the municipal district.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the licensing of learner drivers and associated mandatory training is a function of the Road Safety Authority. Essential Driver Training (EDT) is provided by Approved Driving Instructor (ADI) as registered by the Road Safety Authority. The Local Authority has no role or function in the licensing or training of learner drivers. While the allocation of LPT is a matter for the Members, there is no mechanism for the Local Authority to establish a trial programme for accompanied learner drivers and the Roads Department does not have the specialist resources to establish or participate in such a trial.

Councillor Killeen advised noted that most of the recent motions submitted tend to refer to road safety issues and that there has been an increase in road fatalities and still a number of learner drivers are driving unaccompanied.

Ms Wright advised the members that the Council don't have a role to play as the Council have no licensing role. There are strict rules and regulations in place around driving instructors and a role for the RSA. The Council hasn't in any event any funding for this.

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

CL11/1222

Road improvements

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

Can the council provide an update on road improvements at the junction at Castletown, Leixlip and the Green Lane?



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A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office propose to carry out new full road width markings on the three arms of the junction, additional warning signage and kerb edge bollards at the junction of Castletown estate and the Green Lane. These works will be carried out early in the new year.

The report was noted

CL12/1222

Bike Racks

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

Can the council confirm if it is feasible to install bike racks near the entrance to Castletown House, Celbridge?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Sustainable Transport Section is prioritising the implementation of a network of segregated active travel corridors in the County with the aim of separating cyclists from general traffic where possible. The focus of the 2022 and 2023 Work Programme is on these infrastructure projects. Regarding cycle parking, the Section is prioritising the installation of facilities at schools and clubs across the county. The location can be examined, however, it will not be placed on a priority list of locations until the current work programme is completed.

Councillor Liston questioned if LPT was made available would this project have to wait till other projects were complete.

Mr Hodgins advised that this is a County wide plan and that the current project of work has NTA funding. If separate LPT funding is made available, it might be able to be bought forward but it wouldn't be able to skip current projects and would be dependent on a contractor being available.

The report was noted.

Councillor Neville had left the room, so it was agreed to return to items 13 and 14 later in the meeting

CL13/1222

English Row, Celbridge



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

Can the council provide an update on the assessment of the pedestrian crossing at English Row, Celbridge and any proposed safety measures identified?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the assessment of the crossing at English Row forms part of the proposed active travel bridge project and when a recommendation has been made on the facility, it will be communicated to the members.

Councillor Cussen felt this didn't answer her question.

Mr Hodgins advised that if any recommendations were made these would be prioritised and fast tracked and that there would be no need to wait for the bridge works to start for these works to be carried out. Councillor Cussen advised she would discuss further after the meeting.

The report was noted.

CL14/1222

LED Lights

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

Can the council confirm when the public lighting in Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District is going to be upgraded to LED lights?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kilkenny County Council is leading out on the National Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project for the Eastern Region (9 Local Authorities), the contract for which was signed in August 2022. The programme of work for Kildare, which is set out by the contractor, will commence in May 2023. Expected duration of 4-5 months includes an initial survey, followed by design and installation. With an estimated 15,000 lanterns for replacement in Co. Kildare, a specific timeline for areas of the County cannot be provided at this time.

The report was noted.

CL15/1222



Signage on R449

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

Can the council confirm when it intends to rectify the signings and markings at the area up to Easton roundabout following previous safety assessment requests?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that all signage on the R449 up to the Kilmacraddock roundabout, from the Green Lane to the roundabout and from Kilmacraddock to the roundabout have been assessed and is in order. Road markings on approaches to the roundabout are scheduled to be refreshed.

The report was noted.

CL16/1222

Signage old N4

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

Can the council confirm when it intends to rectify road signage in the municipal district that appears to be out of date e.g. slow lane sign for the old N4?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office is not aware of any signage that is out of date. All signage in the Municipal District is periodically inspected and where signage is no longer serviceable or no longer relevant it is either removed or replaced.

Mr Linnane advised that this signage is for cyclists heading out from the village that use the lane so there was no intention to change the layout. He asked the members that if they have any other signage issue to inform them so they could investigate.

Councillor Killeen noted she hadn't realised these were for cyclists.

The report was noted.

CL17/1222

EV Charging Locations

Item 13

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



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Can the council outline its plans with the ESB to provide public EV charging locations in this municipal district?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a pilot scheme is in progress to develop the first Community Electrical Vehicle Charging Hub in Maynooth with financial support from Zero Emissions Vehicles Ireland (ZEVI). ZEVI has established a Working Group to consider the provision of public EV infrastructure and we will keep the Members updated over the coming months about the proposed plans by ZEVI, which we anticipate will include the funding of the necessary infrastructure.

Councillor Neville asked if the time frame of the pilot was known for 2023.

Ms Wright advised the members that Maynooth was selected as it's the first decarbonisation zone. There is a working group in place and they are awaiting feedback.

The report was noted.

CL18/1222

Jakes Law

Item 14

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

Can the council confirm when it plans to roll out Jakes Law for estates in the municipal district given it is the most densely populated district in Kildare?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the proposal to enact Jake's Law was an integral part of the proposed Countywide Speed Limit Review. This Speed Limit Bylaws Review was not approved by the elected members at full Council in July 2022. The Executive has subsequently sent the documents to the Regional Speed Limit Appeals Board for review and have received a response which is being examined.

The report was noted.

The Cathaoirleach proposed suspension of standing orders at 10.45 for a short break. This was seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by all members.



CL19/1222

Post boxes

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Coleman.
That this municipal district committee writes to An Post requesting post boxes be installed on the west side of Celbridge. Possible locations may include Texaco Garage on the Clane Road and Scoil na Mainstreach as there are no post boxes on this side of the town.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Coleman and seconded by Councillor Killeen.

A report was received from the Corporate Services Section informing the members that this is a matter for the members and if agreed the meetings administrator will issue correspondence to An Post.

The members raised the following.

- That on the west side of the town there are no post boxes and that there is a definite need for more on the Main Street itself.
- That there is an increasing population in Celbridge and also an aging population who require post boxes

Ms Wright suggested to the members that they include suggested locations to An Post when they are contacting them and look into where optimal locations may be to place additional post boxes.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Killeen and agreed by the members that a letter be written to An Post.

CL20/1222

Old ESB Offices on Main Street, Leixlip

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Caldwell.
Can the council provide an update on the proposal to develop the site behind the old ESB offices on Main Street, Leixlip?

A report was received from the Housing Section informing the members that Cluid have appointed an Architect lead Design Team who are now preparing preliminary design proposals. Site investigation works have recently commenced.



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Councillor Caldwell asked for any update.

The members were updated that preplanning was due in Q1 2023, and that ESB are following up with possible relocations for mast.

The report was noted

CL21/1222

Public Realm projects

The members had received a report previously circulated containing an update on Public Realm projects

Ms O’Gara noted to the members that an email was circulated the previous day to inform the members that the two schemes in Celbridge and Leixlip will incur additional costs and details of these costs were supplied to the members, they were asked that provision from LPT could be considered for 2023.

Ms O’Gara welcomed any questions,

The members raised the following

- That they would like to see a detailed breakdown of the Town Renewal Master Plan. Funding has been allocated and they would like to be able to see what this money is going towards. To date additional picnic benches and parklets have been funded within the municipal district. It was noted that the teenagers in the area have remarked on the benefits of the parklets in the area.
- It was hoped for an update on the 5 projects contained in the Town Renewal Master Plan previously distributed in February
- Great works done to date by the Public Realm team including the purchase of the Parochial house, phase 3 of the Acre project, and also the great works with the mens/womens sheds and the scouts.
- Any update available with Parochial house.
- Who’s responsible for maintaining the shrubs at the bottom of Captains Hill?
- Would the Wonderful Barn be considered under URDF.
- With regards ESB site would Public Realm have any update on how best utilise this area and has there been engagement with Housing Dept.



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The members were informed that Ms Pender is moving over into Public Realm in the new year. They were reminded of the process for TRMP which is to bring projects to the state of design.

- a) Project identified
 - b) Design stage
 - c) Look to Department for funding to carry out the project
- Parochial House - there number of possibilities/ options. Currently this is at detailed design but will revert back to the members when more information is available.
 - Acre project is awaiting consultant's plan. When this is available it will also be circulated to the members.
 - All parklets are being monitored throughout the County, Tidy Towns in many areas have taken on the upkeep. It is noted that Public Realm do not have a maintenance budget. If specific problems regarding maintenance, please let the Section know.
 - That URDF initial focus after a 2-year trial appears to be changing and it appears that funding allocations that include the delivery of housing in each project may be prioritised, this is likely to mean URDF projects that do not comprise housing delivery may be deprioritised.
 - Mr Conlon advised he would consult with the Public Realm team regarding the ESB site.

The members raised concerns regarding the Wonderful Barn and the update on URDF funding with regards delivery of housing and sought clarification.

Ms Wright reflected on the recent success of the Wonderful Barn open day with high attendance and positive feedback. With regards to the progression of the wonderful Barn she noted that URDF is not the only funding available and if broken down into phases this would keep the project moving forward. Ms. Wright also noted that there are internal discussions ongoing about maintenance of Parklets.

CL22/1222

Confey Masterplan

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

That the council provide an update on the Confey Masterplan.

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



A report was received from the Planning Section informing the members that the Leixlip local Area plan 2020-2023 was recently extended to 2026, which will facilitate the preparation of the Masterplan for the lands at Confey. Work to prepare the masterplan will commence in Q1 2023.

Councillor Caldwell accepted the report, noting that he will consider putting in a representation on this matter in January as this can't wait to 2026 and needs to be done asap.

The members raised the following,

- Questioned what will happen when Confey cemetery is full and that expecting people to use alternative Cemeteries is not acceptable.
- Could it be decoupled, as a new Cemetery shouldn't have to hinge on the Masterplan.

Ms Wright advised that pre-lim work is underway on the masterplan already.

Mr Conlan advised the members that Doncomper is nearest cemetery and that planners have met with groups and consultation is due to commence in Q1 2023 and focus will be on Local Area Plans in 2023.

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

CL23/1222

Three Schools Campus in Celbridge

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

Can the council provide an update on the three schools campus in Celbridge?

A report was received from the Planning Section with a response received from the Department of Education.

“The construction of new school buildings for St. Raphael’s Special School, Celbridge Community School and St Patrick’s National School is included on the Department's school building programme.

It is intended that the new school buildings will be provided as a campus development on a site being acquired by the Minister for Education at Donaghcumper, Celbridge. The



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acquisition process is at an advanced stage, agreement in principle has been reached and engagement is ongoing with the developers to finalise the details of the Heads of Terms.

The campus development will be delivered by National Development Finance Agency (NDFFA) on behalf of the Department of Education.

In tandem with the site acquisition, the NDFFA have been in contact with each school to introduce the team, communicate arrangements and discuss the project briefs. The NDFFA will commence the process to appoint project management and a design team for the project in due course.

The Department is committed to advancing the campus development as quickly as possible and will keep the schools advised of progress in this regard.”

Councillor Galvin noted that the same response had been given in April and May of this year and questioned if anyone within the Council can explain why this is and what ‘stages of conveyancing’ are. Currently there has been a wait of 18 months to date and just seem to be getting the same response, does anyone know what is going on or what the holdup is?

Ms Wright advised that Kildare County Council are not involved and that this is a matter for the Department of Education. The term conveyancing is regarding legal issues and that the Council have no influence in this either. She understood the frustration but at the present time can’t give any further clarification and will pass on any updates as soon as any are received.

The report was noted.

CL24/1222

Muzzle Wearing

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

That the council enforce the muzzle wearing of all listed Dangerous Dogs when in St Catherine’s Park and other public areas.

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

A report was received from the Environment Section informing the members that all dogs must be kept under effectual control when in any public place i.e. street, road, park etc.



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Certain breeds must always be leashed, muzzled, and accompanied by a person over the age of 16 years when in a public place.

The ISPCA provides a dog warden service on behalf of Kildare County Council and its Inspectors work closely with other agencies including An Garda Síochána.

The Dog Warden Service is based at Portersize, Ballitore and can be contacted at Tel: (059) 8623388

The members raised the following,

- That complaints had been received of dogs loose in the area.
- It was noted that there are requirements in place for all dogs to be kept under control in any public place, they queried what the situation was with enforcement as there are only a small number of dog wardens in the County. It was felt that enforcement needs to be monitored.

Mr Kavanagh advised the members that the park in question is over 200 acres straddling three local authority administrative areas and that dog wardens can't be around 24/7 and need the support of public with monitoring their own dogs and following the requirements for owning a dog.

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

The members agreed to take agenda items 25 and 26 together as it was regarding the same matter.

CL25/1222

Christmas Tree Recycling

Item 25

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

That the council outline what arrangements will be in place for Christmas Tree recycling in our municipal district after Christmas.



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

Item 26

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Coleman
Can the members be provided with details relating to the Christmas tree recycling arrangements in this municipal district for the festive season?

A report was received from the Environment Section for both Item 25 and Item 26 informing the members that a Christmas tree recycling facility will be made available at the Council Yard, Celbridge Interchange. The site will be open to the public from Tuesday 3 of January to Saturday 21 of January inclusive, Mondays to Saturdays. The facility is just for Christmas trees, no other green waste (including wreaths due to the presence of metals) will be accepted.

The members welcomed the report confirming that the trees all get mulched and used in and around the Municipal District. Mr Kavanagh confirmed that this year the recycling facility will also be open on Saturday.

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

CL26/1222

Illegal Waste Disposal

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Liston
Can the council confirm how many illegal waste disposal reports, actions, enforcements and court actions (successful or unsuccessful) were taken in the municipal district from Jan 2021- Dec 2022?

A report was received from the Environment Section informing the members of the following

- Environmental clean-ups undertaken - 63
- Enforcement notices served – 54
- Litter fines - 20
- Cases under investigation - 21



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Cases closed - 8

Convictions – 2

And if the Councillor has any specific incident(s) in mind, they asked for them to please advise the Environment Department accordingly and they can provide an update.

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

CL27/1222

North Kildare Swimming Pool Appeal

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

That the council seek an update on the North Kildare swimming pool appeal.

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

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development informing the members that in April 2019, Kildare County Council applied to the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media in respect of an application from the Large Scale Sport I infrastructure Fund to provide for a swimming pool in North Kildare (at Maynooth University). The application was not successful, and an appeal was submitted in respect of the decision in February 2020.

Kildare County Council is still awaiting a decision on the appeal and remain committed to this project.

Kildare County Council has followed up a number of times with the Department, the following is an outline of most recent communications:

- March 2022
- April 2022
- June 2022
- July 2022
- September 2022
- October 2022
- November 2022
- December 2022



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The latest meeting held with the department it stated there will be an update on all appeals issued shortly.

No representative from the department was present at the meeting so the members were asked to forward any question to Ms P O'Brien.

The members raised the following

- The outcome to this appeal is needed as soon as possible. They have been waiting a long time. The North of County needs a pool and its disappointing can't be progressed until this outcome is received.
- Request made for the Council contact the Department again for update.
- Mini pop-up pool is due early 2023, and that this is set for April and is for 12 weeks. The location is to be at the rear of the GAA. The members highlighted the importance to gather and use data from this pop-up facility to support the application further.
- Frustration that initially 2 applications were not agreed. Despite initial application when Maynooth was selected, the members questioned why another application can't be submitted now.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by the members that the report be noted and that members would follow up with specific questions to Ms. P.O'Brien.

CL28/1222

Family Resource Centre

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

That the council outline its plans and timeline for applying for a family resource centre for Celbridge.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Liston and seconded by Councillor Caldwell

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Section informing the members that the Family Resource Centres (FRC) are core funded by Tusla the Child and Family Agency. The last round of FRC funding to expand the number of existing centres was in 2018. At this time Kildare was successful in doubling the number of



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FRCs from two to four. It is recognised that North Kildare, including Celbridge does not have an FRC. This has been discussed at many forums that include Tusla, however in the absence of national funding it is not possible to establish a new centre. While the council can support local communities to make an application for an FRC this is only possible when national funding is available.

Councillor Liston proposed an amendment to this motion and asked for the following to be added “That the council outline its plans and timeline for applying for a family resource centre for Celbridge, and where funding for a family resource centre is unavailable, that this Municipal District write to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, requesting same.”

Councillor Caldwell seconded the amendment and all members agreed.

Councillor Killeen asked if Leixlip could be included in the above but Mr Shanahan advised this is not possible as would be altering the original motion and not in line with standing orders.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Liston, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by the members that the report be noted with amendment to wording and letter be sent.

It was noted by the Cathaoirleach that Ms Wright was retiring. All members thanked her for her professionalism, efficiency, honesty, diplomacy and commitment. They noted that she progressed matters of concern to them and understood the needs of the District in great detail and would be greatly missed.

Ms Wright thanked the members for their kind words and the positive experience of working with them, and also thanked her team without which the delivery of projects and work could not have taken place.

The meeting concluded



Appendix 1

Transport Strategy

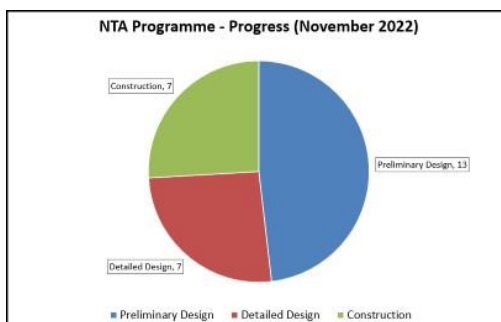
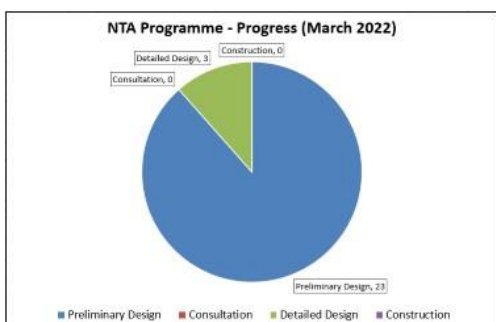


Figure 8.4: Road User Hierarchy





Celbridge-Leixlip MD Area



Celbridge-Leixlip MD Area 2023 Programme



1. Green Lane Active Travel Scheme (Construction Start)
2. Royal Canal Greenway (Construction continuing)
3. Celbridge Active Travel Bridge (Detailed Design)
4. Leixlip – Maynooth Interim Cycletrack Scheme (On hold)
5. VRU Improvements at crossings & junctions (Continuing)
6. Leixlip Permeability Links (Completed)
7. Safe Routes To School (Next phase to commence)
8. Cycle Safety Improvements at existing junctions (Continuing)
9. Cycle Parking at Town Centres, Schools & Sports Clubs (Continuing)