



## Minutes of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District

Held on Friday, 15 July 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

In the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara.

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

**Apologies:** Councillor J Neville.

**Officials Present:** Ms E Wright (District Manager), Mr R Linnane (Municipal District Engineer), Mr A Dunney, Mr K Kavanagh (Senior Executive Officers), Mr G Maher (A/Senior Executive Officer), Mr D Hodgins, (Senior Engineer), Ms L Murphy (Executive Planner) Ms A O'Malley (Administrative Officer), Mr S Wallace (Senior Parks Superintendent), Mr M McLoughlin (Administrative Officer), Ms S Martin (Meetings Administrator), Mr S Higgins (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

### CL01/0722

#### Declaration of Interest

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

### CL02/0722

#### Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 17 June together with the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by the members that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 17 June 2022, of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District be confirmed and taken as read.

The progress report was noted.



**CL03/0722**

**Municipal District Road works**

The Municipal District Engineer updated the members of the Municipal District works carried out over the past month and stated that the outdoor crews had been carrying out general footpath and road maintenance works in the Municipal District area. They are also carrying out advanced works preparing road verges and road surfaces for road overlay projects.

**Road works Programme for 2022**

***Road Overlays - Restoration Improvement***

RI #	Location	Start Date	End Date	Details
1	R405 West of Crofton's	Mon July 4	Fri July 8	Night works. Road closure except buses.
2	L1014 Kellystown Lane North	Mon August 8 <sup>t</sup>	Fri August 12	Road closure.
3	R403 Shackleton Rd. to Ardrass	Mon July 11	Fri July 22	Road closure
4	L5056 Glen Easton to Westfield	Mon July 25	Fri July 29	TTM
5	L1016 Ardclough Rd & L5064 Kearneystown	Tues August 2	Fri August 12	Road closure
6	L2008 Boston Cottages	Mon July 18	Fri July 22	Road closure

***Surface Dressing – Restoration Maintenance***

Surface dressing works are now completed for the Municipal District.

**LPT projects/works.**

Footpath at Loughlinstown Road. (Discussions have commenced with landowners and utility companies) Quotation received from one utility company, awaiting further quotes.



### Road Opening Licenses:

Coffey Construction have commenced works on behalf of Irish Water on the upgrade to the foul sewer network on the Dublin Road, Celbridge. The road closure on the Dublin Road is now in effect with diversion routes in operation. This section of the Dublin Road will be closed for a minimum of 8 weeks. Following this works will progress in laying a new foul line towards Lucan with a traffic light shuttle system in operation. Works on the Lucan Road are expected to last until March 2023. Upgrade works to the Primrose Hill pumping station on the Hazelhatch Road are also expected to be complete by March 2023. Road closures on the Hazelhatch Road will be required to facilitate upgrade works to the pumping station. These will be coordinated with the works on the Lucan Road to minimize disruption.

The members welcomed the report and raised the following points:

- Were there ESB poles in Ardclough that were to be moved?
- Was the Shackleton Road due to be resurfaced?
- There were road markings that needed to be redone on the Maynooth Road from Hazelhatch onto the bridge.
- There were traffic lights on the Shackleton Road which needed attention, the sequencing was not working.
- There were incidents of drivers' poor behaviour occurring on the Hazelhatch Road, drivers were ignoring the stop sign and renewed signage or non-statutory signage should be considered.
- What works were planned for Kellystown Bridge?

The District Engineer responded with the following:

- The ESB poles mentioned would have to be reviewed.
- The Shackleton Road overlay was still to be completed. The road was awaiting wastewater connections and the ESB were also to carry out works. These works were planned to be completed before the schools returned.
- The Hazelhatch Road would be relined. The current signage was being disregarded; non-statutory signage might be considered.
- Kellystown Bridge was to be resurfaced.



**CL04/0722**

**Remembrance**

The Cathaoirleach and the members took a moment to remember young Ruairi McDonnell who had passed away. The Cathaoirleach and the members offered their deepest condolences to the family and his classmates. A minute's silence was observed to remember Ruairi.

**CL05/0722**

**Update on 2022 LPT Expenditure Year to Date**

Mr G Maher advised the majority of the funding agreed by the elected members had now been allocated to the respective sections and transfers are with Accounts Payable for processing. He noted that there remained €424,500 unspent. €246,500 of which was under the Community heading and €178,000 under the Recreation and Amenity heading. In the absence of the LPT Coordinator for the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District, Mr G Maher have not received any requests for allocations from the elected members.

**CL06/0722**

**Taking in Charge of The Grange, Louisa Valley, Leixlip**

The members considered the taking in charge of The Grange, Louisa Valley, Leixlip.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Galvin and agreed by the members that the taking in charge of The Grange, Louisa Valley, Leixlip be approved.

**CL07/0722**

**Taking in Charge Status of Primrose Gate, Celbridge**

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

Can the council update the members on the status of the taking in charge of Primrose Gate, Celbridge?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Development Control has snagged the estate. As part of the snagging process, Development Control has requested the Management Company for



Primrose Gate to submit the Taking In Charge (TIC) documentation, including the requested investigative reports for the public lights and for the pump station. The Council has not yet received either the TIC documentation or the investigative reports. While the Management Company is very engaging, the engineers responsible for generating the TIC documentation and investigative reports have not yet submitted the reports to them.

Councillor Coleman sought clarification on the length of time that had passed since the council requested for the documentation.

Mr P Makhuza advised that it had been a year ongoing.

The report was noted.

#### **CL08/0722**

##### **Proposal to Declare a Public Road in Charge at Bridge Lane, Celbridge**

To consider the proposal to declare a public road in charge at Bridge Lane, Celbridge (report and map attached).

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by the members that the proposal to declare a public road in charge at Bridge Lane, Celbridge be approved.

#### **CL09/0722**

##### **Part 8 Proposed Cycle Scheme at Green Lane, Leixlip**

The members considered the Chief Executive's report on the Part 8 for Proposed Cycle Scheme at Green Lane, Leixlip – Planning Reference P82022.05.

Mr D Hodgins advised the members that the Chief Executive's report on the Part 8 for Proposed Cycle Scheme at Green Lane, Leixlip – Planning Reference P82022.05 had included various submissions by community groups and the public. He said that the aim of the report was to give reassurance that the comments submitted by the elected members and the public had been taken on board. He noted that the proposed design was in accordance with the National Cycle Manual but stated that a new cycling manual was coming from the department.



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Mr Hodgins highlighted that he would encourage community involvement in the process, especially that of prospective users of the route. He said that people with a disability or mobility issues and cyclists from all age groups would be invited to test the new build before its completion.

Mr Hodgins added that this Cycle Scheme would be adding and not imposing cycle facilities along the Green Lane which would tie into existing cycling infrastructure. He also noted that the report as presented included the addressed submissions. He said that the new cycle tracks would be raised, and not on the road and that this would provide the optimum segregation. He confirmed there would be a shared use path between the footpath and cycle lanes outside schools and electric scooters would be in a position to use the cycle facility also.

Mr Hodgins said that the local schools were aware of the scheme and had been included in the conversation. He noted that there was flexibility included in the scheme and if changes were needed when built that it could be improved.

The members raised the following points:

- The members all gave their support for this scheme.
- Could the council confirm when the construction was planned for? Were there any delays expected?
- Could the council consult further with the community before construction?
- The segregation was welcomed. The raised step mentioned could cause some issues for pedestrians.
- A Table Top ramp would be welcomed by the cyclists making right turns across the road.
- It was important for road users to share the one space and safety was paramount.

The District Manager welcomed the NTA funding and advised that the council had 25 schemes on board. She noted that the council had limited resources but that they would try and consult with all groups during the process. She thanked the members for their support.



Mr D Hodgins stated he was heartened to hear the positivity towards this scheme and said that he was excited to bring this project forward. He noted that this new scheme would aid local residents to make smaller journeys more easily and in a more environmentally friendly way, especially with global concerns and fuel prices rising. He advised that a consultant had been procured for the detailed design stage and that the NTA would also be consulted. He said that construction was hoped to take place in 2023. He also noted that the NTA had given positive news that there had been no indication of delays with the funding.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Killeen, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by the members that the Chief Executive's report on the Part 8 for Proposed Cycle Scheme at Green Lane, Leixlip – Planning Reference P82022.05 be approved.

### **CL10/0722**

#### **Tabletop Crossings at Castletown Estate and Oaklawn Estate**

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

That the council put tabletop crossings at the entrance to Castletown Estate and Oaklawn Estate on the Green Lane.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a raised table is proposed as part of the Green Lane/Easton Road Cycle Track Scheme Part 8 proposals that is being considered by this Municipal District for approval.

The members raised the following points:

- There had been a traffic warden previously at this junction but has now been gone for a long time.
- A new method to deter dangerous motorists was needed.
- The new cycle track scheme may help the issue and a raised area similar to a tabletop ramp could work.
- If no interim measure was put in place before the new scheme more issues may arise.



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The District Engineer advised that the council had no plans to put a tabletop ramp in place ahead of the new cycle track scheme.

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

### CL11/0722

#### Road Safety Review of the Shackleton Road

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

That the council provide an update on the road safety review of the Shackleton Road to include a timeframe for implementation of recommendations.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the procurement of a consultant to review all existing cycletracks in Celbridge will conclude in July and subject to a suitable appointment, it is expected that work will be completed on this and reported back to the Municipal District members in 2022, with a review to informing potential funding applications for 2023.

The members raised the following points:

- This issue of road safety had been raised a number of times at municipal district meetings.
- In 2019 a road safety audit was requested.
- In 2021 it was advised that the council would look at the issue of safety on the Shackleton Road
- In 2022 there was a report given that road safety would be looked at.
- Could the council confirm what would be done and when it would happen?

Mr D Hodgins advised that this was a legacy project, but the council would look at what could be done. He noted that the NTA had carried out a review of all vulnerable road users and that the Shackleton Road was not included in the roads on the cycle network. He stated that schemes were ranked by the NTA and that within the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District





the Shackleton Road was not ranked high enough to avail of one immediately. He also advised that further recommendations to the NTA would be made.

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

### **CL12/0722**

#### **Accessibility Measures on the Maynooth Road, Celbridge**

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

That the council provide an update on the accessibility measures identified on the Maynooth Road, Celbridge from Tesco junction to Main Street

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that some minor works identified in the accessibility audit have been put on the overseers list of works to be carried out by the Celbridge outdoor crew. Due to traffic management requirements other works will need to be carried out by contractors. These works will be tendered out upon the completion of the scheduled Road Improvement contracts for 2022.

Councillor Cussen asked what had happened since the minor works had been identified and put on the list of works. She highlighted the urgency for these works for people with mobility issues and wheelchair users.

The District Engineer advised that the streetscape in this area was difficult to adapt for mobility issues due to the low and high footpaths. He acknowledged that this was a legacy issue and that the streetscape needed to be worked on. He said that he would be happy to meet the councillor on site.

Councillor Cussen agreed to meet on site.

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



**CL13/0722**

**Bins outside the Wonderful Barn**

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

That bins are provided by the council outside the Wonderful Barn at appropriate locations to facilitate the disposal of litter for the large numbers of walkers and residents in the area.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District office have no issue with providing a bin outside this location. It is proposed that an un-utilised bin in the Municipal District be identified and relocated to this site to serve walkers at the wonderful barn.

Councillor Liston noted that previously she had been advised that this couldn't happen, she asked was there a new bin policy?

The District Engineer advised that previously the Parks Department had reported regarding bins within the Wonderful Barn. He said that the location of the new bin would be on the public road.

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

**CL14/0722**

**Speed Ramps in Willowbrook Lawns, Celbridge**

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

That the council install speed ramps in Willowbrook Lawns, Celbridge.

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

A report was received from by Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office are not aware of a speeding issue in



Willowbrook Lawns that might warrant the installation of speed ramps. A speed survey will be carried out to determine if there is an issue with speed in this estate.

The members raised the following points:

- The residents had made contact regarding a car that had flipped after it had hit a tree on a road beside the estate. They had also asked if speed ramps could be installed to prevent this occurring again in future. They had drafted a petition and gathered support for the petition from several households.
- Ramps were not the answer in this area. Cars parking at various times throughout the day deterred motorists from speeding.
- Poor driver behaviour was the cause for the incident that occurred. Ramps should be avoided as they caused noise in residential areas at night and would also delay emergency services using this route.

The District Manager noted that a speed survey was due to be carried out and also that a countywide speed limit review was to be carried out later in the month. She also advised that the Roads Department had a policy for speed ramps and that their use was not encouraged.

Councillor Galvin asked that this item remain on the progress report for the speed survey.

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

### **CL15/0722**

#### **Survey of Modes of Transport People Use to Get to Shops**

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

That the council carry out or commission a survey of modes of transport people use to get to shops on Main Street, Celbridge, including business owners' perceptions of what modes of transport are being used.

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



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A report was received from by Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that surveys similar to this would normally form part of a strategic review of the travel patterns in a town and would be incorporated at the appropriate time into an Area Based Transport Assessment which is linked to the Local Area Plan Process.

The members raised the following points:

- Business owners overestimate how many of their customers use cars. More bike stands should be installed for those using this mode of transport.
- Adaptive travel should be used to inform future policy.
- Could more surveys be put in place and include the modes of transports used by customers so that the council was prepared to apply for NTA funding and projects?

Mr D Hodgins acknowledged the interesting point that the surveys did not include the modes of transport used by customers visiting businesses. He advised that the council currently did not have the resource to carry out more but that potentially Maynooth University could link in to carry out this research. He noted that every town and village ought to be surveyed. He said he would raise this idea with the Senior Engineer of Roads Design.

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

### CL16/0722

#### **Safety Audit at the Junction of the Clane Road and the Shackleton Road**

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

That the council conduct a safety audit on the pedestrian crossings at the junction of the Clane Road and the Shackleton Road which is used by children from three schools.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that it is anticipated that this junction configuration and the signalised pedestrian crossing facilities at this junction will be conditioned to be upgraded as part of the Strategic Housing Development in the adjoining lands to the north.

The members raised the following points:



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- The junction of the Clane Road and the Shackleton Road had two islands which were being used by children as they crossed. There were two schools on the same side of the road and many school children cross there daily.
- Some drivers were not obeying the trafficlights and still travelling through them as they changed colour.
- What supports were available for this busy junction? Were there any school wardens in the area?
- Interim measures should be considered.
- Upgrading the junction as part of the SHD would take some time.

Mr D Hodgins advised that the council had secured NTA funding to improve the junction and also the safety for cyclists. He noted that left turn lanes were a key concern for cyclists. He also stated that two other junctions were to be examined, Cope Bridge and Youngs Cross.

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

### **CL17/0722**

#### **Liaise with the National Transport Authority to set up a Joint Working Group**

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

That this municipal district calls on the Executive to liaise with the National Transport Authority with a view to setting up a joint working group involving elected members and officials from adjoining municipal districts and an initial meeting of all stakeholders be convened to discuss matters in respect of the Greater Dublin Area transport strategy, including aspects of transport infrastructure that will impact the municipal district (Rail upgrades, M50 resilience plans etc).

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that in 2021, Kildare County Council set up an Active Travel Team within the Sustainable Transport Section of the Council. This has enabled a stronger focus on the delivery of sustainable transport projects. The Senior Engineer, as head of the team,



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is the designated link between the NTA and the Kildare County Council in the development and delivery of the various plans and projects that form part of the NTA funded programme. The practicalities of seeking a working group for individual municipal districts in different local authorities with the NTA and stakeholders would be complicated. The existing structured liaison with the Sustainable Transport Section is considered sufficient to coordinate and communicate on transportation issues of interest.

Councillor Killeen raised the following points:

- The council could liaise with South Dublin County Council and Meath County Council to make joined up plans.
- The council should sit down with other stakeholders.
- There were no existing communications between the municipal district and the other stakeholders.

Mr D Hodgins advised that add another layer of discussions would further complicate projects. He also noted that he was in direct communication with the NTA as a point of contact and that there had been a number of positives that had come from this relationship. The NTA had funded the new Sustainable Transport Team and a number of their projects.

The District Manager echoed Mr Hodgins remarks and noted that the Senior Engineer Mr S Deegan would be providing regular updates directly to the municipal districts. She also noted there were open lines of communications already in place between Kildare County Council, Meath County Council and South Dublin County Council and that information was flowing between all three local authorities. She highlighted that updates could also be found in the monthly Chief Executive report.

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

### CL18/0722

#### **Qualitative Assessment in Respect of Works Carried Out by Contractors**

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

That following contracted road works in this municipal district, a qualitative assessment be undertaken in respect of works carried out by contractors and where there might be gaps in



provision or any deficiencies, set timelines for remediation works to be completed that will improve safety and ensure clear road markings and even surfaces.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that to carry out works in the Municipal District, external contractors must apply for a road opening licence. The road opening licence is conditioned by the local authority on such items as temporary and permanent reinstatement. Kildare County Council have a dedicated person to inspect all licences after completion and any issues are reverted to the contractor for remedial action. The prescribed standards for works on public roads are set out in The Department of Transport Tourism and Sport document "Guidelines for the Opening, Backfilling and Reinstatement of Openings in Public Roads".

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

### **CL19/0722**

#### **Upgrading of the Street Lighting on Main Street, Leixlip**

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

Can the council provide an update on the upgrading of the street lighting on Main Street, Leixlip?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that public lighting along Main Street, Leixlip, will be upgraded as part of the Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project. A tendering process for Region 2, which includes Kildare, has been completed and it is anticipated that a works contractor will be appointed in the near future. At present, it is not possible to say when works will commence in Kildare as this will be a matter for the successful contractor to schedule. There are no plans or funding available to upgrade the lighting at this location in advance of the Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project.

The report was noted.



**CL20/0722**

**Signal Controlled Crossing on Shackleton Road**

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

Can the council provide an update on the timeframe for the operational date for the Signal Controlled Crossing on Shackleton Road near Priory Square?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this signal-controlled Toucan crossing is being delivered by the developer of the adjoining residential development. The developer has confirmed that they require ESB to supply power to the Toucan Crossing, they are unable to confirm a definite date for ESB supply.

The report was noted.

**CL21/0722**

**Implementation of Safe School Routes in the Municipal District**

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

Can the council provide a progress report on the implementation of safe school routes in the municipal district and specifically in Leixlip at the Castletown site where pedestrian crossing remediation is urgently required via engineering measures to immediately improve safety?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Safe Routes to School Programme is run by An Taisce Green Schools and is funded by the National Transport Authority. The Sustainable Transport Section is consulted on the progress of implementation plans and funding is provided by the NTA. The concerns raised in the question are being dealt with as part of the Green Lane / Easton Road Cycle Track Scheme Part 8 Proposals.

Councillor Killeen sought clarification on whether the council were applying for funding.

Mr D Hodgins advised that An Taisce select schools that were examined and that the council influence but do not make the decisions. He noted that the council tried to get one school per municipal district selected.

The report was noted.





**CL22/0722**

**Update on the Proposal to Develop the old ESB site**

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

Can the council provide an update on the proposal to develop the old ESB site in Leixlip?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that Cluid have appointed their Design Team and preliminary design work is progressing in collaboration with the Council's Housing Department; the relevant funding applications to the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage will follow and the ESB are in discussions with the owner of a potential site for relocation of the existing mast.

The report was noted.

**CL23/0722**

**Signage for Alcohol Bye-Laws**

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

Can the council provide an update on the siting of signage in Celbridge in respect of Kildare County Council Control of Consumption & Possession of Alcohol in Public Places Bye-Laws 2020?

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that during 2021 the Council consulted Gardai locally in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District regarding signage and at that point were informed that due to low instances of offences that signage was not warranted. However, it is noted from recent experience that there has been an increase in fines from the Leixlip Station and in that regard the Council are happy to re-engage with Gardai in the District, through the Joint Policing Committee, to see if their views on the need for signage has changed.

The Council are careful to, in consultation with Gardai, select locations of need and avoid a proliferation of signage contributing to street clutter and adversely affecting the appearance of amenity areas and town centres. The bye laws are enforceable regardless of the placement of signage, but signage may offer some deterrent.

Councillor Cussen asked if the Corporate Services Department were aware of the request that came from Celbridge which was brought forward through the Joint Policing Committee.



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She also asked if the council had made contact with the taskforce and if not would they do so.

The Meetings Administrator advised that Corporate Services were aware of the request and she advised that she would contact the Superintendent for the Celbridge-Leixlip area and Mr Joyce, Development Worker of the South-West Regional Drug and Alcohol Taskforce following the meeting to discuss suitable locations for signage.

The report was noted.

### **CL24/0722**

#### **Allocation of Houses in the new Local Authority Estate on the Ardclough Road**

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

Can the council confirm when the allocation of houses will begin in the new local authority estate on the Ardclough Road?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that it is anticipated that the units (55) will be completed in Quarter 3, 2022, the allocation process will commence once the units transfer to the ownership of Kildare County Council.

The report was noted.

### **CL25/0722**

#### **Strategic Housing Development application at Ballyoulster, Celbridge**

Ms L Murphy advised the members that they were present at the municipal district meeting to seek the views of the members in respect of a Strategic Housing Development application at Ballyoulster, Celbridge (An Bord Pleanála ref. no.: 22/313825). Ms L Murphy delivered the presentation to the members and then asked if they would have any comments regarding the application.

The members raised the following points:

- The schools in the area were being left out of the process due the Strategic Housing Development application method.
- Facilities for children needed more consideration.



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- There were worries regarding permeability issues.
- 344 units were mentioned in the application, what schools were they to use?
- The Strategic Housing Development method also tends to exclude the councillors in the process.
- The inclusion of apartments on the Dublin Road between two factories was a surprise.
- Room should be left to extend the cemetery in the area.
- The Celbridge area needed more housing, if more obstacles were put in the way of developments, then the issue of lack of housing would continue.
- More housing without the proper amenities to support the community would create issues further down the line. There was a creche mentioned in the application which is a positive.
- Bike sheds for cargo bikes should be considered.
- Childcare facilities, social infrastructure, appropriate housing and health and wellbeing care should all be included in policy for housing.
- The small space in the linear park mentioned limited the use for the community and there was no real space for congregation.

### **CL26/0722**

#### **Update on the Public Realm Projects in Celbridge**

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

Can the council provide an update on the public realm projects in Celbridge?

The following report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department:



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Location & Project Description	Current Estimated Value	Current Position	Grant Funding Awarded & Source	LPT Contribution	Next Steps	Timeline for completion of Project
Ardclough – Community Facility Phase 2	€97,000	Project is complete.	€87,300 – Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2020	N/A Match funding being provided by AVC Ltd	Official opening of the Arth Café took place on 27 June 2022.	Complete and open to the public 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2022.
Celbridge – Healthcheck & Town Renewal Plan	€73,585	Draft Town Renewal Plan nearing completion.	NIL	€73,585	Town Renewal Masterplan to be finalised and published.	Q3 2022
Leixlip – Healthcheck & Town Renewal Plan	€60,974	Draft Town Renewal Plan nearing completion.	NIL	€60,974	Town Renewal Masterplan to be finalised and published.	Q3 2022
Leixlip – The Wonderful Barn	TBC	Design team appointed and Part 8 preparation has commenced.	NIL	TBC	Survey work to commence on site.	Part 8 to be published during 2022
Location & Project Description	Current Estimated Value	Current Position	Grant Funding Awarded & Source	LPT Contribution	Next Steps	Timeline for completion of Project.
Ardclough – Healthcheck & Village Renewal Plan	€30,500	Draft Village Renewal Plan being reviewed.	€20,000	€10,500	AA screening to be carried out prior to finalisation and publication of Village Renewal Plan.	Q3 2022
Celbridge – Covid-19 Accelerated Measures	€45,000	Parklets installed.	€40,000 T&V Renewal Scheme Covid 19 Accelerated Measures	€5,000	Ongoing review	Complete
Leixlip – Covid-19 Accelerated Measures	€45,000	Parklets installed.	€40,000 T&V Renewal Scheme Covid 19 Accelerated Measures	€5,000	Ongoing review	Complete

The report was noted.

### CL26/0722

#### 2022 Public Realm Improvement Programme

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

Can the council provide a progress report on implementation of the 2022 Public Realm Improvement Programme, in tabular form, identifying which projects have been highlighted in each year since 2019, which projects have been prepared, completed, are underway (stages of progress to completion) and which have not yet commenced?

The following report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department:



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Location & Project Description	Current Estimated Value	Current Position	Grant Funding Awarded & Source	LPT Contribution	Next Steps	Timeline for completion of Project
Ardclough – Community Facility Phase 2	€97,000	Project is complete.	€87,300 – Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2020	N/A Match funding being provided by AVC Ltd	Official opening of the Arth Café took place on 27 June 2022.	Complete and open to the public 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2022.
Celbridge – Healthcheck & Town Renewal Plan	€73,585	Draft Town Renewal Plan nearing completion.	NIL	€73,585	Town Renewal Masterplan to be finalised and published.	Q3 2022
Leixlip – Healthcheck & Town Renewal Plan	€60,974	Draft Town Renewal Plan nearing completion.	NIL	€60,974	Town Renewal Masterplan to be finalised and published.	Q3 2022
Leixlip – The Wonderful Barn	TBC	Design team appointed and Part 8 preparation has commenced.	NIL	TBC	Survey work to commence on site.	Part 8 to be published during 2022
Location & Project Description	Current Estimated Value	Current Position	Grant Funding Awarded & Source	LPT Contribution	Next Steps	Timeline for completion of Project.
Ardclough – Healthcheck & Village Renewal Plan	€30,500	Draft Village Renewal Plan being reviewed.	€20,000	€10,500	AA screening to be carried out prior to finalisation and publication of Village Renewal Plan.	Q3 2022
Celbridge – Covid-19 Accelerated Measures	€45,000	Parklets installed.	€40,000 T&V Renewal Scheme Covid 19 Accelerated Measures	€5,000	Ongoing review	Complete
Leixlip – Covid-19 Accelerated Measures	€45,000	Parklets installed.	€40,000 T&V Renewal Scheme Covid 19 Accelerated Measures	€5,000	Ongoing review	Complete

The report was noted.

### CL27/0722

#### Re-stock the Rye River

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

That the council ask the relevant authorities to re-stock the Rye River as soon as possible following the recent pollution incident.

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



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A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that it is a matter for the members to agree if they wish to write to the relevant authority regarding the restocking of the river.

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

### CL28/0722

#### **Irish Water Test Results of the Ballygoran Stream, Celbridge**

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

That the council provide, or request from Irish Water, the three most recent set of test results of the Ballygoran stream, Celbridge.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that Ballygoran stream is not routinely sampled as part of the investigation monitoring.

Councillor Liston asked why was the stream not routinely sampled? She noted that it was an EPA protected water and sought confirmation if it was stated that it was not monitored?

Mr K Kavanagh advised that he would follow up with Irish Water.

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

### CL29/0722

#### **Potential Impacts of Construction Work on Lands Adjacent to at Griffinrath, Celbridge**

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

Can the council outline potential impacts of construction work and associated risks, on lands adjacent to the unlined unauthorised landfill at Griffinrath, Celbridge, of leachate entering the Ballygoran Stream and water table?



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A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that Kildare County Council is satisfied that historic land raising operations at the site referred to are not deemed to be causing or likely to cause environmental impacts on the surrounding area. Mr K Kavanagh advised that there had been a report that confirmed that the landfill in the area was not the cause of the issue and that was also no issue at Griffinrath. The report was noted.

### CL30/0722

#### Community Grant Scheme

The members considered the approval of the additional grants under the Community Grant Scheme.

Community Grants Celbridge Leixlip M.D. -Round 2				
No.	Group	Project	Grant Requested	Proposed Grant
1	CBUF Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, Leixlip	Tuition for members	€1,640	€800
2	Ardclough Community Council	Update the Ardclough road signs to new modern signage.	€3,000	€3,000
3	Celbridge Mens Shed	Manufacture of Window Boxes and Planters for distribution by the Kildare Older Voices	€3,000	€3,000
4	Ballymakealy womens group	Community party and Community garden	€1,000	€1,000
5	1st Kildare 2nd Celbridge Scout Group	Improvement to Scout site at Ardclough Rd & equipment procurement for Annual Summer camp	€1,800	€1,000
6	Confey College Parents' Association	Provision of mobile flood lights for astro-turf pitch	€3,000	€3,000
7	Leixlip Community First Responders	Equipment required in order to provide full community service	€3,000	€3,000
Round 2 Grants for approval				€14,800
Already Approved in Round 1				€43,300
Budget				€59,258
Balance				€1,158

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by the members that the grants be approved.

### CL31/0722

#### Reallocate the Neglected/Untended Allotment Plots in the Wonderful Barn

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Coleman. That the council reallocate the neglected/untended allotment plots in the Wonderful Barn to those on the waiting list.

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



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A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the council will work to establish the current position regarding unused allotments and reallocate them once this has been done.

The members raised the following points:

- 20% of the allotments in the Wonderful Barn were overgrown and this was disheartening to other owners. Some of these allotments had been left for years.
- The pressure of the water in the area needed attention.
- Were there any applicants on a waiting list that might avail of the unused allotments.

Mr S Wallace advised that a huge amount of administrative time goes into these allotments. He said between annual licences, fees, deposits and paying back owners. He acknowledged the frustration of the other owners regarding the allotments which weren't tidy but noted that the fees had been paid.

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

### CL32/0722

#### **Future Development of the Parochial House in Celbridge**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Liston.  
Can the council confirm what the expected timeline is and the potential phasing for the future development of the Parochial House in Celbridge?

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the Council hope to finalise the purchase of the Parochial House and lands with the Parish over the coming months. A high-level spatial analysis for the development of the library and the land for community use will be included in the draft Celbridge Town Renewal Masterplan (TRMP) and the project will be identified as a key/priority project for the town in the TRMP. Inclusion of the project in the TRMP process will help in securing funding as the Department recommends and favourably views this approach.





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It is envisaged that the proposal for the Capital development of the library and community space will be included in a submission for Category 2 URDF funding when the next call out is announced by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. If successful under Category 2 Kildare County Council will then have the funding to tender for the appointment of an Architect Lead Design Team. The Design Team will be responsible for the Feasibility Report, required surveys and then the preparation of drawings for the Part 8 Planning submission.

The construction phase of the project will require an additional successful application under Category 1 URDF funding once Part 8 Planning is approved. Under URDF funding 75% of capital costs will be granted but the remaining 25% must be funded by Kildare County Council.

The report was noted.

### **CL33/0722**

#### **Communication on the Appeal in Relation to the North Kildare Swimming Pool**

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

Can the council update the members on any communication from the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media on the appeal submitted in relation to the North Kildare Swimming Pool?

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that there is no update on this further to what was already advised to the members previously.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.