



**Minutes of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District
Held on Friday, 16 September 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 and Councillor J Neville.

Apologies: Councillor C Galvin

Officials Present: Ms E Wright (District Manager), Mr R Linnane (Municipal District Engineer), Mr G Conlan (Senior Executive Officer), Mr G Maher (A/Senior Executive Officer), Mr D Hodgins, (Senior Engineer), Mr S Wallace (Senior Parks Superintendent), Mr M McLoughlin (Administrative Officer), Ms S Farrar (A/Administrative Officer), Ms S Barry (A/Senior Staff Officer), Mr J Hennessy (Senior Executive Engineer), Ms S.J Walsh (Senior Executive Officer), Mr T Shanahan (Meetings Administrator), Ms J Woodhouse (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

Leas Cathaoirleach Councillor Killeen assumed the chair as Councillor Liston had sent her apologies.

CL01/0922

Declaration of Interest

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



CL02/0922

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the annual Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting and the minutes of the monthly Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 15 July 2022 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 annual meeting held on the 15 July 2022 be confirmed and taken as read. On the proposal of Councillor Coleman and seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by the members that the monthly meeting held on 15 July 2022, of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District be confirmed and taken as read.

The progress report was noted

CL03/0922

Municipal District Road works

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

In preparation for Winter the outdoor maintenance crews would be starting works on hedgerow cutting at junctions, gully cleaning and open drain and water cut clearing. These works are due to commence in the coming weeks and will last for approximately 7 to 9 weeks.

The Footpath Replacement Works - work packages are out to tender for footpath replacement works in Thornhill and Willowbrook in Celbridge and St. Marys Park, Leixlip. Tender packages are currently being finalized for infill footpath on Hazelhatch Road between Wolsten Abbey and Shinkeen Road.



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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, repairs to bridge and bridge protection works also complete-minor works starting next week
3	R403 Shakleton Rd. to Ardrass	Mon July 11	Fri July 22	Completed
4	L5056 Glen Easton to Westfield	Mon July 25	Fri July 29	Contractor to return to replace areas not in accordance with specification.
5	L1016 Ardclough Rd & L5064 Kearneystown	Tues August 2	Fri August 12	Completed
6	L2008 Boston Cottages	Mon July 18	Fri July 22	Completed

LPT projects/works.

- Footpath at Loughlinstown Road. (Discussions have commenced with landowners and utility companies) Quotation received from one utility company(ESB), awaiting further quotes.
- Sunday sweeping and bin emptying in Celbridge and Leixlip ongoing.- Members advised that the allocated monies will last at the latest 2 weeks into next month.



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Road Opening Licenses:

- Irish Water works being carried out by Coffey Construction are progressing on the Dublin Road and on Primrose Hill / Hazelhatch Road.
- Installation of foul rising main on Green Lane, Leixlip programmed to be completed by end of month including full permanent reinstatement of footpath and cycle lane surfaces.
- Oldtown Road closure to commence on 12/09/22 for a duration of two weeks. Closure facilitating ESB contractor installing ducting.

Private Developer Works

Crodaun

Developer completed footpath and cycle lane realignment works opposite site. Awaiting ESB connection alteration for new public lighting to allow removal of existing street lighting to complete works on development side of road and complete permanent entrance to development.

Shackleton Road

Developer awaiting completion of Oldtown Road closure and works being carried out on behalf of ESB to schedule final overlay of Shackleton Road.

St Patrick's Park

Final snagging works including landscaping works to green area being carried out in coming weeks.

All members thanked the District Engineer and his team for their great works to date.

The members raised the following:

- Ongoing work on Cope Bridge is causing the path to be blocked and pedestrians being forced out onto the road, this is dangerous especially for people with pushchairs or wheelchair users.
- Is there a time frame available for both Shackleton Road and Old Town Road works?



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- Recently 4 trees were removed in Maynooth on the footpath, can these be expected to be replaced?

The Municipal District Engineer advised the members that he will investigate situation at Cope bridge. The time frame for the two roads identified could possibly be towards Christmas. He also confirmed that the trees removed would be replanted in Autumn/Winter season with mature trees.

Ms. E Wright advised the members that significant works are ongoing around the Municipal District in preparation for Winter.

The report was noted.

CL04/0922

Representation for Corporate Policy Group

To approve the appointment of a representative from the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District to the Corporate Policy Group as the representative from this Municipal District.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville, Seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by the members, that Councillor Liston be appointed as the representative for the Corporate Policy Group representing the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.

The members agreed to take the supplementary item 'To consider the Chief Executive's Part 8 Report for the Celbridge Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge, Co. Kildare' as item number 5.

Councillor Liston joined remotely for this section of the meeting.

CL05/0922

Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge, Co. Kildare

The members considered the Chief Executive's report on the part 8 Report for the Celbridge Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge, Co. Kildare (Ref P82022.07) circulated by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department.



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The members welcomed the report as being such an important piece of work for Celbridge Town especially for vulnerable road users, as the current footpath was not fit for purpose. Members noted that this will not solve all issues but is seen as a very good starting point. The members sought clarification regarding whether a presentation was expected at the meeting and whether any identified amendments should be raised today.

Mr Hodgins advised no presentation is due as the members had already been furnished with the Chief Executives report and that the purpose for today was to make a decision to either.

- a) Accept the report
- b) Not accept the report, or
- c) Accept the report with modifications.

Mr Hodgins advised that any modifications if any, needed to be agreed today prior to final decision. Following discussions, the members raised the following;

- They noted that this is a great step for accessibility into Celbridge Town. It will be safer for all crossing the bridge, and consequently opens up possible cycleways and other infrastructure for the town.
- That there is a need to remove the pole outside the Bank of Ireland and underground cables
- To retain two lanes exiting Main Street Celbridge to the bridge, with consequential amendments to pedestrian crossing
- Asked would a raised pedestrian crossing be an option and for the crossing to be bought back a couple of metres?
- What lighting will be in place on the bridge?
- The timeframe available for completion?

Mr Hodgins advised the members that;

- It is intended in the County Development Plan to have all new paths with lighting as part of the criteria at application phase.
- The type of lighting on the bridge will be determined during the next stage on this project and that the intended lighting, height of lights, sensitivity and ecological habitats will all be looked into during this phase.



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- Subject to agreement from the Members a consultant is already procured, and a recommendation will then be sent to the chief Executive's Office.
- He confirmed that the NTA have funded up to detail design.
- For the request of a raised pedestrian crossing and any alteration in size this would be assessed at design stage. During the design stage a 3d design would be done and issues such as drainage and the incline/decline of the area would be looked into. Mr Hodgins agreed to include this request in the assessment process.

On the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Cussen the amendments below were agreed by the members.

- 1) To retain two lanes exiting Main Street Celbridge to the bridge, with consequential amendments to pedestrian crossing.
- 2) The removal of the pole outside the Bank of Ireland and underground cables.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Cussen, the report was, including amendments agreed by all members.

Councillor Liston had to leave the meeting and Councillor Killeen assumed the chair.

CL06/0922

Report on Estates in Municipal District

The members previously received a report on finished, unfinished, and estates under construction in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District

The Members welcomed the new clearer format for the reports.

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



CL07/0922

To Consider the Taking in Charge of St. Wolstan's Court, Celbridge

The members received a report regarding the taking in charge of St Wolstan's Court, Celbridge.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, Seconded by Councillor Cussen, the members agreed to take in charge St Wolstan's Court, Celbridge.

CL08/0922

Repair of Concrete Roads in Housing Estates in Leixlip.

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Caldwell. That the council repair the gaps and damages that have developed on the concrete roads in housing estates in Leixlip.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that The Municipal District office continually carries out repair and maintenance activities on the concrete roads in estates across the district. Minor and emergency works are carried out directly by the outdoor staff addressing localised slab and expansion joint failures. Periodically larger full slab replacement works are contracted out when there is a sufficient volume of work available to form a viable works tender package. If there are specific areas that the elected members have concerns about these can be reported to the Municipal District office and they will be assessed, and repairs carried out where necessary.

Councillor Caldwell presented a petition with 100 names relating to the noise caused by the increase of bus traffic on Main Avenue Riverforest. The noise is said to be noticeably worse between the hours of 8pm and 10pm at night and Councillor Caldwell referred to the problem as a matter of urgency as it has been ongoing for over 18 months. Councillor Caldwell asked what can be done to rectify this problem?

The members raised the following

- Aware that tar covering solves noise problem but this rips over the concrete over time so maintenance is then the problem.



- Could resurfacing from the bus terminal to the main road be an option. Even electric buses cause noise problems when driving over the rumble strips.
- Would there be any funding available from NTA or bus connect?
- Members considered putting a joint motion into the next meeting to discuss this matter further as Councillor Caldwell's proposed deputation was deemed not to be an amendment on the grounds that it sought a meeting, whereas the motion sought works, and that it related to a specific area and was not generalised as per the motion. Deputations also require separate notice of motion on the agenda. Members also felt more time would be needed to discuss this matter in depth.

Mr Linnane agreed to accept the petition from Councillor Caldwell. He informed the members that any other areas of concern are to be directly reported to the Municipal District Office so each individual case can be investigated. Mr Linnane agreed to ask the team to look at noise levels and the number of buses at this location.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, Seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by the members that River Forest be looked into, the petition be accepted and the report be accepted.

As Councillor Galvin was absent, she had authorised Councillor Killeen to propose her motion.

CL09/0922

Hazelhatch Road to the Bridge

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Galvin. That direct access from the Hazelhatch Road to the bridge be permanently closed to motor traffic.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Killeen and seconded by Councillor Cussen. A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the list of roads objectives for Celbridge is included in the Celbridge LAP 2017 to 2023, which does not include preventing vehicular access between Hazelhatch Road and the bridge. The LAP Roads Objective map was distributed and is attached



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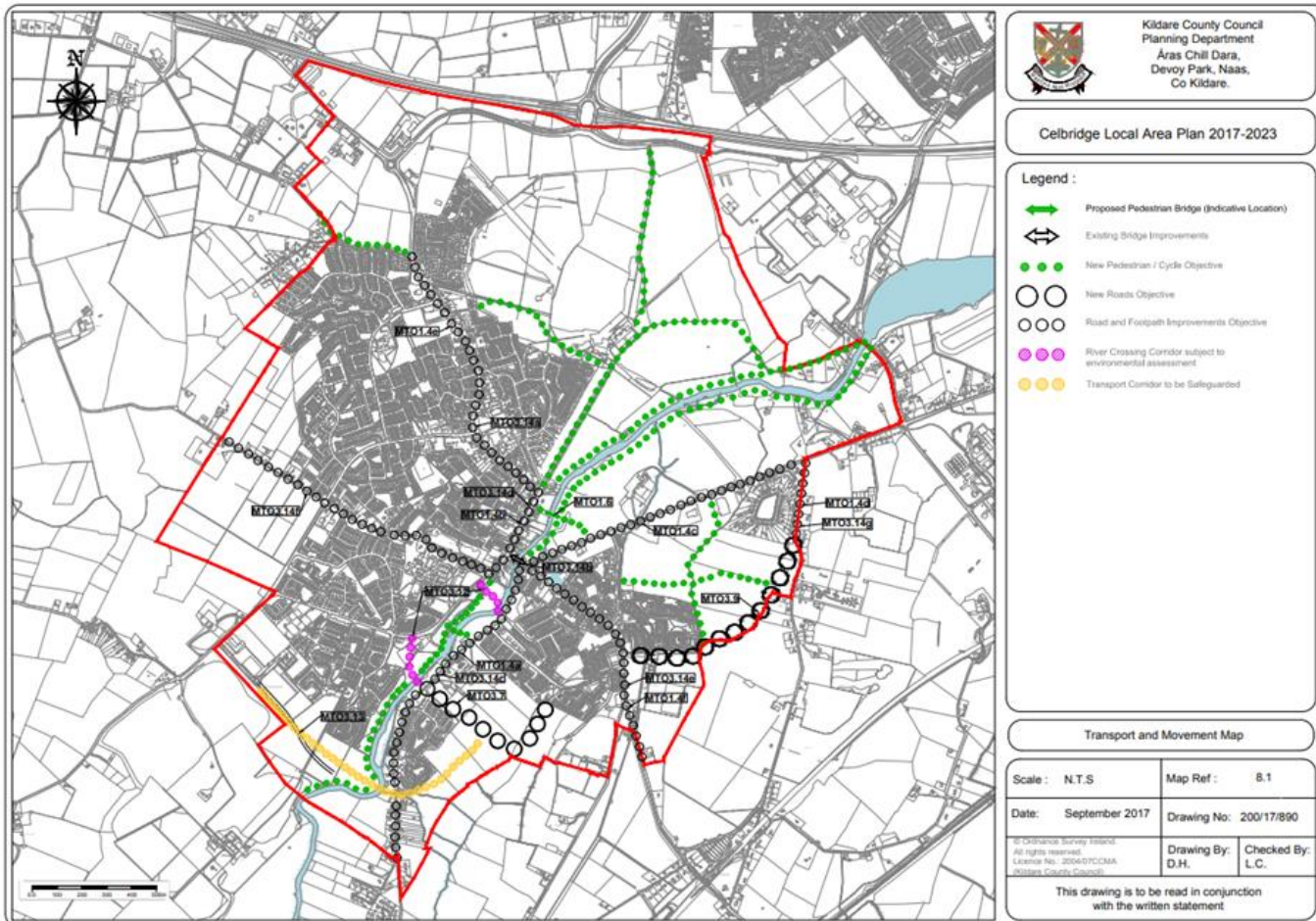
- The Hazelhatch to Celbridge Road is the R405 Regional Road. Regional Roads are defined under S.I. No. 54/2012 - Roads Act 1993 (Classification of Regional Roads) Order 2012. Regional roads are roads of regional importance, managed and maintained by Local Authorities and ranking third in terms of importance after the national primary and national secondary roads. They are described in the Department of Transport's Traffic Signs Manual as "the main feeder routes for national primary and national secondary routes".

Definition of R405: Maynooth, County Kildare — Newcastle, County Dublin

Between its junction with R406 at Straffan Road in the town of Maynooth and its junction with R403 at Main Street in the town of Celbridge via Ballygoran and Crodaun all in the county of Kildare and between its junction with R403 at Dublin Road in the town of Celbridge in the county of Kildare and its junction with R120 at Peamount Road in the town of Newcastle in the county of South Dublin via Primrose Hill in the town of Celbridge in the county of Kildare: Hazelhatch Bridge and Newcastle Farm in the county of South Dublin.

The closure of the Hazelhatch Road to motor traffic isn't considered an appropriate measure.

Map



In proposing the motion Councillor Killeen read an email from Councillor Galvin advising that the junction at the bridge in Celbridge, where the Dublin Road, the Newtown Road, and the Hazelhatch Road meet the bridge is well known as very difficult junction, that can be dangerous to navigate at busy times. There are regular delays on the bridge and causes back ups into the town and that this is an ongoing issue over a number of years.

After discussions the members raised the following

- Currently the area is a danger to cyclists and pedestrians
- Could diversions be looked into?
- The members accept that they feel it would be premature to close road of completely as it will be increased back to two lanes with the amendments to the Part 8 and considered looking into this again after the upgrade of new bridge



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- Councillor Coleman, on a point of order, accepted by the Chair, asked that the minutes reflect his statement that a previous member of the District had not changed their position regarding this road.

The District Manager asked for it to be noted that the Council is not in agreement to close the road at this time. Members were advised that closing the road would be premature as ongoing works are being carried out and for the members to understand the position at present of the Roads Department on this matter.

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

CL10/0922

Yellow Box at the Entrance to Westfield Estate

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Killeen.
That the council place a yellow box at the entrance to Westfield Estate in Leixlip

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District office will carry out an assessment of the queuing traffic exiting the Westfield entrance to determine if there is a need for a yellow box.

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

CL11/0922

Issues Raised by the Rinawade Residents Association

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

That the council examine the infrastructure and anti-social behaviour issues raised by the Rinawade Residents Association and liaise with the community and An Garda Síochána to resolve these issues.

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



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A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Anti-social behaviour issues are a matter for An Garda Síochána. Issues of this nature can be discussed at the JPC meeting for the Municipal District. Requests to examine infrastructure in the area should be submitted by the Residents Association through CRM and referred to the relevant department.

A report was also received from the Parks Department informing the members that The necessary tree pruning works are listed for inclusion in the next Arboricultural Works Programme to commence in 2023.

The maintenance of overgrown shrubs is a matter for Rinawade Residents Association. The tree stumps between Rinawade and Barnhall have been removed to ground level. The remaining tree roots will decay naturally, and the grass areas will become re-established. Works along the Barnhall and Rinawade boundary are currently in progress by Glenveagh Homes in line with Planning Compliance requirements. The temporary barriers will be removed upon completion of works.

Councillor Killeen stated she was happy with the report and noted that some matters are already resolved, and the rest are ongoing.

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

CL12/0922

Grotto in Celbridge

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

That public lighting be installed on the Grotto in Celbridge.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members The Public Lighting section does not have funds for additional lighting in this year's budget. The request has been added to the KLIPS register. However, should LPT funds be made available, the lighting for the Grotto will be provided sooner.



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All the members were in support of this motion and noted that the area would be further enhanced with lighting. Members discussed considering allocating LPT into this project next year.

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

CL13/0922

Entrance at Castletown House

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

Can the council provide a report on the proposed pedestrian/accessibility improvements to the interchange entrance at Castletown House?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a design for these works has been completed and they include an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing with a refuge island on the eastern side of the back entrance to Castletown House. A tender process has commenced to engage a contractor to carry out the works.

The report was noted.

CL14/0922

Cycle Racks on Main Street

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

Can the council confirm if there are plans to install new cycle racks on Main Street, Celbridge?

A report was received from by Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Sustainable Transport Section has a programme of works for 2022. This includes the detailed design of the proposed NTA funded pedestrian/cycle bridge. The team is also progressing the installation of cycle parking at schools and clubs across the county. If there is an opportunity to include the installation of cycle parking on Main Street, then this will be incorporated into one of these schemes.



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Councillor Cussen asked for the Sustainable Transport team and Parks section to liaise on this matter as new trees in pots at Main Street are due to go into this area shortly so it would make sense for both projects to work together.

The report was noted

CL15/0922

Wall Beside the Bridge in Celbridge

Item 15 fell as Councillor Galvin was not present at the meeting.

CL16/0922

Oldtown Woods, Celbridge

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

Can the council outline what measures have been put in place to deal with speeding issues at Oldtown Woods, Celbridge.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a review of the existing cycle track facilities in Celbridge Town has commenced. This will include Shackleton Road, however, there are no plans to install traffic calming measures on this link. Reports of speeding should be reported to An Garda Síochána who are responsible for the enforcement of road traffic regulations.

The report was noted.

CL17/0922

Motorists Ignoring School Wardens

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

That following the recent announcement of an increase in fines for motorists ignoring school wardens, how does the council seek to resolve driver behaviour issues at Green Lane, Leixlip where no school warden or safety assessment is in place.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the ultimate responsibility for driver behaviour rests with the motorist themselves. Enforcement of road traffic regulations is a matter for An Garda



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Síochána. The Council liaises with An Garda Síochána on a regular basis on relevant matters.

In the case of Green Lane, Leixlip, the Council has brought forward proposals for a comprehensive improvement for vulnerable road users as part of the Green Lane Cycle Track Scheme. This scheme is at the detailed design stage and subject to funding is planned to start construction in 20230.

Councillor Killeen sought clarification stating she was looking into how to resolve driver behaviour at a significant number of junctions where no school warden and no safety measures are in place leading to unacceptable driver behaviour.

Mr Hodgins informed the members that responsibility for dealing with driver behaviour lies with An Garda Síochána who hold the power of enforcement. The Council can look individually into junctions, but enforcement remains the responsibility of An Garda Síochána. The report was noted.

CL18/0922

Drain Cleaning Programme

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

Can the council confirm the starting date for the drain cleaning programme in this Municipal District

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that winter drain cleaning maintenance works will commence in the latter half of October. This will comprise refreshing of water cuts and clearing open drains and the cleaning of gully pots and silt traps in closed drainage networks. The works will take approximately 8 weeks to complete.

Councillor Coleman asked the Municipal District Engineer would it be possible to furnish the members with week on week expected works in the Municipal District. This would enable the members to give residents an idea moving forward of where to expect possible delays.



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Mr Linnane agreed that he would look into producing a schedule of works to give some idea to the members of estates where works are due to be carried out in the coming weeks, but they needed to be aware it could be subject to change at this time of the year.

The report was noted

CL19/0922

Maintaining Trees and Hedgerows

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

Can the council confirm by what means they are informing the public of the responsibility of land owners to ensure that trees and hedgerows are maintained in such condition that they are not a hazard to road and footpath users?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members The notice below is published twice a year in the Leinster Leader, Liffey Champion, Kildare Nationalist, Irish Independent Farming Supplement and Farmers Journal. The notice is also placed on our website and social media pages reaching a wide audience.

PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR ATTENTION OF LANDOWNERS/OCCUPIERS

Landowners and occupiers of properties which adjoin public roads are obliged under the Roads Act, 1993 to ensure that trees, shrubs, hedges or any other vegetation on their land are not, or could not, become a danger to people using or working on a public road.

The maintenance of roadside trees, hedges and other vegetation is the responsibility of the landowner on whose land they are growing. Landowners should therefore ensure that trees, hedges, or other vegetation are maintained in such condition that they are not a hazard to road users or that they do not interfere with the maintenance of the road. All reasonable care should be taken to ensure the safety of road users when this work is being carried out.



Section 40 of the Wildlife Act 1976 as amended by the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000 and the Heritage Act 2018, in relation to the cutting of hedges and the clearing of vegetation during the bird nesting season from 1 March to 31 August.

Cutting of hedgerows can take place from September to February, when hedgerows are dormant.

“From 1 March to 31 August there are restrictions on the cutting of hedges and the clearing of vegetation on uncultivated lands. These restrictions are for the protection of nesting birds. The Wildlife Acts 1976 and 2018 set out the details of these restrictions.”

The report was noted.

CL20/0922

Main Street and the Captains Hill, Leixlip

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

That the council request all property owners on Main Street and the Captains Hill, Leixlip to develop and open or lease out their premises.

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

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the Vacant Homes Officer will carry out inspections of the area mentioned and contact property owners where appropriate in order to outline the options available to them to bring their properties back into use.

Councillor Caldwell noted that there were several closed buildings in the area, possibly 15 in total and that this was damaging the look of the town at a time when everyone was working hard to regenerate the area. Councillor Caldwell sought clarification on what the Council can do to help and whether there is a legal way to move this on?

The members raised the following

- Need to work on owners taking responsibility to improve the Leixlip shopping experience
- That the Council own one of the biggest vacant sites in Leixlip since 2006.
- This was not a recent problem has been ongoing for 15 plus years



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Ms Farrar advised the members that all their concerns were noted would be brought to Ms Byrne. A survey would be carried out of the area, identifying who owns the properties and to look into what can be done. Councillor Caldwell asked for Ms Byrne to meet him in the town to discuss this matter.

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

CL21/0922

New Housing Units Expected Over the Next Twelve Months

Item 21 fell as Councillor Liston was not present at the meeting.

CL22/0922

Update on Public Realm Projects

A report was received from the Planning Department updating the members on Public Realm projects for noting by members (Report previously circulated)

The members welcomed the report and asked for update on the Wonderful Barn

The District Manager advised the members that a Design Team are in place and have an internal meeting arranged. The meeting aims to assess options for the future use of the building and area around it and that this would inform the Part 8 proposal. The District Manager agreed to update the members regarding the outcome of the Wonderful Barn meeting. She advised that once the future use is agreed it will progress onto the planning stage. She assured the Members that it is progressing well and is on track to be delivered by the end of the year.

The members suggested that once planning stage is nearer that the Council look into setting up a public consultation to look into possible ideas and to include the people who have been maintaining the area so well. This project has been ongoing for 25 years and will be unique in Europe and great for the town.

Ms Wright agreed for a community information board to be erected with a possible time frame towards the end of October. This would update the public on progress to date.

On a separate matter the members asked for planting to be reviewed in the Municipal District and maintenance of benches be looked into.



They also asked that the Council look at a permanent home for the mens/womens shed.

Mr Conlan advised the members that currently there are over 60 ongoing projects at present and that prioritising a number of them is now critical given the funding received for them some time ago. He noted that there have been legal issues across the sector regarding health checks that have affected projects across all MDs as it has necessitated Strategic Environmental Assessment by a consultant. Regarding maintenance of parklets in some areas the Tidy Towns have come on board. Currently the council are looking into costings of maintenance by a procured service provider, and he is aware of the dead plants and associated littering. The women's shed has been added as a core project in the Celbridge Master plan and this is ongoing work.

The report was noted

CL23/0922

Logging of Roadkill

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

That a pilot biodiversity project be carried out in Celbridge to lift and list all roadkill to assist in logging of wildlife in our area.

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

A report from the Corporate Services Department advised the members that if the members are in agreement that this will be forwarded to SPC for consideration.

Councillor Cussen felt that it would be the Environment SPC to be contacted regarding this proposal. Councillor Cussen would like to see this project working with local community groups. She would like the number of road kill to be logged and monitored in some way to identify risks to and information on biodiversity. All members were supportive of this motion.

Mr Conlon updated the members that notification was received the previous day, that Kildare County Council had been successful (following application) for a new position of Bio-Diversity Officer. No further details were available as the job description is yet to be defined



precisely but he felt this could hopefully fall under the remit of this new role. Mr Conlon is to report back to the members with any updates.

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

CL24/0922

Wonderful Barn

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Caldwell.
Can the council provide an update on the restoration of the Wonderful Barn and its surroundings?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that a new design team (led by Metropolitan Workshop with Conservation Architects Howley Hayes) has been appointed and they are currently progressing the initial survey work for the Preliminary Design Stage. The members will be kept informed of a proposed Open Day for informal public feedback to aid develop the Preliminary Design, a date for which will be set in October. It is anticipated that the Part 8 will be advertised in December.
The report was noted.

CL25/0922

Schools Campus at Donaghcumper/Ballyoulster

Item 25 fell as Councillor Galvin was not present at the meeting.

Councillor Liston was absent and had authorised Councillor Cussen to bring forward her motion.

CL26/0922

Climate Change Risk Assessment

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Liston.
That the council develop a climate change risk assessment for the municipal district to include hazard, risk and consequences; impact severity, likelihood and exposure, as well as existing controls and response options/opportunities.



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The motion was proposed by Councillor Cussen (who had been authorised by Cllr Liston to do so) and seconded by Councillor Caldwell

A report was received from the Environment and Climate action Department advising the members that under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 and Climate Action Plan Act 2021 each local authority is to develop a Climate Action Plan (CAP). This will include assessment and analysis of the risks associated with Climate Change for the county and the mitigation and adaptation actions including opportunities associated. In the case of Kildare County Council, a Sustainable Energy Climate Action Plan/Climate Action Plan (SECAP/CAP) is being developed to meet the requirements under the Covenant of Mayors (of which we are signatories), the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 and Climate Action Plan Act 2021. It is our understanding that the guidance required to develop the CAP are due to be published shortly enabling the advancement of the SECAP/CAP.

This motion can be considered further when the guidelines are issued. While a broader countywide climate risk assessment is envisaged there is the unlikely possibility that such will be required at Municipal District level.

Councillor Cussen read an email from Councillor Liston noting that the point of this motion is to highlight that assessing real local risks can provide a real and meaningful focus for communities on climate issues. She urged the Climate Office to consider

- calling for interested community members, (through a process), to join in co-designing public engagement with communities 1) on SECAP/LCAP and most importantly 2) on local level risk assessment.
- she also asks that we apply for funding to support the project.

She welcomed the fact that all of these studies will be undertaken and understands we are waiting on guidelines, but there is an opportunity to start thinking about such risk analysis and to get the community involved. Communities have already suggested community-based risk planning to the Council as a project. This demonstrates a real appetite among community groups and residents.



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Ms Wright informed the members that the Council will look into what can be done to get the Communities involved after they have received and reviewed the Climate Action Plan guidelines, which are expected during October.

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

CL27/0922

New Cemetery for Leixlip

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

Can the council provide an update on the status of the new cemetery for Leixlip?

A report was received from the Environment Department to the members that the Council have identified a site reasonably close to the existing cemetery and this remains under consideration. The site would seem to be suitable and it will be necessary to come to agreement with the owners before proceeding further. The constraints relating to the current cemetery are noted and the import of the notice of question is fully understood.

Councillor Caldwell accepted the report but would like to see things progress as soon as they possibly can.

The report was noted

CL28/0922

LPT Community Innovation Fund and Residents' Association

To note LPT Community Innovation Fund and Residents' Association (Projects) Grants Scheme.

A report was presented to the members to note LPT Community Innovation Fund and Residents' Association (Projects) Grants Scheme.



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Celbridge Leixlip M.D. Community Innovation Fund 2022			
Group	Project	Grant Requested	Proposed Grant
Leixlip Youth Premises Group	Exterior wall art and workshops for Parent and Toddler groups.	€2,850	€2,565
Parents Council Colaiste Chiarain	Restore two unused basketball courts	€2,000	€1,800
Elm Hall Heritage Group	Performance to celebrate the life and music of Joseph Locke	€3,000	€2,700
Tea Lane graveyard committee	Outdoor Led Lights and Indoor lights Control Board	€1,379	€1,240
Celbridge Tourism and Heritage Forum	Purchase bunting and wall plaques	€2,000	€1,800
PlayActing Youth Theatre, Celbridge	Introduce young people to differenet genres of drama	€1,260	€1,135
Leixlip Musical & Variety Group	A new stage 'backdrop' system	€3,000	€2,700
Celbridge Town AFC	New equipment for the academy and underage teams	€3,000	€2,700
Community Cancer Caregivers	Home cooked meals for the days after treatment.	€2,700	€2,430
Celbridge Bowling Club	To restart the Celbridge Bowling Club	€3,400	€2,000
Abbey Art Group Celbridge	An Event to launch book, "Celbridge - the Artist's Way,"	€2,500	€2,250
Ardclough Village Centre CLG	Bio diversity and commemorative garden development	€3,075	€2,770
The Acre Project	To provide bathroom facilities at our recently developed Lawn Bowling project.	€3,000	€2,700
Celbridge GAA	Lighting Upgrade in poorly lit storage area	€3,000	€2,700
Leixlip ETNS Parent Guardian Teacher Association	A multi-sensory and inclusive play area	€3,000	€2,700
St Patrick's Primary School	Safe outdoor space for pupils with additional needs	€3,000	€2,700
Maynooth University Barnhall R.F.C. Finance committee LPT 2022 grant application	Provide & mark 2 disabled car parking spaces & associated signage	€3,000	€2,700
Ballyoulster United	Fence and landscape area where new waste water system built	€3,000	€2,700
confey College Parents' Association	Provision of a sensory room for ASD pupils in Confey College	€3,000	€2,700
Craobh Bheartla UÁ- Fhlatharta	Performance of a newly composed suite of music to celebrate 40 years of promoting music, song, dance agus an Ghaeilge.	€3,000	€2,700
Ardclough Youth Theatre	Lighting equipment and volunteer training	€3,000	€2,700
Bushido Martial Arts	Club non personal training equipment	€2,770	€2,495
Celbridge Community Council	1.Reactivation of the Care & Repair service and replacement cooker for the Youth Cafe	€3,000	€1,950
Parents Association Scoil Na Mainistreach	Playground markings for junior and senior infant yards	€2,000	€1,800
Scoil Eoin Phoil	An outdoor Learning Environment	€3,000	€2,700
Run of the Mill	Train our participants with intellectual disabilities in samba music so they can take part in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Celbridge.	€3,000	€2,700
Carers Support group - north kildare	Art class for family carers.	€1,073	€965
The Irish Military Heritage Foundation CLG	Celbridge's Story - a multimedia programme exploring the culture, history, heritage,	€2,000	€1,800
Leixlip GAA	Underage equipment for Cul camps.	€3,000	€2,600
Confey GAA	Equipment for parents and children	€3,000	€2,600
Total for approval		€80,007	€70,000

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

CL29/0922

Celbridge Age Friendly Town Project

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

That members be updated on the status of the Celbridge Age Friendly Town project and that members be involved in the organisation of an event to mark the occasion of its launch.

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



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A report was received from the Economic Community and Cultural Department informing the members that The Age Friendly Programme for Celbridge was finalised in 2020. A lot of progress has been made since then including making Celbridge Main Street fully accessible. Older residents can now park their cars in the designated Age Friendly parking spaces and rest on any one of the Age Friendly seats that has been installed in this old and historical town of Celbridge.

There was a lot of engagement with the community to achieve the Age Friendly status including:

1. Consultation with the older people of Celbridge and creation of a matrix which identified their needs from a physical, health, social integration, educational and ease of movement perspectives.
2. Inclusion of older people in the planning process.
3. Demonstration of the benefits of a multi-agency approach and engage the members of the Kildare Age Friendly Alliance who have Celbridge as part of their remit.
4. Information sessions with businesses' in Celbridge on the valuable asset that older customers make and outline changes that could be made as to how to make minor adjustments to their shopping experience allowing it to be an easier and more pleasurable experience.
5. Assisting older people in building a rewarding relationship with the volunteer members of the Kildare Older Persons Council for the Celbridge/Leixlip Municipal District who advocate on their behalf.
6. Promotion and advance opportunities in Celbridge for greater participation in social, sporting and educational projects specifically designed for older people i.e. Digital Poverty Training, Active Retired, Silver Threads, Choir and Men's Shed.

The official launch of Celbridge as an Age Friendly town is planned for December 2022. The council would welcome and encourage the involvement of the Municipal District members in this launch.

Councillor Cussen was happy with the report and all members looked forward to getting involved with the official launch, which was of great importance to the town after Covid. She



sees the opportunity to get everyone on board including GPs and the Primary Care centre to get the message out to as many people as possible and make it an inclusive event.

The town is making great progress with accessibility and becoming more age friendly but this project needs the whole Municipal District to continue to work together to be a great success.

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

Councillor Galvin was absent and authorised for Councillor Killeen to bring forward her motion

CL30/0922

Second Public Playground in Celbridge

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

That the council provide a second public playground in Celbridge.

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

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that the provision of a second playground in Celbridge is dependent upon identification of an appropriate site. In the meantime, the Celbridge Outdoor Youth Facility project is progressing as planned. Also in the meantime, the Council is liaising with Saint John of God Community Services to re-open Celbridge Abbey Playground which has had access difficulties since the COVID 19 pandemic. Saint John of God Community Services have a number of concerns regarding the re-opening of the playground and the Council is working with the Service to address these concerns.

Councillor Killeen read an email from Councillor Galvin thanking the team for work done to date and noting there is currently around €60,000 waiting to upgrade aspects of the St John of Gods playground. Councillor Galvin feels this would be better used to start developing a playground elsewhere in Celbridge, preferably on the south side of the bridge where there are many young children (of which numbers are increasing due to new developments) who do not currently have access to a playground within walking distance. Ideally the council would seek access to the land it owns at Donaghcumper and develop a second playground



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there. Councillor Galvin asked that the matter either be agreed in the meeting or be referred to the playground and youth space subcommittee for further discussion and to develop a draft proposal.

Mr Wallace addressed the motion and after discussions between the members it was noted that there is a queue of projects in the area and that their prioritisation had been agreed and was being worked on. Specifically related to the motion both members and the Parks Section agreed a playground is needed in the area, but the problem lies in finding a suitable location and in the staff resources in the Parks team to progress all the projects. It was noted that various locations where SHD developments were proposed or ongoing may be suitable. While noting the resource issues, following the suggestion of Cllr Killeen, the members agreed to further discuss the motion at the next playground subcommittee meeting.

Councillors Cussen and Caldwell informed the members that they had good news to report regarding funding from Intel for the Access Group. The members were updated that Intel have come onboard to support, fund the delivery of this fully accessible playground by Kildare County Council Parks Department. Intel have committed funding of 80k through their Community Engagement Fund. They have contributed 40k to Kildare County Council Parks Department this year with a commitment of a further 40k funding in 2023. The project is currently at design stage and is estimated to cost in excess of 350k to deliver. The monies will be used to upgrade the Leixlip Community Centre playground to make the playground inclusive to all. Michael Hurley from the access team has been involved in the project and it is going to design stage soon. The members welcomed the news and asked for a letter of thanks be sent to Intel, noting that the members would arrange same.

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

CL31/0922

Willowbrook Park

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

That no recreational equipment be installed in Willowbrook Park, with the exception of the playground, before a Masterplan of the Park is complete.



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

A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that there are no plans to install recreational equipment into Willowbrook Park, except for into the existing playground, without a masterplan.

Councillor Coleman accepts the reports but highlighted the importance of a master plan and for it to be accessible by everyone. There is increasing anti-social behaviour at Willowbrook Park and there have been call outs to the fire and Gardai personnel over 3 consecutive nights. Support is needed from the Gardai and the County Council on this matter.

Mr Wallace advised the members that the work programme has been agreed and is the priority but that also he does not have a dedicated projects team in place and all projects are going up in scale. When a projects team come on board it will give the section the ability to offer a time scale and he is hopeful this resource issue is being addressed. Unfortunately, he is unable to give a time frame on the master plan at the present time.

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

CL32/0922

Ukrainian Families

Item 32 fell as Councillor Liston was not present at the meeting.

The meeting concluded.