



**Minutes of the Celbridge - Leixlip Municipal District Meeting
Held on Friday 16 June 2023 at 10:00 a.m
In the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara.**

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

Officials Present: Ms C Barrett (District Manager), Mr R Linnane (Municipal District Engineer), Mr S Wallace (A/Senior Parks and Landscape Officer, Mr G Conlon (Senior Executive Officer), Ms A Granville (Senior Planner), Ms S Walsh (Executive Engineer), Mr C O'Toole (Staff Officer), Ms P Barrett (Assistant Arts Officer) Mr T Shanahan (Meetings Administrator), Ms J Woodhouse (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the June Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting.

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Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of (a) conflicts of interest or (b) pecuniary or beneficial interests under section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

CL02/0623

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 19 May 2023 and 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 Friday, 19 May of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.



CL03/0623

Municipal District Road Works

The members received an update on the municipal district road works.

Schedule of Municipal District works - June 2023

The outdoor crews are carrying out general footpath and road maintenance works in the Municipal District area. These currently include jet-vacing of road gullies, mechanical sweeping of roads, road repairs with road patcher unit, restoring water cuts on rural roads, cutting back verges at junctions, and general repairs to footpaths and kerbs. Calls received are triaged and then assigned to a crew as appropriate.

Road works programme 2023

Surface Dressing – Restoration Maintenance

- Surface dressing works carried out on 29 May.
- The road from Killmacredock Roundabout to Celbridge Road at Barrogstown and Barrogstown Lane is completed.
- Total of 3.25km of road surface dressed.

Road Overlays - Restoration Improvement

RI	Location	Start Date	End Date	Details
1	R149 Captains Hill and Cope Bridge	10 July	21 July	Contractor Appointed
2	R404 Youngs Cross to Barnhall R/A	24 July	4 August	Contractor Appointed
3	L5050 Catherinestown	8 August	11 August	Contractor Appointed
4	L5056 Green Lane Westfield to Killmacredock R/A	28 August	31 August	Preparing tender documentation
5	L 1016 Wheatfield & L 2008 Tipperstown	14 August	25 August	Contractor Appointed



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With the R149 Captains Hill and Cope Bridge discussions have started and works are hoped to be carried out at night.

LPT projects/works.

Sunday sweeping and bin emptying in Celbridge and Leixlip ongoing.

Uisce Eireann Road Opening Licences:

Uisce Eireann works on R403 and Hazelhatch road and Shinkeen road complete, Final reinstatement works outstanding. Works on the R403 Lucan Road commenced in the South Dublin area and will progress to Youngs Cross. Kildare County Council are finalising acceptable remedial proposals to allow works to progress into Kildare County Council area and are currently agreeing the programme for the final reinstatement works with the project team.

Footpath Replacement Works:

Tender packages are currently being assembled and will be put out to tender in late July for works to commence in August and September.

The members thanked the municipal engineer and his team and raised the following:

- Thanks to be sent onto Fingal County Council for works at the Lucan Junction
- It was questioned if the whole road is to be surfaced at Captains Hill as markers had been placed along the road.
- The change of layout at Youngs Cross was discussed. Lots of complaints were received regarding delays especially at peak time. Could this work be expected to be completed within two weeks.
- The roadworks in Celbridge are ongoing; is there any end date available. Roadworks are causing a lot of frustration.
- That there is a fence down on the right-hand side on Hazelhatch Road could this be investigated
- When would the Royal Canal Confey to Louisa bridge section be open and why is it taking so long to be finished?



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- The Riverforest road surface from the library to the secondary school still no progress, is there any update available.

Mr Linnane advised the members that:

- He would pass on the message to Fingal County Council regarding works.
- Markers on Captains Hill are to identify soft spots or potential failure points. At these markers 100-150 ml will be removed and resurfaced. From Riverdale to Cope Bridge 40 ml will be taken off and resurfaced. Funding is not available for the whole road.
- Youngs Cross falls under remit of the Traffic Management Section. The lights are extremely old. Sensors and new loops are being added and these will learn new flow patterns, and be much more responsive to traffic movements. This in time will reduce unnecessary delays and will kill dead green-light time. The removal of the left turn at this junction reduces the risk for vulnerable road users causing less conflict on the road and also gives people less distance when crossing the road.
- Uisce Eireann are currently increasing capacity with a rising main on the Lucan Road and a gravity line on the Maynooth Road which is expected to be complete the end of Summer/Autumn time. Works will continue through Winter and hopefully be finished by the middle of 2024. These works are essential to meet the demand for housing.
- It was agreed to send a crew to investigate the fence on Hazlehatch Road.
- The road from the library to Confey College has a 30km limit and when people drive at this speed there is no noise. This is a speed enforcement issue for An Garda Síochána
- More strict conditions are now in place on the Maynooth Road regarding issue with Uisce Eireann, the Municipal District having raised concerns.

CL04/0623

Annual Meeting.

Mr. Shanahan noted that he had received communication from the Cathaoirleach to the effect that the members were agreeable to using the Boardroom in Áras Chill Dara. He asked for confirmation that members agreed to hold the Annual Meeting at 10am, followed by the July District Meeting.

The members asked if this meeting could be attended remotely and it was confirmed this will be a hybrid meeting, should members need to attend remotely.



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The date and venue was proposed by Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by all members.

CL05/0623

Roads Capital Projects

The members received a PowerPoint presentation by Mr S Deegan with an update from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Directorate on the Roads Capital Projects

The members thanked Mr Deegan for his presentation and raised the following:

- Disappointment expressed that Celbridge Leixlip still have no travel plan since 2017. When can this be expected to be done.
- Ongoing road works around the municipal district is there an end date in sight.
- Sought clarity on Bridge Project
- In the last LAP junction 6 on the M4 was to open up to alleviate traffic issues, are there issues with this progressing.
- On the issue of climate urgency the members felt no urgency within this municipal district to make the shift from car to cycle. Unable at the present time to promote this as insufficient infrastructure in place.
- Questioned why some disability bays are being removed and replaced by EV charging bays. It was asked for this query to be taken back to the section. If a disability bay is to be removed it's paramount that it is moved to another suitable location. A policy on this matter should be investigated. Clarification sought if disabled car users can use an EV parking space.
- It was asked if a written report could issue to the members regarding progress of the Celbridge to Hazlehatch project with the phases included and where the project is at.
- With regards the Speed Limit Review were the Capital Projects Team consulted.
- With geo-surveys what impact do these studies have in regards changing designs or altering timelines.

Mr Deegan advised the members that:

- The current policy is to produce the Transportation Strategy in advance of the LAP, thus feeding into the LAP, however it is understood that the order of the next LAPs are Clane, Celbridge and then Maynooth.



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- Celbridge Hazelhatch Link Road: The status is as follows: Project consent to An Bord Pleanála will be Q1 2024. However this body could take up to a year to make a decision. Once the consent decision is made the project enters final detailed design, drafting of contract document and tendering for a contractor. At present the team is focused on getting to the consent stage
- The Roads Projects and Planning Section don't have jurisdiction over the M4 - Junction 6 which would fall under TII and NRO.
- With the Speed Limit Review all sections made submissions, this would have been led by a different team, but a submission would have been made.
- URDF funding was secured back in 2017 for particular works, since then scope has changed to include more than the bridge.
- EV disability bays are built into planning permissions which require all developers to have EV charging points. Mr Deegan undertook to look into the policy on Disability bays, and would discuss this with the Parking Team.
- Mr Deegan agreed to distribute the presentation to all members after it has been presented to all municipal districts and agreed to circulate a written report to the members regarding the progress of the Celbridge to Hazlelatch project with the phases included and where the project is currently at.

The District Manager advised that an EV draft strategy document includes that EV chargers are not on public streets but in carparks.

CL06/0623

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Caldwell.
That the council repair the footpath in St Mary's Park from the entrance to house no. 600.

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

A report was received from the Roads Section informing the members that the Municipal District office plan to compile a list of areas in the Municipal District where footpath replacement works are to be carried in 2023 to assemble tender packages. This location in St. Marys Park will be considered when compiling this list.



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

CL07/0623

Maynooth Road, Colourtrend

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cussen.
That the council carry out an assessment of the section of footpath on Maynooth Road at Colourtrend to see if any accessibility improvement measures could be undertaken.

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

A report was received from the Roads Section informing the members that the Municipal District office had carried out a preliminary review of this location. There was limited potential to improve accessibility without modifying the entrance to Colourtrend. Contact had been made with Colourtrend to set up a meeting to determine what improvements could be delivered.

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

CL08/0623

Speed bumps on Maynooth Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Galvin.
That the council repair the speed bumps/cushions on the Maynooth Road.

The motion was proposed by Councilor Galvin and seconded by Councillor Cussen.

A report was received from the Roads Section informing the members that the ramps on the Maynooth Road will be assessed and necessary repairs carried out.



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

CL09/0623 **Speed Signs**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Killeen.
That the council place larger speed signs on the road from Intel/Lidl, as discussed, to the Interchange for the M4 to increase speed limit awareness on that stretch of road.

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

A report was received from the Roads Section informing the members that the Municipal District Office has changed the speed signs at the location identified.
Councillor Killeen was pleased with the changed larger signs and hoped it heightened awareness that the speed is 60km/h.

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

CL10/0623 **Parking Bays, Barnhall**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Killeen.
That the council reinstate parking bays at Barnhall that were outlined in the original planning application, as due to their removal inconsistent and unsafe parking is taking place onsite.

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

A report was received from Building and Development Control Section informing the members that Barnhall Meadows was a Strategic Housing Development (SHD) granted permission by An Bord Pleanála (ABP) in April 2018 (Ref: ABP 300606-18). Condition 5 (b) of the grant of permission states that: "The number of car parking spaces serving the apartments shall be reduced from 175 number to 125 number spaces in accordance with the



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provision of one number space per apartment and 25 visitor spaces to be distributed evenly.” The Developer has constructed in line with this condition and there is not an option to revert to the original design as they are legally required to comply with the conditions imposed by ABP.

Following comment from Councillor Killeen, it was noted that management of parking is now a matter for the Management Company as the development is not taken in charge.

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

CL11/0623

Phone Boxes on Main Street

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

Can the council provide an update on the removal of the phone boxes on Main Street, Leixlip?

A report was received from the Roads Section informing the members that a report was issued to the members in March 2023 and that there had been no change since this report was given.

Councillor Caldwell asked a clarifying question as to why planning permission had been refused as the phone boxes are a concern especially to the Tidy Towns Group.

The meeting administrator advised that these details could be found online and advised he would circulate them to the members.

The District Manager advised the members that the proposal was to change the phone boxes but there was a significant difference between the current phone boxes and the proposed new ones. There was a large element of advertisement involved on the new design. Eir had also contacted the council regarding possible usage as EV charging points but members agreed this wouldn't work at this location. Ms Barrett agreed to follow this matter up.

The report was noted



CL12/0623

Incidents of tripping

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

Can the council confirm how many incidents of tripping or similar have been reported to the council in our municipal district over the past 2 years?

A report was received from the Roads Section informing the members that the Transport Department did not hold any records as requested by Councillor Galvin.

Councillor Galvin was surprised that no records were held by the Council.

The District Manager advised that there was currently no system in place within the Directorate that collects such reports, but that when the CRM system was queried, it was identified that there were 4 cases within this municipal district. Insurance Section had been asked for data and any update would be circulated to the members.

The report was noted.

CL13/0623

Walkway Between Barnhall Meadows and Rinawade

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

Can the council consider removing or unlocking the gate at the walkway between Barnhall Meadows and Rinawade which is fenced off and inaccessible causing people to climb the gate which creates safety issues.

A report was received from Building and Development Control informing the members that the installation of a permeability link between Barnhall Meadows and Rinawade was conditioned under condition numbers 2(a) and (b) of An Bord Pleanála grant of File Ref: ABP 300606-18, to provide transport linkages between Barnhall and Rinawade.

As a result of multiple complaints about anti-social behaviour at the access between Barnhall Meadows and Rinawade, the Development Control Section agreed that a gate would be installed at this link as an interim measure. When the development is put forward for Taking in Charge the keys to this gate will be handed over to Kildare County Council. A decision will be made at this stage on opening the gate in consultation with residents. It is suggested that the residents of Barnhall Meadows form a resident's association to have one consistent body representing their views. Representations both positive and negative have been received by Kildare County Council in relation to this permeability link.



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Councillor Killeen questioned who the responsibility lay with, and if it was not with Kildare County Council was the developer responsible.

Ms Walsh advised the members that the gate was erected in agreement with the closest house and that there were safety concerns with this particular property when reversing off their drive. Regarding concerns about person scaling the gate, it was noted that people should act in a reasonable way with regard to their own safety.

The report was noted.

CL14/0623

Parking Adjacent to Oldtown Woods

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

Can the council confirm if it is considering measures to prevent cars parking on the cycle lane at the bus-stop on Shackleton Road, coming from Clane Road adjacent to Oldtown Woods?

A report was received from the Roads Section informing the members that Pencil bollards were recently removed in this area to facilitate the installation of red road markings for the cycle lanes. These have now been reinstalled. The parking warden has also been made aware of this issue at this location and has been requested to increase patrols at the location.

Councillor Cussen clarified that the question referred to another part of the road and she had been in direct contact with the Area Engineer and clarified that the area of concern was the cycle lane behind the bus stop between St. Wolstans School on- the Shackleton Road

Mr Linnane advised that now the location had been clarified, pencil bollards would be installed in the coming weeks. The Parking Section had also been made aware of the situation and a traffic warden had been down to the location. People are to be reminded that this is a cycle path and if people continue to park in such a way enforcement will occur.

The report was noted.

CL15/0623

St. John of God's

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



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That this municipal district writes to St. John of God's seeking the reopening of their playground in Celbridge.

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

A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that a letter could be issued to St John of Gods on behalf of the Municipal District if the members were agreeable.

The members raised the following:

- The playground has now been closed over 3 years with several attempts to try get it reopened.
- This facility is such an important amenity, with a population of 20,000 people currently.
- The members noted their understanding with the reasoning behind the Abbey being closed during covid to protect vulnerable service users.
- The members asked for a letter to be sent to St John of Gods with recorded delivery, to ask for engagement. The members agreed to meet with St John of Gods if necessary to discuss any issues preventing the playground being reopened and to discuss what is needed to ensure the playground is able to open again.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Killeen and agreed by the members that a letter issue by recorded delivery to St John of Gods.

The report was noted.

CL16/0623

Removal of Tree

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

That the council remove the tree at the side of (details provided) which is causing distress to the homeowners and causing damage to their home because of a sap falling from the tree.

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



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A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that sap on trees is a seasonal issue that is caused by aphids. Kildare County Council do not remove trees because of sap issues. The tree will be examined to see if pruning can be carried out. Councillor Coleman noted that the tree in question is causing huge issues, destroying the tenant's patio furniture and sap is falling onto the walls. It was asked for the Council to look into this as a matter of urgency.

The members raised the following:

- Concerns raised about inappropriate trees that have been planted in older estates which are now causing problems and affecting individuals' quality of life.
- It was also noted that sap is a natural process and lasts just a short period of time. Trees give home to an abundance of birds and it was felt that a balanced approach would need to be taken on this matter.
- That LPT funding was discussed previously and not everyone was in favour of allocation, could this be readdressed in order to try help with the funding of these works.

Mr Wallace advised the members that this is a seasonal problem and is currently worsened due to the dry warm spell being experienced. That sap had been scientifically proven to trap air pollutants and aid the prevention of lung issues. That sap is a sugary substance and can be washed away with water. It was emphasised that the council will only remove trees when

- a tree is structurally affecting a property
- when a tree is causing interference with lighting
- or when a tree is unsafe

It was also outlined that trees are important in the context of biodiversity loss and climate change.

Councillor Coleman asked for Parks to go out to investigate and that the family had agreed to replace the tree with a smaller one if necessary.

Mr Wallace agreed to get this assessed to see if pruning could be considered but the tree would not be removed.

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



CL17/0623

Playground at Leixlip Amenities Centre

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

Can the council provide an update on the playground at the Leixlip Amenities Centre?

A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that a report on the Part 8 for Leixlip playground is currently being prepared for the Planning Department.

Tenders for the redevelopment of the car park and the playground are being prepared.

Depending on the companies that are awarded the contracts and the lead times required for them to start, it is hoped to have contractors in place by the end of the year to commence works on site.

The report was noted.

CL18/0623

Tree Removal Crodaun

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

Can the council confirm how many trees have been removed in Crodaun and other surrounding estates, and what is the timeline for replanting?

A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that a total of 8 trees have been removed in the current works programme in Crodaun Forest Park. 60 trees have been removed in Celbridge in total under the current programme. Locations where trees have been removed where trees are in conflict with public lights or services are not replanted. Any other locations will be replanted in the next 2-3 years which allows for the old root system to decay. Replanting is also subject to financial resources to replace them.

The report was noted.

CL19/0623

Town Renewal Plans

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

Can the council confirm when the Town Renewal Plans for Celbridge and Leixlip will be put out for public viewing?

A report was received from the Planning Section informing the members that the screenings will be completed in June and the outcome of those screenings will determine the timeline, it



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would be premature to estimate dates at this point. Final edits and analysis updates are also fed back to the design team for inclusion in the document.

Councillor Cussen questioned why it was seen as too premature for dates and asked for a more indicative time line to be provided. It was agreed to issue further details to the members.

The report was noted.

CL20/0623

Marlay Drive, Celbridge

The members considered the taking in charge of DC2144 Marlay Drive, Celbridge (report and map were previously circulated)

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Galvin and agreed by the members that DC2144 Marlay Drive, Celbridge be taken in charge of.

CL21/0623

Tree Preservation Order

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

That the council outline how Tree Preservation Order requests are processed, assessed, and progressed after submission from residents of the Municipal District and any feedback within the process.

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

A report was received from the Planning Section informing the members that the Tree Preservation Order (TPO) process is provided for under Section 205 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended (the Act) and is an extremely complex and litigious process which can, in certain circumstances, result in the requirement of compensation. Section 205 of the Act states that 'if it appears to the Planning Authority that it is expedient, in the interests of amenity or the environment, to make provision for the preservation of any tree, trees, group of trees or woodland, it may, for that purpose and for stated reasons, make an order with respect to any such tree, trees, group of trees or woodlands as may be specified. It should be noted that trees must be of 'amenity' or 'environment' value for a TPO



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to be progressed in accordance with the legislation and furthermore, 'amenity' is not defined in the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

In determining the progression of TPO's, the Planning Team consider other pertinent and appropriate policy protections provided under the CDP and LAPs such as Historic Landscape Areas and Landscape Protection Areas.

The members raised the following:

- That the removal of trees in Ryevale highlighted little restrictions with the removal of trees in urban areas
- It was questioned what the process was when the council received a TPO, that requests had been submitted to the council but no responses are being received on the decision, should feedback be expected.

Ms Granville informed the members that the TPO process is set in legislation and not by Kildare County Council, and that the lack of legal definition around certain matters make enforcement problematic. She advised that the Biodiversity Officer is preparing a paper and this will be issued to the members on completion and may assist. It was agreed regarding TPO cases to ensure that assessments are completed and outcomes recorded and made available.

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

CL22/0623

Louisa Park Complex

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

That the council provide an update on the taking in charge status of the Louisa Park complex and what the position is with the bond.

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

A report was received from Building and Development Control advising the members that the Section are to prepare a site resolution plan to identify any outstanding works required to bring the development to a taking in charge standard. The review is ongoing. The bond for Louisa Park was successfully called in 2020.



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The members raised the following:

- That Louisa Park had come up previously and the members hoped for a resolution sooner, aware covid caused delays but expected more progress.
- What is timeline for Site Resolution Plan

Ms Walsh advised the members that there is no definite timeline for the taking in charge, the site resolution plan is ongoing. Some works may need to go out to tender but is hoped for the resolution plan to be agreed before the end of the year.

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

CL23/0623

Barnhall Meadows

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

That the council carry out a site visit to examine the entry points and border with the new estate in Barnhall Meadows before the site is complete.

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

A report was received from Building and Development Control advising the members that the development is substantially complete. Development Control are happy to address any concerns in relation to boundary/permeability points that do not comply with the granted planning permission. However, boundary/permeability points that comply with the granted planning permission are not subject to change at this point and cannot be addressed by the Developer or the Development Control Department.

Councillor Neville asked if a site visit could be arranged.

The members raised the following:

- That issues with positioning of gate were envisaged and councillors need to be more involved in the decision-making process.
- That current issues need to be dealt with prior to Glenveagh leaving the site.
- This is an estate management piece that's not being done. A strategy needs to be in place to deal with issues like the gate. It was questioned who responsibility lies with.



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- Questioned if gate will remain or is it to be replaced with something else eg wooden fence, alternative gate or blocked up?

Ms Walsh advised the members that the developer is working actively with the council and that the developer has constructed within compliance, engaged throughout and put up the gate as requested. When the estate is taken in charge the permeability points will be addressed then, noting that the developer must comply with what was granted by An Bord Pleanála.

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

CL24/0623

Vanessa's Bower

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

That the council take urgent action for the restoration of Vanessa's Bower and consider using their powers under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) to have this heritage structure brought back to its former glory.

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

A report was received from the Planning Section informing the members that the Conservation Office have been engaged with a representative of the landowners at Vanessas Bower, who have been given until the 16 June 2023 to engage a conservation architect to address the concerns of the Council with respect to the conservation of the site. If no response is received, Kildare County Council may consider the service of a notice under Section 59 Endangerment Notice. The Kildare County Council Conservation Office will advise on the progression of this issue after 16 June.

The members raised the following:

- This has been ongoing since March 2021. This is of historic importance. The previous Conservation Order was on 3 March and within the report it included conservation preservation, stonework vulnerability, that immediate works were required from a stone maker and for the deposit of stone to be investigated when the



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water levels reduced so to be able to look at the river embankment and for the retrieval of stone to take place.

- That two summers had already passed and no progress, situation is worsening because of this.
- The site is a significant heritage feature with links to Henry Grattan, Jonathan Swift, and a festival in the name of Vanessa, and deserves urgent protection.
- That signage states 'closed for public safety' is this inclusive of the Park within the grounds.
- What happens next after the Section 59.

Ms Granville advised the members that the report is done and gives works to be undertaken, noting currently there is a lack of Conservation Architects delaying matters. The section 59 will refer to works that need to be carried out to protect the structure, but it is not a process without issues, in terms of the parties that become liable for works. It was agreed for update to be given as the section 59 progresses, given that the deadline stated in the report was June 16.

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

CL25/0623

Local Area Plan

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

Can the council provide or point to a joined-up zoning map of Celbridge and Leixlip based on current Local Area Plans?

A report was received from the Planning Section informing the members that A "joined-up zoning map" of Celbridge and Leixlip Local Area Plans (LAP) is not available as statutory processes for these LAP's were run separately (and at different times). Copies of the Land Use Zonings from each of the LAPs were distributed to the members before the meeting. Councillor Liston understood that this was run separately and noted that Leixlip LAP doesn't show on the National Portal. She questioned if it was Kildare County Councils responsibility to update the maps on the portal and could a digital map be looked into to show the different layers as currently it's hard to visualise using 2 separate maps.



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Ms Granville advised that the objective of the maps are different so unsure if could be combined. She agreed to follow up on why Leixlip zonings are not showing on My Plan. The report was noted.

CL26/0623

District Heating Capacity

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

Can the council confirm if an assessment of potential district heating capacity for future developments will be carried out as part of the process of reviewing the Local Area Plans for Celbridge and Leixlip?

A report was received from the Planning Section informing the members that as neither Local Area Plans (LAP) are currently programmed for review, it is not possible to confirm whether an assessment of potential district heating capacity for future developments will be carried during the review process for same. LAPs for settlements in County Kildare are based on a tailored and bespoke approach based on the needs and characteristics of each settlement.

The recently adopted Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 sets out an action under EC A4 to “Carry out a feasibility assessment for district heating in County Kildare and identify local waste heat sources or renewable energy sources to facilitate such proposals”. This study, once complete will inform all Local Area Plans.

Councillor Liston noted the objective feasibility and that its imperative to be done in advance of the LAP's and could the members be involved in this.

Ms Granville advised that the LAPS for Kildare Town and Maynooth were at pre-draft stage but was unable to give a time frame for Celbridge Leixlip.

The report was noted.

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Ryevale House

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

Can the council provide a clear statement on what the current position is in relation to Ryevale House?



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A report was received from the Planning Section informing the members that Kildare County Council investigate all complaints received relating to any alleged Unauthorised Activity. In this regard Kildare County Council commenced such an investigation following receipt of complaints relating to alleged Unauthorised works and use at Ryevale House from 31 January onwards.

In accordance with the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (As amended) Kildare County Council carried out site inspections and a detailed assessment. As a consequence of these investigations a Warning Letter was issued on 28 March 2023 and subsequently on the 10 May 2023 an Enforcement Notice was issued specifying the measures to address the alleged unauthorised use of the structure.

All matters relating to the potential impact of works on the character of the Protected Structure are also subject to ongoing investigation by Kildare County Council.

Councillor Neville queried was any further update available.

Mr Conlon advised that he was unable to discuss individual cases in a public meeting and could not comment on anything further than the information provided as this was a matter for legal proceedings.

The report was noted.

The members agreed to take item 28 and 29 from the agenda together.

CL28/0623

Westfield Estate, Leixlip

Item 28

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

Can the council outline any discussions with the developer in Westfield Estate, Leixlip

Item 29

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

Can the council provide details on what progress is being made on the planning obligations/conditions of providing a playground in the Westfield Estate in Leixlip (planning ref 16/282) and when it is expected to be onsite?

A report was received from Building and Development Control informing the members that



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the planning permission for Westfield, Leixlip (PL 16/282) did not condition the provision of a playground within the development. A play area was indicated on the site layout drawings submit in March 2016, during the Further information (FI) period the plans were significantly changed and the play area was removed. The planning went to ABP (093247909), under condition 1 of the grant of planning, the Developer was to construct in accordance with the plans submit at FI. No playground is to be provided.

The members raised the following:

- Expressed their disappointment to have no mandated playground, this is a highly populated dense area with no facilities for children.
- Members sought clarification that a playground and/or play area won't be provided.

Ms Walsh referred back to the report and that the playground had been removed during FI period, highlighting that there are however multiple green areas that could be utilised as play areas.

The report was noted.

CL29/0623

Beech Park, Leixlip

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

Can the council provide an update on the taking in charge of Beech Park, Leixlip?

A report was received from Building and Development Control informing the members that the Section had engaged the with Developer regarding the Taking in Charge (TIC). Development Control have provided the Developer with a list of information required to progress the TIC process. Some information remains outstanding that the Developer is addressing.

Councillor Coleman noted this has been ongoing for a while and asked if the developer was working alongside the council.

Ms Walsh confirmed developer was actively involved in engagement and they hope to see movement over the coming months.

The report was noted.



CL30/0623

Section 254 Licence

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

Can the council confirm how many businesses applied for a Section 254 licence in Celbridge and Leixlip in 2023?

A report was received from the Planning Section informing the members that for 2023 year to date, just 2 Section 254 applications have been received for the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District. One application for hoarding and one for the National Broadband rollout. The report was noted.

CL31/0623

Arts Awards and Bursaries for 2023

The members considered the approval of the Arts Awards and Bursaries for 2023 for the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District with a report that was previously circulated.

The members raised the following:

- Questioned when was the email sent out, as some people reported missing the deadline. The members asked could a list of people who had applied be distributed to the members prior to closing date so they can remind people preventing people missing the date and to try get more applications submitted.
- Could this be put on agenda as a reminder ahead of the cut of dates

Ms Paula Barrett advised the members that the information was issued as a press release, that there was also a library information session held in Leixlip Library and it was also publicised on social media. She suggested people could also subscribe to the e bulletin which issues fortnightly. It was agreed to take all suggestions back for consideration.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Neville and agreed by the members the Arts Awards and Bursaries for 2023 be approved.

CL32/0623

Cemetery Maintenance for 2023

The members considered the proposed grant allocations for cemetery maintenance for 2023



Celbridge-Leixlip MD	Cemetery/Graveyard	Total Grant 2023
	Tea Lane	€ 740

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Galvin and agreed by the members that the grant allocation for Tea Lane for cemetery maintenance 2023 be approved.

CL33/0623

Confey Cemetery

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

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

A Report was received from the Environment Section informing the members that works at Confey as outlined previously to the members are due to commence in mid-June. Councillor Caldwell expressed his concerns regarding the situation at Confey Cemetery, the cemetery is now nearly full and it is paramount this is to dealt with by the Council as a matter of priority.

The members raised the following:

- That a new piece of land needs to be progressed urgently as this issue has been ongoing for a decade, and a site was noted as being suitable over two years ago.
- Aware that the altar is to be moved in the interim to allow more space. This is good as a temporary solution, but permanent solution is required.
- Request made for this to go on the Progress Report for an update next month.

Mr O'Toole agreed to take concerns back to the Environment Section noting that it was hoped the altar would be moved later this month.

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



CL34/0623

Accessible Bottle Bring Bank

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

That the council select Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District as a pilot place for an accessible bottle bring bank.

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

A report was received from the Environment Section informing the members that the members will be aware that Kildare County Council provides a network of bring banks in locations throughout the County facilitating householders in the recycling of glass.

The bring bank receptacles are typically a standard size and design which are aimed at maximising the amount of glass per container, the uniformity of emptying, and best use of the available space at each site.

The Environment section is currently working with the contractor to establish if we can progress the issue which may have location and /or financial implications.

The members raised the following:

- That the original motion was submitted back in June 2022.
- It was suggested for the idea to be placed on agenda at the Environment SPC.
- Aware of similar bins trialled in Dublin, that there were reports of issues where water was gathering inside these bins but could the Council look into alternative options.
- Could the ESB site be a possible location for such a bin.

Mr O'Toole advised the members that he had received correspondence from Kildare County Council contractor in relation to the provision of accessible bring bottle and would circulate this to the members noting that these bins do require emptying more often due to smaller capacity.

He agreed to talk with Mr Wyer and the contractor around possible alternative options with the solar compactor bins and agreed he would place this item on the agenda for the Environmental and Water Services SPC.

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



CL35/0623

Kildare's Climate Action Plan

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

That the council outline steps taken to date for engaging residents of the municipal district in the development of Kildare's Climate Action Plan, as well as further steps planned and timelines involved.

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

A report was received from the Climate Action Coordinator informing the members that in developing the draft LA Climate Action Plan (CAP) for the County there has been ongoing engagement with Councillors, Climate Action SPC and Council Staff. More focussed consultation for the Maynooth area as the Decarbonising Zone has been undertaken with interested parties including farmers, landowners, businesses and the wider community. The Decarbonising Zone will form a chapter within the overall CAP. There has been no formal consultation engagement with the general public to date on the CAP. However, under Section 14B of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015, as amended, Kildare County Council must publish the draft CAP for consultation for a period of two months to facilitate this formal public engagement. To raise awareness of the consultation, Kildare County Council must publish a notice on the internet and in at least one newspaper circulating in the administrative area, inviting members of the public and any interested parties to make submissions in relation to the draft CAP. Under the Act, Kildare County Council must have regard to any submissions made by the public in finalising the CAP for adoption.

It is anticipated that the publication of the draft CAP for the two month consultation period will be during the months of September to November 2023 but this timeframe is subject to change depending on final agreement of the actions listed in the draft CAP by the Councillors.

Councillor Liston expressed her disappointment as the Climate Action plan is to be delivered next January and questioned how targets will be achieved by then as there has been no public consultation to date, noting the importance of getting more people engaged. If the



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council wait until the draft document is out for public viewing it will then reduce the scope to make any changes if necessary.

The members raised the following:

- That the council need to look at groups around the county who are doing amazing works with regards climate action and use these groups and their knowledge to contribute to the plan.
- That the upcoming Picnic in the Park event is an ideal opportunity to get the message out.
- To ensure the council use the Disability Forums ensuring local events are accessible to everyone inclusive of disability parking bays.
- That the council need to raise the public's awareness and start communications early on the awareness of the Climate Action Plan utilising the new position of the Biodiversity Officer.
- That the public's input is vital to the success, as they will be the ones to change their lifestyles to reduce the impact they making to the environment.

Mr O'Toole advised the members as per Ms O'Rourke's report that the council will promote this all through the Communications Team with the hope to get as much interaction from the public as possible.

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

The District Manager noted that this was the last monthly Municipal District meeting for Councillor Liston to Chair as Cathaoirleach, prior to the Annual Meeting. She thanked Councillor Liston for being a fantastic chair, for all her hard work and for all her cooperation throughout the year.

The meeting concluded.