



**Minutes of the Celbridge - Leixlip Municipal District Meeting
Held on Friday 21 April 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 K Kavanagh(Senior Executive Officer), Ms P O'Brien(Senior Executive Officer), Ms P Pender(A/Senior Executive Officer), Mr M McLoughlin(A/Senior Executive Officer), Mr D Hodgins(Senior Engineer), Ms B Loughlin(Heritage Officer), Mr J Shannon (Administrative Officer)), Ms S Barry (Administrative Officer), Mr T Shanahan (Meetings Administrator), Ms J Woodhouse (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the April 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.

CL02/0423

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 24 March 2023 and the Progress Report.

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Liston, seconded by Councillor Coleman and agreed by the members, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on Friday, 24 March of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.



CL03/0423

Municipal District Road Works

Schedule of works for Celbridge/Leixlip Municipal District April 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 and general repairs to footpaths and kerbs. Calls received are triaged and then assigned to a crew as appropriate.

Road works programme for 2023

Road Overlays - Restoration Improvement

- R149 Captains Hill and Cope Bridge -At tender stage.
- L5056 Green Lane Westfield to Kilmacredock R/A -Preparing tender documentation.
- R404 Youngs Cross to Barnhall R/A -At tender stage.
- L5050 Catherinestown -Preparing tender documentation.
- L1016 Wheatfield -Preparing tender documentation.
- L2008 Tipperstown -Preparing tender documentation.

Surface Dressing – Restoration Maintenance

Surface dressing is scheduled to commence on 29 May. Area identified for surface dressing for 2023.

- Kilmacredock roundabout to junction of Celbridge/Maynooth road at Barrogstown.

Irish Water Road Opening Licences:

Irish Water works on R403 and Hazelhatch road progressing and are now on the Shinkeen Road. Roadworks on R403 progressed through Youngs Cross from 3 to 6 April. Works recommenced on the 17 April and are progressing from Youngs Cross towards Lucan. A full closure of the R403 Celbridge to Lucan Road over two consecutive weekends will be in operation to facilitate the progression of the new Irish Water pipework past an existing storm water culvert 250m east of Youngs Cross. These works are expected to take place on the May Bank Holiday weekend and the weekend after.



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The members raised the following,

- Are the Irish Water roadworks on track to finish on time.
- The Orchard Garden centre had contacted the members regarding possible road closure on the Bank Holiday weekend regarding the affect concerns this may have on business, could the date possibly be postponed.

Mr. Linnane advised the members that the statutory process was followed regarding advertisement of the road closure noting 2 consecutive weekends were necessary for the completion of works, as a minimum period of 5 days were necessary to complete the work. There had been no submissions received from the public. It was hoped to have completed this project in November 2022 but due to delays out of the Councils control this has since changed. It was understood that Uisce Éireann had contacted The Orchard. Mr. Linnane confirmed that diversions are set to be in place from the Lucan side and there would still be access to the Orchard. There would be no restrictions from the Celbridge direction.

CL04/0423

Kildare Sustainable Transport Forum

The members voted to approve a nominee to the Kildare Sustainable Transport Forum (Sub-committee of Transportation, Safety and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee).

Councillor Galvin sought clarification on when the meetings will be held.

The Director of Services advised that no dates had yet been confirmed but input from the nominees will be sought regarding same. Councillor Liston nominated Councillor Galvin, this was seconded by Councillor Cussen. There were no other nominations.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Liston, seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by all the members that Councillor Galvin be approved as the nominee to the Kildare Sustainable Transport Forum (Sub-committee of Transportation, Safety and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee).

CL05/0423

BigBelly Bin

The members considered the following motion in the names of Councillor Cussen and Councillor Liston



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That the council engage with members in order to proceed with the provision of a BigBelly Bin for Celbridge Main Street Area.

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

A report was received from the Roads Section informing the members that the Municipal District office will engage with the members to proceed with the provision of a Big Belly Bin for Celbridge Main Street Area. The most appropriate location for the bin will need to be identified and agreed.

The members raised the following:

- Councillor Liston and Councillor Cussen informed the members that they had attended an informative presentation at recent SPC meeting regarding usage of BigBelly bins within the municipal district and the associated environmental benefits. The bins were larger in size allowing for a reduction in collection requirements meaning less trucks on the road.
- Previous funding had been allocated for additional collection days in the municipal district due to increase in waste, the BigBelly bins should alleviate this in the future. There was a request for Tidy Towns to be included on this project especially when looking at locating the bins. Need to also investigate ways to promote this to the public.
- It was suggested that Main Street/Castletown could be best location initially due to large footfall and to look at other possible locations before the budget in November.
- Felt this was a great idea but careful consideration into the positioning of the bins ensuring trucks could manoeuvre easily to empty the bins and that the bin was not positioned in such a way that it was seen as an eyesore.
- Suggestion of solar operated compactor bins as an alternative.

Mr Linnane advised the members that.

- The bins would take 2 men to lift as they were heavier than the standard public bin.
- The BigBelly bins were solar powered and that there was also an option to get wraps for the bins and designs can be placed on them.



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- Regarding the location, it was proposed to use the top of Main Street near to Castletown House where bins tended to overflow and has a large footfall, other locations for future bins could be investigated noting cost of bins are approx. €4,000

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

It was agreed by the members to move Item 6 from the agenda to the end of the meeting when the Parks Section would be in attendance to discuss.

CL06/0423

Cycle Review for Celbridge.

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Liston
That the council provide an update on the Cycle Review for Celbridge.

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

A report was received from the Roads Section informing the members that a draft report is being reviewed by the Sustainable Transport Section at present. It should be noted that there is no funding available to progress any recommendations or improvements from this research. There are currently over 30 NTA funded Active Travel projects started in County Kildare and it is not envisaged that new projects will be commenced in the absence of significant progress with the construction of existing schemes on the work programme. Four schemes have received funding from the NTA to progress through construction in 2023.

The members raised the following:

- This had been ongoing a while, previously back in 2019-2020 designs available and ready to go, now report stating no funding available. The members felt this was a fault of the NTA as initially they were told that 2-3 years funding was available and it would then taper off, but now this had changed.
- When would the information from the research be available to the members.
- There was a huge need for cycling infrastructure within the district and action was needed to identify the barriers.
- Needed new shovel ready schemes on board as currently slow progress being made.



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Mr Hodgins informed the members that.

- The report was drafted for additional projects. Forward planning was essential to identify and prioritise funding requirements.
- The cycle review, despite no current funding, ensures that we are able to move forward when such funding was available.
- Within the municipal district there were a number of cycle routes envisaged.
- The overall process was planning, design and then onto construction and these stages are necessary to avail of the funding.
- Country-wide in the area of Active Travel every council had drawn down their allocation and were spending over €300 million per annum, every local authority is over-subscribed in this area.
- Last year spend of €9.7 million in County Kildare compares to €2.4 million in 2021.
- The Royal Canal project is a key part of the National Greenway connectivity project. The Council had staff dedicated to this project with Section 1 to open as soon as possible.
- Celbridge Bridge completed the Part 8 process last year
- Green Lane Active Travel Scheme was ready to be constructed when funding was available.

The members appreciated the update but questioned:

- How could other projects move up the list
- Had any projects been delivered in the last 18 months
- A letter to the NTA will be considered as a motion for next months meeting to question delays in the North of the County
- The bridge in Celbridge despite an expensive project did not have a huge impact when it came to connectivity.
- New schemes were needed to come on board to hopefully assist with progressing active travel and connectivity.

Mr Hodgins advised that:

- The priority of schemes was a matter for the NTA, as funding agency.



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- Sustainable Transport Projects within the municipal district included permeability links and other NTA funded schemes including, bus shelters, Bus Connect routes the Dart Plus project, with a lot of other background work being completed on schemes, like Green Lane in Leixlip.
- The NTA had been invited to address the full Council in May 2023.
- Confirmation of funding for construction stage, depended on design and planning stage being completed and then a commitment was sought for funding to be allocated.

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

CL07/0423

Bus Shelter

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Galvin
That the council contact the relevant authority to have a bus shelter installed at the bus stop outside Crodaun Forest Park (stop 3922).

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

A report was received from the Roads Section informing the members that the preliminary programme for bus shelter locations is being finalised with the National Transport Authority. There are plans for a minimum of 15 shelter installations in the County, however, the stop indicated is not on the 2023 list. It will be retained for inclusion on future installation programmes.

The members noted that this bus stop was used a lot and needed a shelter, and they were disappointed it could not be added but noted it would be on the list for inclusion at a later stage. The public should not be expected to stand out in the elements. Celbridge has had an increase in people using public transport therefore requiring more bus stops and shelters, which encourage use. It was felt 15 new shelters just wasn't enough.

Mr Hodgins informed the members that:



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- The Council are committed to seeing more shelters but currently there was a resource issue, with just one member of staff working on bus shelters and bus stops within the County. In the last two months two members of staff have left the section. Once more resources were available in the department there would be no objections to working with the NTA to provide more shelters, and the MOU with the NTA should aid this.
- There had been a recent meeting with the NTA regarding solar powered shelters, this was now being investigated and if likely would speed up delivery as it would reduce electrical installation works.

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

CL08/0423

Sustainable Transport Projects

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Neville
That the council provide an update on sustainable transport projects in the municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Roads Section informing the members that a presentation was made to all Municipal District meetings in December 2022 providing an update on all NTA funded schemes and the allocation of funding from the NTA for 2023 was discussed with the members. A list of the allocations for 2023 are provided again for information. (appendix 1). A presentation at the June Municipal District meeting could be arranged to provide a half-year review of progress.

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

CL09/0423

Costa Shop Tesco

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



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That the council engage with the developers of the new Costa shop at Tesco regarding the pedestrian opening accessing the footpath on the Shackleton Road with a view to installing a kerbside railing for the safety of users.

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

A report was received from the Roads Section informing the members that Planning had checked the conditions of planning reference grant 21-1630 associated with the new Costa shop in Celbridge. There is no planning condition associated with this planning permission for the installation of a kerbside railing.

The members raised the following:

- There was a large opening onto footpath at the location, with a downward slope and no sightline when approaching from the Maynooth Road. Concerns raised for children and asked could a safety review be carried out.
- Railings could be an option at the location, although caution should be taken when selecting railings as this could pose problems for cyclists.
- It was felt that this shouldn't fall on the Council to rectify but Costa themselves should be contacted on this matter, and that previous engagement with Aldi had rectified a safety issue.
- It was questioned if there was a deficiency in planning process that gave rise to this situation as it was noted a solution is not possible under planning conditions. The members questioned how they could be more actively consulted at the planning stage as local knowledge could prevent situations like this from happening.

Mr Linnane and Mr Hodgins agreed to investigate the matter and to take on the suggestion of railing noting the concerns they pose for cyclists.

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

CL10/0423

County Speed Limit Review

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



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Can the council confirm if they have received any communication from the Department of Transport with regard to the County Speed Limit Review?

A report was received from Roads Section informing the members that the Department of Transport replied to the Executive regarding the appeal of the County wide speed limit review. The Department has informed the council that it is currently coordinating a review of the framework for the setting of speed limits in the context of actions outlined in the Road Safety Strategy (2021-2030). A working group was established to examine and review the framework, including the Guidelines for Setting and Management of Speed Limits in Ireland. The recommendations of this working group are awaited.

The members noted that they voted back in November and had been waiting a while for the outcome of the review and the recommendations.

Mr Hodgins informed the members that it was a statutory requirement to start a review within a specific timescale and that the council were currently using existing guidelines whilst awaiting recommendations from new guidance under development.

The members did not adopt the County Speed Limit Review so the council were now looking at future guidelines. A meeting had been scheduled at 2:30 p.m to investigate how the council is to move forward.

The report was noted.

CL11/0423

Waste Collected

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

Can the council confirm if the current waste provider report on the volumes of bin waste collected in the municipal district and if yes, could that data for 2022 be provided to members?

A report was received from the Roads Section informing the members that 109.16 tonnes (109,160 kg) of waste was collected from street bins in the Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District in 2022.

Councillor Liston asked to receive an updated spreadsheet similar to one provided last year.

Mr Linnane agreed for spreadsheet to be circulated to the members.

The report was noted.



CL12/0423

Road Opening Licenses

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Killeen
Can the council confirm how many road opening licenses have issued in Leixlip and Celbridge in the last 5 years in tabular format?

A report was received from the Roads Section providing the members with a table showing Road Opening Permits issued in Celbridge/Leixlip Municipal District in last five years

Year	Celbridge	Leixlip	Total
2023 to date	33	7	40
2022	105	65	170
2021	105	52	157
2020	77	71	148
2019	88	55	143
	408	250	658

The report was noted.

CL13/0423

Active Travel Measures

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Killeen
Can the council provide an update on active travel measures and funding allocated for the municipal district?

A report was received from the Roads Section informing the members that a presentation was made to all Municipal District meetings in December 2022 providing an update on all NTA funded schemes and the allocation of funding from the NTA for 2023 was discussed with the members. A list of the allocations for 2023 are provided again for information. (appendix 1). A presentation at the June Municipal District meeting could be arranged to provide a half-year review of progress.

The report was noted.

CL14/0423

Vacant Local Authority Property

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



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That the council provide details in respect of the duration of vacancy for each local authority property in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District and when they will be re-allocated.

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

A report was received from the Housing Section informing the members that each month the members are provided with the vacant house report. This report provides information on the number of vacant properties in each municipal district and indicates the net addition in the month. The format of this report has been agreed by the Housing SPC.

The NOAC performance indicators provide information on the vacancy period in each local authority, the average vacancy rate in Kildare in 2021 was 48.78 weeks. We are currently compiling the Performance Indicators for 2022, the members will be updated when the report is published by NOAC. The allocation process for vacant units commences once works on the property are complete; to reduce the vacancy period and the number of refusals being received, the use of Choice Based Lettings is being increased.

The members raised the following

Councillor Cussen was disappointed with the response referring to the vacant house report with 13 vacancies in April with 1 completed. She advised that within the housing stock one house for example had been vacant for a number of years and that the motion was to look at reasons for delays and why properties were not turning over quicker. She would consider formulating something for SPC as previously addresses were made available.

The members raised the following that:

- Constituents came to members with examples of vacant properties and if this information was available, it could be passed on.
- Why were the council waiting for NOAC, was the information not held by the council. This information should be available for the members to access.
- Aware that derelict properties were an issue and maintenance resources also despite this constituents came with examples of individual empty properties but with no information could not give an explanation regarding the delay.

Ms Barry advised the members that the format used was agreed at SPC, and that if the members were in agreement, it could be bought back to the Housing Director and back through SPC for consideration.



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

CL15/0423

ESB Site

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Neville
That the council include a community facility in the proposal for the ESB site in Leixlip that would be financed by development levies that have built up for the area.

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

A report was received from the Housing Section informing the members that the inclusion of community facilities at this location will be discussed with Cluid Housing Association. Through an expression of interest process Cluid Housing Association were selected to deliver age friendly housing at this location; due to its town centre location this site is suitable for age friendly housing. 153 households aged fifty-five plus have selected Leixlip as an area of choice. The Housing Delivery Action Plan published by the council in 2022 indicates a social housing demand of 374 units in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District in the period 2022-2026, at that point of publication 121 units were approved for delivery, leaving a shortfall of 253 units. Cluid are currently engaged in the design process, and it is estimated that this site will deliver 27 units. To meet housing demand in Leixlip it is important that housing is delivered at this location.

Councillor Neville noted this was a key commercial site and proposed the inclusion of a community facility also. There was no local enterprise remote working facility available in the area and suggested this be investigated. The members also raised the following:

- Although Cluid was providing the housing aspect it was felt that a commercial/ retail element should also be investigated.
- Noting update due at the April Full Council meeting, the members welcome the age friendly housing but with regards commercial and retail, caution must be taken.
- Could it be arranged for the members to meet with Cluid to discuss their ideas and the members to offer suggestions also.



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Ms Barry informed the members that at the last meeting it was confirmed that Cluid had sent information to the council for review. This had now been reviewed by the Sections and feedback had been sent back to Cluid. The normal pre planning process would be set to start over the upcoming weeks.

Councillor Neville asked for feedback to be made available for the members.

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

CL16/0423

Meetings Administrator System

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Liston
Can the council confirm the current status of the development of the meetings administrator system that will enable all motions and questions, for the meetings of the municipal district, to be easily searchable by members of the public?

A report was received from Corporate Section informing the members that the council are currently piloting a solution for a meetings administrator system. If implemented this should lead to a better outcome for online searches.

Councillor Liston questioned if the next step would mean that members of public could access information.

The Meeting Administrator agreed to seek clarification on this matter and revert back to the members.

The report was noted.

CL17/0423

Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2022

The members considered the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2022 allocation for the Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District which had previously been circulated.

There were a total of 28 applications received under the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2023 with 3 applications for this Municipal District totalling €4,500.

- The Military Heritage Foundation allocation amount of €1,500.00 to record and tell the story of St Patricks Church and the Parochial House, Celbridge



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- Tea Lane Graveyard Committee allocation amount of €1,500.00 the committee wish to reprint “Dust and Shadows” A publication on all recorded burials as Tea Lane. The demand for this book exceeded all expectations and the committee are now seeking funds to reprint the book.
- Celbridge Tourism and Heritage Forum allocation amount of €1,500.00 to focus attention on the Celbridge Swift and Vanessa connection at the Celbridge Abbey the Celbridge Tourism Forum wish to host the following events if funding is provided.

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by the members that the allocation of Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2022 be accepted.

CL18/0423

Update on Public Realm Projects

Ms Pender informed the members that an update on Public Realm projects within the municipal district had been previously circulated. She asked if the members had any questions.

Ms Pender informed the members of a proposed meeting for an update for Celbridge Leixlip on 3 May 2023 to be held In the Council Chamber or alternatively on Teams. The update would be expected to be 30 minutes for each area and then time allocated for questions to be taken.

The members raised the following:

- The members thanked the Public Realm team for works to date.
- Regarding Parklets and the ongoing review could the matter of maintenance be investigated.
- Could an update for Ardclough be given on the 3 May also.
- Could exact dates be included for likely completion of items.

Ms Pender advised that:

- She would like to be able to provide specific dates but unfortunately with a programme over 5 municipal districts this was not realistic.



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- The final plan for Ardclough was expected in 2-3 weeks and the Parklet review report was due to be completed also, it was hoped to have updates on these items also on 3 May 2023.

The report was noted.

It was agreed by the members to take Items 20 and 21 from the Agenda together.

CL19/0423

Vacancy and Dereliction in Leixlip

Item 20

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Killeen
That the council act on vacancy and dereliction in Leixlip and to contact landowners in order to prepare a regeneration plan where some buildings have been vacant for up to a decade.

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

A report was received from Strategic Projects and Public Realm informing the members that a Healthcheck and Town Renewal Plan for Leixlip is currently in draft format with AA/SEA screenings to be carried out. A presentation to the elected members will be arranged in the coming weeks prior to the commencement of public consultation. To inform the Draft document, the Public Realm team recently carried out vacancy surveys in Leixlip and Celbridge. The vacancy surveys are a snapshot in time given that a building that was vacant at the time of the survey could be occupied within a few months.

Item 21

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Neville
Can the council provide a report on vacancy rates and premises that need rehabilitation as part of the Public Realm work on Leixlip town centre?

A report was received from Strategic Projects and Public Realm informing the members that a Healthcheck and Town Renewal Plan for Leixlip is currently in draft format with AA/SEA screenings to be carried out. A presentation to the elected members will be arranged in the coming weeks prior to the commencement of public consultation. To inform the Draft



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document, the Public Realm team recently carried out vacancy surveys in Leixlip and Celbridge. The vacancy surveys are a snapshot in time given that a building that was vacant at the time of the survey could be occupied within a few months

The members raised the following:

- Concerns raised over number of derelict properties.
- Rates and rents were both high in the area, needed to try get landowners on board with the issue, could the council investigate this. Could the rate be abolished?
- Suggestion for a task force team for Main Street to come up with a plan to encourage innovation. Nothing had progressed on the area for several years.
- Shop fronts needed to be maintained as had negative impact on other businesses.
- Appreciated it could be more difficult when premises were privately owned but action hinged on what the council were prepared to do.
- There were two new businesses due to open, a gastro pub and a takeaway at the bottom of Captains Hill.

Ms Pender informed the members that part of the health check was to carry out a vacancy review. Rates and rent issues could not be fixed by Public Realm Team. All proposals would be noted and was hoped that owners would come on board.

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

CL20/0423

Brown Bins

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

Can members be updated on the new regulations in relation to Brown Bins and how this will impact our municipal district?

A report was received from the Environment Section informing the members that the Waste Management (Collection Permit) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 were signed by the Minister in March 2023.



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In summary, these Regulations amend the Waste Management (Collection Permit) Regulations 2007 to give effect to national waste policy regarding the regulation of the collection of household and commercial waste.

In particular, the regulations provide for the introduction of incentivised charging for commercial customers, the provision of a biowaste, mixed dry recycling and residual waste bin to all waste collection customers in the commercial sector, to weigh each collection of commercial waste and report or make those weights available to the customer, the updating of the customer charter for households, the introduction of a customer charter for commercial customers and the inclusion of soft plastics on the list of recyclable material.

Further information is available on the website www.mywaste.ie.

The regulations require waste collectors to introduce commercial waste incentivisation from 1 July 2023.

All major producers of food waste are required to place it in a dedicated bin and ensure it is not mixed with other waste.

For the members' information, National Food Waste Recycling Week takes place in June this year. Kildare County Council will be holding three awareness events around the county with details to be confirmed.

Councillor Cussen welcomed the report, noting that she should have specified residential bins noting the upcoming National Food Waste Recycling Week where there would be a number of free kitchen caddies available to the public.

Mr Kavanagh agreed to circulate a copy of the regulations to the members, noting this referred to commercial use and not residential.

The report was noted.

CL21/0423

Water Outages

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

Can the council confirm the number and causes of water outages in our municipal district in the past year?



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A report was received from the Water Section informing the members that this is a matter for Uisce Éireann to report on, it can be raised via dedicated email support address at localrepsupport@water.ie

By calling 0818178178

Or discussed at the next dedicated Councillors Clinic which is due to be held on Monday, 26 June.

Councillor Galvin queried if the data was available why the council could not issue it.

Mr Kavanagh explained that the information was held by Uisce Éireann and it was for the members to seek the information from their upcoming clinics.

The report was noted.



CL22/0423

Community, Festival and Resident Association Grant Awards 2023

The members considered the community, festival and resident association grant awards assessed by the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department for 2023 which had been previously circulated.

Festival Grants 2023 for approval Celbridge Leixlip M.D.				
No	Group	Project	Grant Requested	Proposed Grant
1	Ardclough Village Centre CLG	Ardclough Arts & Culture Festival	€2,000	€950
2	Celbridge Community Council	St Patrick's Day Parade	€1,500	€1,000
3	Celbridge Street Festival	Celbridge Street Festival	€2,000	€2,000
4	Celbridge Tourism and Heritage Forum	Celbridge Swift and Vanessa Festival	€1,917	€1,800
5	Leixlip Youth Project	Annual Halloween Festival	€2,000	€500
6	North Kildare Comedy Festival	2023 North Kildare Comedy Festival	€2,000	€750
			Total for Approval	€7,000
			Budget	€7,000
			Balance	€0

Community Grants 2023 for approval Celbridge Leixlip M.D.				
No	Group	Project	Requested Grant	Proposed Grant
1	Ardclough Youth Theatre	Residential trip for young people	€3,000	€1,000
2	Avengers DLS ForÁige Youth Club Celbridge	Skills Development for teenagers with an intellectual disability	€1,800	€1,350
3	Ballymakealy Residents Association 2019	Clear an overgrown area	€800	€800
4	Celbridge Access Group	Group day trip for people with visible or invisible disabilities	€1,470	€1,100
5	Celbridge ICA	60th anniversary outing	€1,746	€1,000
6	Celbridge Tourism and Heritage Forum	Family Fun Day Celbridge	€2,995	€2,000
7	Celbridge Tourism and Heritage forum	Portable stage platforms and sound mats	€1,200	€960
8	Cill Dara Intercultural Network.	Saint Patrick-Newroz-Intercultural Event.	€610	€600
9	Community Cancer Caregivers	Home cleaning services to families	€3,000	€2,400
10	Condors Special Olympics Athletic Club Celbridge	Sports Equipment & Field Trips	€1,800	€1,350
11	Confey College Parents' Association	Purchase of a stage	€3,000	€2,250
12	Leixlip CFR	Equipment required	€3,000	€1,500
13	Leixlip Youth Premises Group CLG	Summer Camp	€2,000	€1,000
14	Leixlip Youth Project	Intergenerational educational and environmental workshops	€3,000	€2,400
15	North Kildare (Leixlip) Arch Club	Nature Wellbeing Programme	€1,370	€1,370
16	Scoil Naomh Brid Parents association	Sporting equipment for the new school	€2,362	€1,600
17	ShareRing Skills Group	Fáilte Insteach -3 Art/Craft workshops	€2,381	€1,000
18	Silver Thread Club	Social Trips for older members	€3,000	€2,700
19	The Irish Military Heritage Foundation CLG	Upgrade of Celbridge's Story	€3,000	€1,200
			Total for Approval	€27,580
			Budget	€45,258
			Balance	€17,678



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The members raised the following:

- If funding was sought by a group could the members advise group to request funding from the surplus fund
- If LPT funding had been previously allocated to a group, could they avail of this funding also or was there a cap.
- Could local media and the council promote that it had funding available to support community groups and to direct them to their local councillors for further information.
- A Residents Associations application recently was a day late and was refused. Could these individual groups apply through the innovation funding.
- Could the next round of applications be possibly opened sooner.

Mr Shannon informed the members that the Community Section does not allow for double funding for the same project. Mr Shannon would speak to the Head of Finance regarding LPT funding in addition to community grant funding in other Sections and refer back to the members.

Mr Shannon informed the members that:

- The North Kildare Comedy Festival was now cancelled so funding of €750 allocated to this project did not need to be approved.
- There was €80,000 funding available in the Community Innovation funds, €17,500 for Community Grants for approval today.
- Regarding new funding requests, these should be sent to the council and it would be for the members to decide this, however, applicants would need to wait for round 2 in July for approval of Community Grants. The members would be contacted prior to this date.
- Late applications from Residents Associations would not be accepted. The council give a seven-week window for applications to be submitted. Two information nights were provided, and the council emailed individuals on the system when the application process opened. Residents Association could not apply under innovation funding as there was separate funding available solely for these groups.
- It was suggested that innovation funds were dealt with first then to run round 2 in July for the Community Grants Scheme, after June/July could reassess and look at LPT (innovation fund) reallocations then for 2024.

The members agreed to meet offline and send proposals onto Mr Shannon.



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Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by the members that the community, festival and resident association grant awards be approved as set out, with the exception of funding to North Kildare Comedy Festival.

CL23/0423

SWIM Ireland Pop up Pool

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Killeen
That the council provide an update to the provision of the SWIM Ireland Pop up Pool for Leixlip.

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

A report was received from the Community Section informing the members that preparations are underway for the SWIM Ireland Pop up pool to be onsite and in operation from mid to late May for a six month period. The location will be Leixlip GAA Club's Glen Easton site and Swim Ireland are now commencing the recruitment of lifeguards and personnel to man the facility during the six months period. The Popup Pool will be open to individuals, schools, clubs and groups to use and Kildare Sports Partnership will be organising specific programmes with an emphasis on the disability sector and older adults.

The members raised the following:

- At no extra cost the members were pleased to note the opening of the Pop-up Pool had now been extended from 3 months to 6 months. This would now cover the start of the new school year.
- The launch for the pool needed to be big ensuring use of every forum available for advertisement. Could a meeting be arranged with Kildare County Council and Swim Ireland prior to the pool opening noting the importance of ensuring the pool was used to its maximum potential, and to utilise the information collated to support the need for a permanent pool in the North of the County.
- The pool had a capacity of 700 people per day and was fully accessible. Good to see that specific times were being allocated for individuals with additional needs. How would the public be able to book swim slots?



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- The members thanked St Marys GAA, Leixlip for hosting thanking Paula and her team for all their work on this project and for Councillor Neville liaising with St Marys GAA.
- Thanks were expressed to Intel for their financial support with this project.

Ms O'Brien thanked the GAA for all their work to date, who were currently busy working on water and electrical connection. The pool was due to be open at the end of May with an exact date to be finalised next week. With the extension of opening times it would now be able to be used during the summer and at the start of the school year. Groups such as the age friendly, sports partnership, and other inclusive programme would also be able to utilise this facility. Lifeguard recruitment was taking place at the moment.

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

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CL24/0423

Shrubbery on Shackleton Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Galvin and Councillor Coleman

That the council remove the shrubbery on the Shackleton Road adjacent to Wolstan Haven which is not fit for purpose, is causing issues for residents and has grown rampant in recent years.

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

A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that the hedge is dogwood which is vigorous in nature but can be cut back hard. We will examine the hedge to see what the best course of action is. Any work required may have to wait until bird nesting season is over.

The members raised the following:

- The issue was raised at the recent Tidy Towns AGM
- To determine the exact portion of dogwood to be cut back, concerns raised regarding opening up boundaries to properties with regards to security.



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- Currently the area in question was a dirt collector and was being used for dumping of rubbish and drinking. Cutting back would enhance the area. Understood there may be delays due to nesting, noting also that the area was home to other creatures also.
- It was noted that there was a further boundary hedge behind the one subject of the motion which would continue to protect privacy of the residents.

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

CL25/0423

Council Owned Lands at Donaghcumper

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Galvin
Can the council provide a report on what action has been taken on securing access to the council owned lands at Donaghcumper along the Liffey since previously raised in April 2022 (CL13/0422)?

A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that the access issue was discussed with our Forward Planning Section. The matter will be followed up again to see if a feasible access can be created.

Mr Wallace advised that the meeting was scheduled for the following week.

The report was noted.

CL26/0423

Ryevale

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Neville
Can the council provide an update on the extension of the fence for Ryevale near the River Rye.

A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that the fence extension will be put in place over the Summer.

Mr Wallace agreed to meet Councillor Neville onsite.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.