



**Minutes of the Celbridge - Leixlip Municipal District Meeting
Held on Friday 21 July 2023 at 10:30 a.m
In the Board Room, Áras Chill Dara.**

Members Present: Councillor B Caldwell (Cathaoirleach), Councillors C Galvin, M Coleman, and Councillor V Liston

Remote Attendance: Councillor N Killeen and Councillor J Neville

Apologies: Councillor Í Cussen.

Officials Present: Ms C Barrett (District Manager), Mr R Linnane (Municipal District Engineer), Mr S Wallace (A/Senior Parks and Landscape Officer, Mr D Flannery (Executive Parks Superintendent), Ms S Walsh (Executive Engineer), Ms S Barry (Administrative Officer), Mr T Shanahan (Meeting Administrator), Ms J Woodhouse (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

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

CL01/0723

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.

CL02/0723

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 16 June 2023 and the Progress Report.



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Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Galvin and agreed by the members, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on Friday, 16 June of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CL03/0723

Municipal District Road Works

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 May 29. The road from Killmacredock roundabout to Celbridge Road at Barrogstown and Barrogstown Lane is completed. A 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	Works commenced-
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 Kilmacredock R/A	28 August	31 August	Tender submissions currently being assessed.
5	L 1016 Wheatfield & L 2008 Tipperstown	14 August	25 August	Contractor Appointed



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LPT projects/works

Sunday sweeping and bin emptying in Celbridge and Leixlip ongoing.

Uisce Eireann (UE) Road Opening Licenses

UE works on R403 and Hazelhatch road and Shinkeen road complete, final reinstatement works outstanding. Works on the R403 Lucan Road have progressed back into Kildare County Council's area from South Dublin County Council and pipelaying works are scheduled to be completed in a weekend closure from Friday evening 14 July to Monday morning 17 July. Kildare County Council is currently agreeing the programme and the extent of the final reinstatement works with the project team. The programme is set to start with Hazelhatch road first then move onto the section between the bridge and Supervalu, continuing then from Supervalu to The Orchard and then finally covering the stretch from The Orchard to the County boundary.

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 team for all their work and raised the following:

- Which footpath improvements were to be done and questioned what the process was in selecting where works were carried out.

Mr. Linnane advised that selection involved a walk around where footpaths were marked, and occasions works can spill into 2 estates. Last year work was carried out in 2 estates in Confey and 2 estates in Celbridge.

This year there are 2 estates in Leixlip, Castletown and Oaklawn and 2 estates in Celbridge, Beatty Park and Dara Park.

CL04/0723

2023 LPT Expenditure

To receive an update on 2023 LPT expenditure year to date (previously circulated).



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Councillor Liston noted that none of the Climate Innovation Fund was drawn down and sought clarification that the funding was still open for application. The District Manager clarified that applications were still invited.

CL05/0723

Corporate Policy Group

The members considered the appointment of a representative from the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District to the Corporate Policy Group as the representative from this municipal district.

It was proposed by Councillor Liston and seconded by Councillor Neville that Councillor Caldwell be the representative to the Corporate Policy Group in his capacity as Cathaoirleach.

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Liston, seconded by Councillor Neville and agreed by the members, that Councillor Caldwell be the representative to the Corporate Policy.

CL06/0723

Section 38

The members considered the Road Traffic Act 1994 – Section 38 – Proposed revised road layout including new footpath, Ardclough, Co. Kildare to proceed to Section 38 (map previously circulated)

Councillor Coleman noted the need for public consultation with the Ardclough Community Council on the proposal. The District Manager undertook to do this as part of the consultation process.

The report was noted by members.

CL07/0723

Eir Phone Boxes

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



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That this council writes to Eir requesting that a new phone box be provided in Leixlip as no working public telephone is available for emergency situations and request the removal of the existing unsightly broken phone boxes which currently serve no function.

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

A report was received from the Roads Section informing the members that with the members agreement, the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department will communicate with Eir as outlined in the motion.

The members raised the following:

- Since the 2019 regulations there had been no requirement for phone boxes and that many counties now don't have telephone boxes. Could this be investigated.
- That the telephone box in Celbridge hadn't worked for over 2 years
- Councillor Killeen gave an update that correspondence was received from Eir back on 11 May confirming 1 or 2 phone boxes were on the recovery programme 2017. It was asked for this to be investigated further and clarity sought over the recovery programme.
- The members appreciated that telephone box access maybe required in emergency situations, but the location of current ones need to be looked into and the consideration given to the relocation to somewhere more suitable, noting the repeated concerns of Tidy Towns also.

The District Manager asked if Councillor Killeen could share the email correspondence and that the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department would follow up with Eir on this matter, including the email from Councillor Killeen.

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Galvin and agreed by the members that the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department write to Eir to follow up on this matter including email correspondence from Councillor Killeen.

CL08/0723

Yellow Box, Aldi Leixlip

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

That the council put in place a yellow box at the exit from Aldi in Leixlip.



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

A report was received from the Roads Section informing the members that it is not possible to provide a yellow hatched box at the Aldi entrance due to its proximity to the existing pedestrian crossing and the bend in the road immediately after the bridge over the river Rye.

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

CL09/0723

Informing Stakeholders

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

That the council engage with all relevant stakeholders relating to any works being carried out by the council in this municipal district prior to the commencement of the works taking place.

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

A report was received from the Roads Section informing the members that the municipal district office does where possible engage with relevant stakeholders when carrying out works in the municipal district. The timing of works can sometimes change resulting in works being carried out earlier or later than planned and this where possible is also communicated with relevant stakeholders.

Councillor Coleman asked for the Tidy Towns, Residents Associations, and such like to be made aware of works around the municipal district to prevent situations arising where works these organisations have carried out were undone unnecessarily, such as the recent example of the upgrade of Shackleton Road causing perennials to be uprooted.

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

CL10/0723

Pedestrian Crossing on the R449

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



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That the council commit to installing a signalised pedestrian crossing on the R449 in the vicinity of the L59 bus stop (7778) for the safety of commuters and all road users, given the NTA's support for the project.

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

A report was received from Sustainable Transport Section informing the members that there are two requests for signalised crossings in this area, at this location to serve passengers using the bus stop but also at the roundabout to facilitate children and guardians accessing the Salesian College. The Traffic Management Section are examining the sites to determine the feasibility of whether both requests can be accommodated. It is noted that there is no current funding allocation from the NTA for such works, however, the Sustainable Transport Section is in dialogue with the NTA about revisions to our 2023 allocation for specific active travel projects. An update is expected in September.

The members raised the following:

- That it was imperative a crossing was put at this location, as it was a dangerous area used by many students including wheelchair users crossing back and forth to buses.
- That this was raised previously as a motion and a CRM case back in February 2022.
- As stated in the response no funding available, it was questioned that previously, a reply was received from the NTA stating that the NTA would fully support and fund such projects. Could the council look into this further?
- Were requests for crossings prioritised, if so this was felt to be a high risk location and should be dealt with as a priority.

The District Manager advised that there were a number of requests in for crossings at different locations around the county including a number of high-risk locations. The process after a referral was submitted was for Sustainable Transport to decide where crossings were required, if viable the request then would go to design stage. At this point the NTA would be contacted regarding funding. At the present time it was a balance of workload and time. Requests were currently being worked through but the viability of the proposal first needed to be assessed.

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



CL11/0723

Pathway on the Royal Canal

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

Can the council provide an update on the opening of the pathway on the Royal Canal between Louisa Bridge and Cope Bridge?

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport Section informing the members that the council is in dispute with the contractor. Discussions between the parties are ongoing to determine a resolution to the issues on this section.

The report was noted.

CL12/0723

Active Travel Bridge Project

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

Can the council confirm if the additional investigations on the proposed implementation of the boardwalk on the active travel bridge project in this municipal district have been completed, what are the findings and updated timeline for delivery?

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport Section informing the members that the detailed design stage of the project is progressing. A Section 50 Consent application has been submitted and approved by the Office of Public Works. Land transfer discussions are ongoing and site investigations are planned. The designers are expected to complete their work in 2024.

Councillor Liston was happy with the report and questioned when in 2024 would matters progress.

The District Manager advised that the Section 50 consent from the OPW was a positive and that it was expected the design would be completed early 2024 so it was hoped to have an update then.

The report was noted.

CL13/0723

Playground and Carpark at Leixlip Amenity Centre



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The members considered the Chief Executive's Part 8 report for the proposed playground and carpark at Leixlip Amenity Centre Lands, Station Road, Leixlip (ref. P82023.03)

Mr Wallace advised that there would be 79 car parking spaces, approximately 50 being used by Intel at present. That the carpark was set to be done before the playground. The playground was due to be relocated and drainage improved.

The members raised the following:

- Good to see progress being made
- It was asked if any provisions for cycle parking were planned, including larger spaces for cargo bikes.
- Asked for Tidy Towns to be kept updated with the works planned.
- Members asked to be kept updated and highlighted the importance of visually promoting active travel modes.

Mr Flannery advised that the carpark would be done before the playground and included disabled parking. Cycle parking was also hoped to be included. Dutch designs were being looked into as best practice. He also noted there would be a walkway around the tennis courts, and this would improve safety.

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Liston, Seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by all members present that that the Part 8 be approved.

As Councillor Cussen was not at the meeting she had requested in line with Standing Orders that Councillor Caldwell move her two motions on her behalf.

CL14/0723

Outdoor Gym Equipment, Celbridge.

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

That the council provide an expected date for the installation of the outdoor gym equipment in Celbridge.

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

A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that it was hoped to have the gym equipment installed in October. Procurement of the equipment is underway.



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The members raised the following:

- what were the results of the youth gym survey.
- how many pieces of equipment could be expected.
- To engage with the Tidy Towns during the project

Mr Wallace advised that the members the design of the outdoor gym should be expected in September/October time. The number of gym equipment pieces would be dependent on budget noting that funding had also been allocated through the Innovation Fund.

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

CL15/0723

Walled Gardens in Celbridge

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

Can the council confirm what the update is in relation to the lands at/around the Walled Gardens in Celbridge?

A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that the lands at Castletown Woods were taken in charge as part of Castletown Estate. However, the lands were never vested in Kildare County Councils name. This is currently being undertaken by our legal representatives.

Councillor Galvin asked if there was any indication how long this should take.

Mr Wallace agreed to go back and check with Development Control regarding the timeframe, and revert back to the members.

The report was noted.

CL16/0723

Youth Facility/Facilities in Celbridge

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

Can the council provide a progress report on the youth facility/facilities in Celbridge?

A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that consultation was carried out with 121 teenagers in Celbridge during May and June. This involved workshops with the teenagers where they developed models for the facilities that had been identified in the consultation carried out last year. These were hand out areas, multiuse games area,



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teen playground and outdoor gyms. These will now be used to form the basis of a tender to have these facilities designed.

Councillor Galvin was happy with the report and sought a time frame.

Mr Wallace advised that he hoped to have the tender out for October/November and would then, following appointment, anticipate approximately three months to get to design stage. The report was noted.

CL170723

Community, Public Realm and Recreation Budget

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

Can the council commit to spending the community, public realm and recreation budget detailing projects in Leixlip for 2023 and 2024 as only 9% of the €2,484,600 was spent in 2022 causing a deficit in social infrastructure in the town?

A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that there are 9 projects listed in the 2023-24 Capital Programme. Seven of these are currently being advanced. The current position with the projects are as follows

Project	Update
Wonderful Barn Allotments	Work on upkeep is ongoing
Leixlip Playground	Part 8 to be considered by members and preparation of design and tender for car park and playground is ongoing.
St Catherines Park	Design complete, tender to be advertised.

Work will continue on these into 2024 to deliver them.

Councillor Killeen sought clarification as she felt the list had less projects on compared to the previous circulated list, she agreed to discuss further off line.

Mr Wallace advised that the list was obtained from the Capital Programme and was for the Leixlip area as referred to in the question and that the Celbridge Projects were not included in the table.



The report was noted.

CL18/0723

Emergency Accommodation

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

Can the council confirm how many individuals and families from this municipal district are currently in emergency accommodation either within Kildare or outside the county?

A report was received from the Housing Section informing the members that there are 16 families currently in Emergency Accommodation, including B&Bs, Family Hubs and Transitional Units with Leixlip/Celbridge as their area of choice.

As part of the homeless assessment there are multiple addresses recorded and the addresses may not be from the same Municipal District. The addresses identified are used on a short-term basis.

The report was noted.

CL19/0723

River Liffey

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

Can the members receive an update on the cleaning of the River Liffey blocked at Newtown, Celbridge?

A report was received from the Housing Section informing the members that the Housing Department own lands at Newtown, Celbridge. The Housing Capital team will inspect the lands in Council ownership at Newtown to establish if the debris is associated with Housing land and, if so will contact the relevant authorities to establish the process for accessing and cleaning the river at that location.

The report was noted.

CL20/0723

Sycamore Avenue, Leixlip

The members considered the taking in charge of DC1111 Sycamore Avenue, Leixlip

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Liston, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by all members present to the taking in charge of DC1111 Sycamore Avenue, Leixlip



CL21/0723

Castletown House

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

That this council invites the OPW to attend the September Municipal District meeting to outline its longer term plans for Castletown House amenity and surrounding lands, as well as access, in light of the recent sale of adjacent lands.

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

A report was received from the Corporate Section informing the members that this is a matter for the members to agree. The members raised the following:

- That they would like to send an invite to OPW to come and speak at the next meeting regarding access and their vision for the future.
- How would the change of ownership change the status and effect the community.
- Arrange initial meeting in the hope to have subsequent meetings to discuss progress and any concerns.

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Liston, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by all members present that a letter be issued to invite the OPW to attend the September Municipal District

CL22/0723

Town Centre First Principle Policy

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

That the council use a Town Centre First Principle Policy to revitalise and regenerate Main Street, Leixlip and provide a timeline for when we can expect to see tangible improvements in the streetscape and overall liveability of the Main Street.

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

A report was received from the Housing Section informing the members that the Town Centre First Policy applies to towns with a population below 10,000 but the Council has made an application for funding support for Leixlip under the URDF third round of funding



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which is specifically designed to address long term vacancy and dereliction and we are currently awaiting a response to that submission.

The Strategic Projects and Public Realm team are due to publish a Town Renewal Masterplan for Leixlip in the coming months which will set out a vision for Leixlip.

The Vacant Homes and Derelict Sites Teams are currently carrying out inspections and contacting the owners of vacant/derelict properties in Leixlip with a view to bringing these properties back into use (including the use of compulsory acquisition if necessary)

Councillor Killeen expressed her disappointment that Clane had been selected and asked the council to push for Leixlip this year.

Ms Byrne advised that the Town Centre First Policy applied to towns/villages with a population less than 10,000, and that therefore Leixlip didn't qualify. Housing had been contacting vacant properties with some moved onto the derelict property list.

Councillor Killeen acknowledged the efforts but felt more momentum was needed. She advised that she was informed that the second round would include population of 20,000.

Ms Byrne advised again that the Town Centre First Policy only applied to population under 10,000.

Councillor Killeen agreed to discuss further offline.

The report was noted.

CL23/0723

Three Schools Campus, Celbridge

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

That the council provide an update on the Three Schools Campus in Celbridge and where necessary, write to the Department of Education seeking a written update.

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 department's most recent update on the shared campus in Donaghcumper in Celbridge is as follows:

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



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school building programme. It is intended that the new schools will be located on a site being acquired at Donaghcumper, Celbridge as part of a campus development.

The campus development will be progressed by National Development Finance Agency (NDFFA) that is supporting the Department by delivering an element of the Department's school building programme, the Devolved Schools Building Programme 2, on its behalf.

The Department has an agreement in principle for the acquisition of a site to accommodate the three-school campus at Donaghcumper, Celbridge. The acquisition process is at an advanced stage. The Department is currently engaging with the developers to finalise the details of the Heads of Terms.

In tandem with the site acquisition, the NDFFA are currently finalising arrangements for the required procurement process to appoint a design team. The NDFFA have been in contact with the schools in regard to this information and will continue to update the schools as this project progresses.

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

The members raised the following:

- Meeting took place a few weeks ago but no progress. There was nothing more Kildare County Council could do. It was now down to TD'S to work with the Department of Education.
- The members were alarmed to find out no site as yet, whereas a time frame was originally given of 12-18 months.
- A timeframe required for acquiring site was needed urgently.
- Update was previously received in April 2022 with nearly exact wording, not acceptable no progress to date.
- The members asked for this to be placed on the Progress Report for regular updates.
- It was asked could a letter be written from the motion to look for further information re timeframe, planning application.

Councillor Galvin proposed an amendment to add the words "including timelines" to the motion. This was seconded by Councillor Liston and agreed by all members.



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Resolved: on the proposal, as amended, of Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Liston and agreed by all members present for a letter to be written to the Department of Education.

The report was noted.

CL24/0723

Castletown Demesne

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Killeen. That the council endeavour to bring Castletown Demesne back into public ownership, coordinate activities with the OPW and create an action plan to improve public access to the site.

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

A report was received from the District Manager advised the members that Kildare County Council has always worked closely with the OPW with regard to Castletown Demesne and this important relationship will continue. Efforts were made by the OPW to secure the adjacent lands when they were placed on sale, but they were outbid. Kildare County Council will continue to work with the OPW to ensure public access to the site is maintained.

The members raised the following:

- That a proactive approach was required from the council, as the public were becoming increasingly worried.
- It was felt more should have been done, but could not be undone at this stage.
- That the council needed to continue working with the OPW around the area of access.

The District Manager confirmed that there were no planning submissions currently in place on these lands and that significant efforts were made by the OPW to buy the lands but were outbid.

It was proposed by Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by all members present to remove the work 'back' from the original motion.

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



CL25/0723

Roantree House Building

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

Can the council provide an update on the Roantree House building, 33 Main Street, Leixlip?

A report was received from the Environment Section that Roantree House is on the Record of Protected Structures and is also on the Derelict Sites Register.

The report was noted.

CL26/0723

Pop-up Pool, Leixlip

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

That the council provide an update on the pop-up pool in Leixlip, including levels of usage at the different times on different days.

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

A report was received from the Sports Partnership that the Pop-up Pool in Leixlip has been one of the most popular locations for this Swim Ireland project to date. There has been a 79% overall uptake on slots since launch day. The full breakdown of attendance since May 24 is as follows:

Kildare Sports Partnership Programmes	Attendance
Children with Additional Needs	60
Traveller Action Group-Male	59
Traveller Action Group - Female	36
Teenagers with Additional Needs	72
“Swimmin Women” Programme	8
Womens Swimming Lessons	30
Aqua Aerobics for Older Adults	12
Parent and Toddler Class	20
Junior Wheelchair Swim	40
Schools Swim Classes	588
Swim Ireland Programmes	



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Learn to Swim level 1-5	904
Adult Learn to Swim	96
Learn to Swim – Children 10 years +	10
Pre-School Lessons – Additional Needs Classes	117
Public Swim	362
Children With Addition Needs – 5-10 years old	12
Total attendance figures	2,426

The Members raised the following:

- They were delighted to see the pop-up pool which had been popular to date, in terms of c80% of capacity being used. They had the view that resolving some issues with booking and communication could contribute to increasing attendance even further:
- They noted the addition of a drop down box of options to select your session type.
- The booking system was not straightforward compared to other booking systems, with requirements to set up accounts and too many steps when booking multiple.
- It was not possible to book on the same day, even if there was availability.
- It was not possible to see if the pool was fully booked before attempting to book a session.
- There was no option to turn up and pay, even though there was clearly capacity – the members were aware of the risk of cash management onsite but asked if card payment in person was an option to be investigated.
- Could the Community Department or Sports Partnership liaise with groups or provide an easier way for certain group bookings, for example for older persons, as attendance appeared to be low.
- The payment requirement online was resulting in a more expensive rate for OAPs to book their sessions in the pop-up pool as opposed to Kildare K-Leisure pools.
- More promotion and publicity around Summer Camps at the Pop-Up pool would also be helpful to increase awareness and attendance.

Finally, the members were also eager to stress that the data on participation in the use of the Pop-Up pool was an evidence base to support a permanent pool and, in that context, asked was it possible to break down the data in various ways, including for example where the users of the pool were travelling from, not their address, but their town or village etc.



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The meetings administrator agreed to take all comments back to the Department.

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

CL27/0723

Community Space, Leixlip

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

Can the council confirm what amount is budgeted for 2023-2024 to create a community space in Leixlip that could serve as a hub for local initiatives to improve the appearance and vitality of the main street?

A report was received from the Community Section informing the members that the budget process for 2024 will be commencing shortly. The community team will work with any community groups who are seeking a community space in the area. The Strategic Projects and Public Realm team are due to publish a Town Renewal Masterplan for Leixlip in the coming months which will set out a vision for Leixlip.

Councillor Killeen noted the need for a targeted community space for community groups, stating ideally a hub was required. Councillor Killeen agreed to talk further offline.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.

These Minutes were adopted at the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting on 15 September 2023

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Meetings Administrator