



**Minutes of the Celbridge - Leixlip Municipal District Meeting
Held on Friday 19 July 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara.**

- Members Present:** Councillor B Caldwell (Cathaoirleach), Councillors R Heather, J Neville, C O'Rourke, L Panaite Fahey and D Trost.
- Remote Attendance:** Councillor N Killeen.
- 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), Mr J Hennessy (Senior Executive Officer), Mr S Walsh (Executive Engineer), Mr D Reynolds (Senior Executive Engineer), Mr D Hodgins (Senior Engineer), Mr S Merrins (Sports Partnership Coordinator), Ms S Barry (Administrative Officer), Ms A Murphy (A/Administrative Officer), Mr M Hearn (Staff Officer), Mr J Hannigan (Meetings Administrator), Ms J Woodhouse (Meetings Secretary) and other officials

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

CL01/0724

Declaration of Conflicts or Pecuniary Interests

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.



CL02/0724

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the draft minutes of the Annual Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on Friday 27 June 2024 including the progress report.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Heather, seconded by Councillor Neville and agreed by the members, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on Friday 27 June 2024 of the Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CL03/0724

Municipal District Works

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

Schedule of Municipal District works – July 2024

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. The power washing of Leixlip main street has been completed.

Road Works Programme for 2024

Road Overlays - Restoration Improvement

- R403 Clane road, (Ardras to Barberstown) -Works completed 13/05/24.
- R403 Barnhall RA to M4 overbridge - Works completed 03/05/24.
- R405 Maynooth road, Celbridge - At construction stage.
- R149 Confey at graveyard - At tender stage (tender assessment).
- L 5061 Loughlinstown road. - At tender stage (awaiting return of tenders)
- L 89945 Knockaulin Leixlip - Works completed 30/04/24

Surface Dressing – Restoration Maintenance 2024

Surface dressing was carried out on June 4.

Location: South Ardclough at Boston Cottages, Pluckstown and Ougherard.

Approx 3.250km length 14,000 sq.m of local road L2008 and L6018.



Footpath repair and restoration:

- Tender awarded for footpath repairs in The Grove in Celbridge, works to commence in August.
- Tender awarded for footpath repairs Castletown estate, Oaklawn and Leixlip park in Leixlip. Works also due to commence in August.

Realignment of R148 at Collinstown:

Roadworks have commenced on the R148 at Collinstown, Leixlip. Works area is from the roundabout at the R148/ R449 to the Junction of the R148 with Kellystown Lane. Roadworks are scheduled to be in place until the end of 2024. Temporary traffic management measures will be in place for the duration of the works.

Royal Canal Greenway: Access to the Royal Canal Greenway from Louisa Bridge is now open to access towpath from Louisa Bridge to Cope Bridge. Access from Louisa Bridge to Maynooth is now closed off to facilitate construction of Greenway.

The report was noted.

CL04/0724

2024 Speed Limit Review

The members received a presentation on the 2024 Speed Limit Review from Mr. J Hennessy, Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management.

Mr. J Hennessy, Senior Executive Engineer, Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Section informed the members of the following:

- Each Municipal District Office will quantify resources and the quantity of signage.
- Procurement process would be undertaken centrally by Department of Transport and Transport Infrastructure Ireland.
- No decision had been made to date in relation to the physical installation of signage, whether this would be by individual Municipal Districts or if this would be centralised.
- First step would be reduction of speed limits on Rural/Local Roads from 80km/h to 60km/h.
- Would revert to Councillors in relation to Urban Speed Limits at a later date, emphasising that Local Rural Roads would be addressed first.



Kildare County Council

- Stringent set of criteria was involved in the Speed Limit Review process and advised that these would be shared with the members.
- Intention would be that if a speed limit was reduced, it would not go up again without very good reason.

The members welcomed the report and raised the following:

- Reduction of speed was welcomed, enforcement of speed was raised as a concern.
- Members asked which roads were to be impacted in the municipal district and that they would like to sit down and assess each road case by case
- Asked that the presentation be circulated.
- Sought clarification regarding definition of Urban Area.
- Asked what the assessment process entailed.
- Asked would funding be expected for enforcement.
- Asked would signage be covered under central government funding?
- Road at Confey Cemetery was raised as a road of concern.
- Questioned had the appeals process changed

Mr. D Hodgins, Senior Engineer, Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Section informed the members of the following:

- Time constraint to implement the programme by the anticipated commencement date expected in November 2024.
- First task was to seek approval of members in relation to bye-laws, to enable the commencement of the process.
- Countywide Speed Limit Reviews ordinarily occur every 5 years and this process will continue as would the review process that was open to the public to seek a review of a particular speed limit.
- The focus was on changes to the default speed limits and initially only on rural local roads. Roads with L that had an 80km/h default would reduce to a default of 60km/h, unless otherwise voted on at Full Council. Only a few L roads in Celbridge Leixlip so Urban Area was being investigated next. Definition of Urban Area was still being investigated.



- The Council had selected a number of routes which were being examined against the criteria set out in the Department of Transport documentation.
- Information on assessments of speed limits would be provided to the members.
- The appeals process had not changed
- There were an unacceptable number of road deaths currently 109 fatalities in the Country and it was Kildare County Council's mandate to reduce speed limits in their county.
- It was noted that staff members of Kildare County Council form part of a number of national working groups on speed limits and advised there would have to be a very compelling reason to justify increasing a speed limit above the new default limit.
- It would be very important that in early 2025 and straight after the conclusion of the Local Rural Roads process, that a countywide speed reduction in housing estates be brought forward for public consultation and approval by the members.
- An Urban Roads Speed Limit Review was planned for 2025.
- It was further noted that the working assumption was that for areas along local rural roads which have a current special speed limit of 50km/h that this special speed limit would still apply.
- Emphasised that all decisions would be those of the members. That his department would deem a location suitable and inform members, but the decision would ultimately be with the Elected Members as it was a reserved function.
- Ensured the circulation to members of the slides from the presentation.

CL05/0724

Pedestrian Footpath

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Heather
That the council widens the pedestrian footpath that is adjacent to the wooded area between the Grove Estate entrance and Cunningham's Funeral Directors on Newtown Road, Celbridge as it is unsuitable for the volume of pedestrians that use it.

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



A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Section informing the members that the Municipal District office inspected and surveyed the width of the existing footpath. The width of the footpath varies from 1.3m to 2.3m, width is also restricted at locations of utility service poles. The average width of the footpath is 1.55m.

There was insufficient width in the existing road carriageway and footpath cross section to provide any additional width to the existing footpath due to the location of existing stone walls, kerb channel gullies and the horizontal and vertical alignment of the L1016 Celbridge to Ardclough road at this location.

Councillor Heather noted that the infrastructure was not sufficient for the volume of traffic on the road, he suggested utilising the disused lands behind the wall.

The District Engineer advised the members that he had been in discussions with the Sustainable Transport Section regarding the potential of a permeability footpath behind the existing wall. These discussions were ongoing.

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

CL06/0724

Celbridge LEA

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Panaite Fahey
That the council provides a quarterly report going forward in relation to the programme funding, unspent funds for Celbridge LEA together with a clear progress report on the main projects for amenities in Celbridge.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Panaite Fahey and seconded by Councillor Caldwell

A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that there is no objection in principal to providing reports in relation to amenity projects however it is proposed this would be twice yearly rather than quarterly.

Councillor Panaite Fahey noted this motion had been raised in the past regarding lack of amenities and distribution of funds to the municipal district over the past 8 years despite being one of the highest LPT rate payers. The population was currently 20,600 and growing
The members raised the following:



- Could any delays identified with main projects be included in the report.
- Could reports from other sections be considered for inclusion and not just the Parks section.
- Highlighted the importance of financial literacy
- It was hoped the report would identify current projects and upcoming projects and would enable the public to be kept updated on progress
- That the municipal district needed more investment e.g more playgrounds The District Manager advised the members that the report would focus on Capital Spend and that Capital Projects take time.

Current projects within the municipal district currently were

- A Part 8 for the Wonderful Barn which would be on public display in due course
- Progress was being made on playground at the Leixlip amenity centre
- The sensory garden at St Catherines

Mr Wallace advised the members that a 6 month report would be manageable as more frequent reports would have little to no progress as Capital Projects move at a slow pace.

Resolved on the proposal by Councillor Panaite Fahey seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by all members that the report be noted

CL07/0724

St Patrick's Park, Celbridge

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

That the council installs bollards in St Patrick's Park, Celbridge on a section of footpath opposite the library, for the safety of vulnerable users.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Section informing the members that the municipal district office would inspect this location and install additional bollards where there was evidence of vehicles parking on the footpath.

The District Engineer advised the members that the costings of installing one bollard would be 400 euro. The area in question would be covered by pay parking during set hours



and fines would issue to people parking illegally. Outside of these hours illegal parking would be a matter for An Garda Síochána.

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

The members agreed to take item 8 and item 11 together as they were both regarding the Second Bridge in Celbridge.

CL08/0724

Second Bridge, Celbridge

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Neville
That the council provides a progress report and timeline for the delivery of the second bridge for Celbridge.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Section informing the members that the Celbridge Hazelhatch Mobility Corridor Project is currently at the Preliminary Design and Statutory Process stage. It is hoped to submit a joint application to An Bord Pleanála for consent and for the compulsory purchase of land before the end of 2024, however this is subject to the availability of key resources. The timeline for the statutory process with An Bord Pleanála is unknown, but this could take at least a year, if not longer. There is further detail design and tendering works to be completed following the consenting process and a further update can be given in due course on the likely timeline for the delivery of the bridge.

It was agreed to recirculate information to the new members regarding the delivery of the bridge

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

Item 11

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Panaite Fahey



Can the council provide a full update and progress report on the provision of a second bridge for Celbridge to include route selection, vehicular capacity, and a timeline for delivery?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Section informing the members that the Celbridge Hazelhatch Mobility Corridor Project is currently at the Preliminary Design and Statutory Process stage. It is hoped to submit a joint application to An Bord Pleanála for consent and for the compulsory purchase of land before the end of 2024, however this is subject to the availability of key resources. The timeline for the statutory process with An Bord Pleanála is not known but this could take at least a year, if not longer. There is further detail design and tendering works to be completed following the consenting process and a further update can be given in due course on the likely timeline for the delivery of the bridge. Traffic flows on the scheme are expected to be in the order of 5,000 vehicles per day based on the modelling carried out.

The report was noted

CL09/0724

Streetlights

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Killeen
That the council installs a streetlight in phase three of Ryevale Lawns, [at the 2nd cul de sac,] in advance of the winter to offer safety and security to pedestrians traversing through this area where visibility is very poor.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Section informing the members that this request will be added to the KLIPS register. If Councillor Killeen can please forward a map of the exact location of the proposed light so that the request can be ranked. The public lighting section will then develop costs for the proposal and rank the proposal on KLIPS. The delivery of KLIPS projects is dependent on priority and funding, including Local Property Tax (LPT) funds allocated to public lighting.
Councillor Killeen enquired into unspent funds from last year and whether these funds could be used.



The District Manager asked Councillor Killeen if she could supply a map of the area identifying the exact location for this lighting request, as the delivery of projects through KLIPS were based on a ranking system.

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

CL10/0724 **Cope Bridge**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Killeen
That the council enforces weight restrictions on Cope Bridge to stop trucks in excess of 40 tonne weight accessing the road at Cope bridge, which has a weight restriction of 3.5 tonnes.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Section informing the members that the issue of enforcement of weight restrictions is a matter for An Garda Síochána. Please also note that this bridge is owned by Waterways Ireland and Kildare County Council have no responsibility for this structure. The Municipal District office will contact Leixlip Garda Station and request that the weight of vehicles over Cope Bridge is monitored.

Councillor Killeen reported trucks in excess of weight restrictions using the bridge and that she had already written to An Garda Síochána regarding these issues. It was asked could the installation of a weight sensor be investigated at this location.

The District Engineer advised the members that he had been to the location and monitored the traffic but there were no HGV's seen at that time. He advised that any reports of anyone using the bridge over the weight restrictions should be forwarded to An Garda Síochána to investigate.

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



CL11/0724

St Patrick's School

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Panaite Fahey
Can the council provide an update on discussions with NTA regarding the safe way to St Patrick's School on Hazelhatch Road and timeline for taking in charge of the Primrose Gate Estate?

A report was received from the Building Control Section informing the members that Development Control continue to engage with the Management Company with a view to progress the taking in charge of Primrose Gate. A site resolution plan is required. An application to take in charge the foul and watermain infrastructure was submit to Uisce Éireann Q2 2024 by Development Control. In July 2024 Uisce Éireann confirmed that they will engage with Kildare County Council to progress a site resolution plan.

A report was received from Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Section informing the members that the access to St. Patricks' school on Hazelhatch Road is not a matter for the National Transport Authority (NTA) and no discussions have taken place with them on this issue. The Municipal District Office have carried out a redesign proposal for the Hazelhatch Road/Hazelhatch Avenue junction with the view to improve facilities for vulnerable road users.

The reports were noted.

CL12/0724

Confey Bridge

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Caldwell
Can the council confirm if any update has been received from Waterways Ireland in relation to entering the Royal Canal at Confey Bridge?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Section informing the members that Proposals to amend the layout of the Royal Canal Greenway at this location form part of the DART West proposals submitted by Irish Rail to An Bord Pleanála for consideration.

The report was noted.



CL13/0724

Scoil Mochua, Celbridge

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Panaite Fahey. That the council moves immediately to resolve the land transfer issues at Scoil Mochua, Celbridge to ensure the provision of two autism classes for the school.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Panaite Fahey and seconded by Councillor Caldwell

A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that Kildare County Council has put considerable time and effort into ascertaining title of the lands in Willowbrook Park to enable a possible disposal transfer of land to Scoil Mochua. The completion of this process is currently with Land Registry. Once this is completed the disposal of land can be considered further.

Councillor Panaite Fahey highlighted the urgent need for autism classrooms and more space outside. Currently children were having to travel to schools further away for their needs to be met. A timeline was sought from the council and enquiry into what stage the title of land was currently at.

Mr Wallace advised the members that this had been a lengthy process, initially the school looked for an all-weather play area and the new classrooms came at a later stage. An affidavit was prepared a month ago which Mr Wallace believed was the last stage. This should now move onto the disposal of land.

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

CL14/0724

Dog Littering Sign

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Caldwell That the council puts in place more anti dog littering signs in St Catherine's Park, Leixlip.

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



A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that a review of dog signs in the park would be carried out and if additional are required these would be erected.

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

CL15/0724

Leixlip Playground

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

That the council provide an update on the timeline for Leixlip playground?

A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that the removal of the old playground and relocation to The Wonderful Barn is due to commence on 15 July. The contractor for the car park is due to commence work in the next few weeks also. Work on the installation of the playground will follow once the car park is complete. The exact date for the commencement is likely to be late Autumn, early winter subject to agreement with the successful contractor.

The report was noted.

CL16/0724

Part 8 Report P82024-08

The members received a report prior to the meeting to consider the Chief Executives Part 8 report P82024-08 for the proposed residential development at Oldtown Mill, Celbridge, Co Kildare. Mr Reynolds gave a briefing to the members informing them that:

- Development was for Proposed Social Housing Scheme on the Oldtown Mill Road Celbridge, Co. Kildare
- The Part 8 was advertised in the Liffey Champion on 23 March 2024
- Fixed Part 8 notices were fixed at the site on 24 March 2024
- Public display period was from 21 March to 19 April 2024
- Submission closed on 7 May 2024
- There were 15 submissions received
- Submissions received were included in the Chief Executives Report



Kildare County Council

- The proposed development comprises of 60 residential units including 40 houses, 20 one bed apartments, 15 two bed apartments ,21 three bed units and 4 four bed units.
- Each housing unit includes renewable energy design measures.
- All existing spoil would be removed prior to construction works commencing

The scheme was welcomed by the members and the following was raised by Councillor Heather

- That the municipal district were currently looking into suitable youth spaces, could this be incorporated into the plans in one of the three open spaces.

Mr Reynolds agreed to refer this for consideration to the Planning Section. If more hard areas were to be added as in a youth space, work underground would need to be addressed.

On the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Panaite Fahey and agreed by all members that the Chief Executives Part 8 report P82024-08 for the proposed residential development at Oldtown Mill, Celbridge, Co Kildare be approved and that Councillor Heather's proposal to use one open space area for a youth space would be considered

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Panaite Fahey and agreed by all members that the Chief Executives Part 8 report P82024-08 for the proposed residential development at Oldtown Mill, Celbridge, Co Kildare be approved and that Councillor Heather's proposal to use one open space area for a youth space would be considered.

CL17/0724

Old ESB Site

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Caldwell
Can the council provide an update on the development on the old ESB Site on Main Street, Leixlip?

A report was received from the Housing Section informing the members that the draft planning pack received from Cluid was reviewed by Kildare County Council and further information is required in advance of progressing to S179A. Cluid is reviewing the comments and is endeavouring to progress to a Section 179A application in September.

The report was noted.



CL18/0724

Post Box

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Trost
That members agree to write to An Post to reinstate the post box in Tesco that was removed during the construction of Costa Coffee Cafe at this location.

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

A report was received from Corporate Services informing the members that this was a matter for the members to agree

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Trost, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by all members that a letter be written to An Post to ask them to reinstate the post box in Tesco that was removed during the construction of Costa Coffee Cafe at this location

CL19/0724

Hazelwood Park, Celbridge

The members received a report prior to the meeting to consider the taking in charge of Hazelwood Park, Celbridge (Ref. 2138)

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Heather, seconded by councillor Trost and agreed by all members that Hazelwood Park, Celbridge (Ref. 2138) be taken in charge.

CL20/0724

Primrose Gate Estate, Celbridge

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Heather
Can the council confirm the status of the 'taking in charge' process for Primrose Gate estate in Celbridge?

A report was received from Development Control advising the members that they were continuing to engage with the Management Company with a view to progress the taking in charge of Primrose Gate. A site resolution plan was required. An application to take in charge the foul and watermain infrastructure was submitted to Uisce Éireann Q2 2024 by



Kildare County Council

Development Control. In July 2024 Uisce Éireann confirmed that they would engage with Kildare County Council to progress a site resolution plan.

The report was noted.

CL21/0724

Harpur Lane, Leixlip

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Killeen
Can the council provide an update in relation to the provision of a creche at Harpur Lane, Leixlip?

A report was received from Development Control advising the members that they have been advised by the Developer that the multi-storey building, with the ground floor unit identified for a creche at planning, was sold to the Land Development Agency (LDA). The Developer has advised that the ground floor unit, identified for a creche, is now under a long-term lease agreement with the LDA to a party who intend to open the unit as a creche. Development Control have no timeline on this.

Councillor Killeen asked if the council could talk with the LDA on this matter

It was agreed for this to be followed up and a timeline be sought.

The report was noted.

CL22/0724

Unauthorised Development

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Heather
Can the council confirm how the planning department prioritises enforcement action in the case of an unauthorised development in this municipal district?

A report was received from the Planning Section informing the members that on receipt of a completed Complaint Form, a new Unauthorised Development (UD) file is opened, and referred to the Senior Executive Planner (SEP). The SEP assesses the contents of the complaint, and the file is then referred to the Case Officer for further investigation. Each UD case is unique with a different set of circumstances all of which are considered at referral stage.

The report was noted.



CL23/0724

Unauthorised Development Warning Letter

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor O'Rourke
Can the council outline the process following the issuing of a Warning Letter for an Unauthorised Development in this municipal district?

A report was received from the Planning Section informing the members that as detailed in the Warning Letter any person on whom such a letter is served has four weeks from the date of service to make submissions or observations. As set out in the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended 'as soon as may be after the issue of a Warning Letter the Planning Authority shall make investigations as it considers necessary to enable it to make a decision on whether to issue an Enforcement Notice'

As part of this decision any submissions made on foot of the Warning Letter will be taken into consideration.

Councillor O'Rourke sought clarification on the time frame from warning letter to enforcement Mr Conlon advised the members that each case was different. Once a warning letter was issued a time of 4 weeks was given for a response and this was then followed up with an inspection, an Enforcement Notice would be issued when necessary. It could then take anything upto 6 months to go through the legal service with some cases taking a number of years

The report was noted.

CL24/0724

Celbridge Local Area Plan

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Trost
Can the council inform the members on the timeframe for the Celbridge Local Area Plan?

A report was received from the Planning Section informing the members that the Celbridge Local Area Plan is not currently under review and therefore it is unfortunately not possible to advise on timeframes.

Councillor Trost was happy with the report and sought a possible time frame

Mr Conlon advised that he was unable to give a timeframe as currently the Section had 10 LAP's to complete

The report was noted.



CL25/0724

**Local Property Tax Innovation Fund and Residents Association (Projects)
Grants Schemes**

The members were circulated a report prior to the meeting with allocations under Local Property Tax Innovation Fund and Residents Association (Projects) Grants Schemes. (appendix 1)

The report was noted by all members.

CL26/0724

Uisce Éireann

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Heather
That the council seeks clarification from Uisce Éireann on its commitment that Hazelhatch is a priority scheme for water infrastructure upgrades in 2025 and that this commitment is formalised in a plan for the work that is shared with elected members of this municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Water Services Section informing the members that subject to the agreement of the members, Councillor Heather's motion will be referred to Uisce Éireann via the dedicated email address for notices of motion and a response will be expected before the next meeting. The members will be updated accordingly.

The members raised the following

- That issues would continue until the pipes in question were upgraded.
- The members asked could they get feedback from the council as to which projects were put forward to Uisce Éireann.
- More accountability from Uisce Éireann was needed, noting this was both local and national level

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Heather, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by all members that the report be noted and this motion be forwarded onto Uisce Éireann via their dedicated email address by the Corporate Section.



CL27/0724

Columbarium Wall

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Caldwell
That the council considers relocating the plans for a columbarium wall to the new site when purchased, as there is very little space left in the current cemetery in Confey for burials.

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

A report was received from the Environment Section informing the members that at its monthly meeting in January 2024, in advance of the council going to tender, the Municipal District members received a presentation from the Environment Department on the proposed Columbarium wall installation and design at Confey which forms part of the 2024 Cemeteries Capital Improvement Programme.

As expressed at the time, there are logistical reasons for choosing the particular location at the front of the cemetery for the wall rather than for standard interments.

The council is at a very early stage in terms of developing a new cemetery, but when ready to advance it, the design can include for a Columbarium Wall if the members so wish.

Councillor Caldwell highlighted the urgency of this as Confey Cemetery was almost full and that a new cemetery was required.

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

CL28/0724

Civic Amenity Centre

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

Can the council provide an update on the proposed Civic Amenity Centre in this municipal district?

A report was received from the Environment Section informing the members that there is an existing proposal to provide a Civic Amenity Site on council owned land beside the Municipal District depot at the M4 interchange in Celbridge.



This previous design was deemed too expensive to deliver. The Environment Section is now working in conjunction with the Municipal District offices to deliver a joint project on the site at the M4.

Meetings are ongoing to fully scope the project, once complete a tender will be issued for design consultants for the project.

Delivery of the new Civic Amenity Site will need budgetary approval on completion of this new design and the estimated construction and delivery costs of this new project.

Councillor Trost was happy with the report and sought a timeframe.

The District Manager advised the members that a decision had previously been made to co-locate the Civic Amenity Centre. The Engineers were working together on this project. There was currently a shortfall in funding but a meeting was scheduled for August.

The report was noted.

CL29/0724

Swimming Pool

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

Can the council provide an update on the Swimming pool for North Kildare?

A report was received from the Kildare Sports Partnership informing the members that the development of swimming pool facilities in North Kildare is a high priority for this Council.

Discussions are taking place with two land holders in the Maynooth/Clane and Celbridge/Leixlip Municipal Districts along with regular discussions with Swim Ireland in order to advance the process. It is premature at this stage to provide further information on the location and specifics but as the project progresses an update will be provided to elected members.

The report was noted.

CL30/0724

Childcare Provisions

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



Kildare County Council

Can the council confirm what community facilities for childcare provision are available and how smaller local childcare settings are being supported and promoted in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District?

A report was received from the Community Section informing the members that Kildare County Council will engage with Kildare County Childcare Committee whose role is to support and develop childcare services in the county. The Kildare County Childcare Committee is due to give a presentation to the Plenary Council in the near future. Councillor Killeen asked if the Community Section could give the councillors a list of which childcare facilities that the council support.

It was agreed to pass the request onto the Community Section

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded



Appendix 1

Community Innovation Grants 2024 for approval Celbridge Leixlip M.D.				
No	Group Name	Project	Grant Requested	Proposed Grant
1	Leixlip Youth Premises Group Ltd	Sensory Garden Project	€ 5,000.00	€ 5,000.00
2	PlayActing Youth Theatre	Autumn integration & Christmas Performance	€ 5,000.00	€ 3,185.00
3	Derrybeg Farm CSA (Community Supported Agriculture)		€ 5,000.00	€ 5,000.00
4	Celbridge Men's shed	Fit out shed	€ 4,500.00	€ 4,500.00
5	Celbridge Boys Club	Increase Awareness of Club	€ 3,905.00	€ 2,875.00
6	Leixlip GAA	Inclusion & Diversity Day	€ 3,500.00	€ 3,500.00
7	Start with Art	Art Exhibition	€ 2,775.00	€ 2,775.00
8	Community Cancer Caregivers	Provision of meals for patients	€ 3,000.00	€ 3,000.00
9	The Snappers	Attract Younger Members	€ 850.00	€ 850.00
10	Ardclough Village Centre Ltd , Community organisation	Audio Visual History of Local Churches	€ 2,250.00	€ 2,250.00
11	Celbridge Community Centre CLG	Christmas Craft Fair/Family Day	€ 1,210.00	€ 1,210.00
12	Celbridge ICA	Christmas Meal	€ 3,225.00	€ 3,225.00



Kildare County Council

13	Leixlip Youth Project (inSync)	Team Building Activities	€ 5,000.00	€ 5,000.00
14	Celbridge Community Council (Mum and Baby Group)	Weekly Mum and Baby Group	€ 800.00	€ 800.00
15	Celbridge Community Council (Celbridge Youth Café)	Summer Outdoor Programme	€ 815.00	€ 815.00
16	Abbey Art Group Celbridge	Art Supplies	€ 5,000.00	€ 2,765.00
17	Silver Thread Club	Social outing for Retired People	€ 4,690.00	€ 4,690.00
18	Celbridge Heritage and Tourism Forum	Community Family Fun Day	€ 3,000.00	€ 3,000.00
19	SOS Leixlip	Saturday Morning Market in Leixlip	€ 3,126.07	€ 3,125.00
20	Parents' Association St. Wolstan's Community School	Sensory Garden Project	€ 1,993.00	€ 2,000.00
21	Parents Association Scoil Mochua	Sensory Garden Project	€ 5,000.00	€ 3,000.00
22	St Patrick's Primary school Parents Association	Motor Resources & Equipment	€ 4,369.66	€ 2,000.00
23	Scoil na Mainistreach Parents Association	Activity Panels & Outdoor Furniture	€ 5,000.00	€ 3,000.00
24	Happy Feet Walking Football Group	Provision of Equipment	€ 900.00	€ 900.00
25	Celbridge Bobcats Baseball Club	Provision of Uniforms	€ 1,000.00	€ 1,000.00
26	Celbridge Town Football Club	Equipment for Underage Academy	€ 5,000.00	€ 4,000.00



Kildare County Council

27	Leixlip Tennis Club	Floodlighting Supply Project	€ 5,000.00	€ 3,000.00
28	Confey GAA Club	Juvenile and Main Pitch Improvements	€ 5,000.00	€ 3,000.00
29	Leixlip United AFC	Upgrade of Lighting	€ 4,900.00	€ 3,000.00
30	Celbridge GAA	Community Walking Track	€ 4,900.00	€ 4,000.00
31	Celbridge Condors Special Olympic Athletic Club	Upgrade of Toilet Facilities	€ 5,000.00	€ 3,000.00
32	Bushido Martial Arts	Replacement of Safety Mats	€ 5,000.00	€ 3,000.00
33	Liffeybank Football Club	Club Equipment	€ 5,000.00	€ 4,000.00
			Total for Approval	€ 96,465.00
			Budget	€ 105,000.00
			Balance remaining	€ 8,535.00



Kildare County Council

No	Residents Association	Project	Grant Requested	Proposed Grant
1	The Grove Residence Association	Plant a Pocket Forest	€ 2,000.00	€ 2,000.00
2	Crodaun Forest Park Residents Association	Purchase of Equipment	€ 2,000.00	€ 2,000.00
3	Louisa Valley Residents Association	Purchase of Equipment	€ 999.00	€ 1,000.00
4	Leixlip Park Residents Association	Upgrade of Boundary Fence	€ 600.00	€ 600.00
5	Riverforest View Residents Association	Pollinator Friendly Flowerbed	€ 539.00	€ 540.00
6	Leixlip Castletown Residents Association	Pruning of Tress	€ 2,000.00	€ 2,000.00
7	Oaklawn West Residents Association	Installation of Benches	€ 2,000.00	€ 2,000.00
8	St Raphael's Manor Residents Association	Planting of Native Trees and Hedging	€ 1,732.25	€ 1,735.00
9	Celbridge Abbey Residents Association	Remove/Replace and Prune Trees	€ 2,000.00	€ 2,000.00
10	Castlewellan Park Residents Association	Rejuvenate Flower Beds	€ 1,900.00	€ 1,900.00
11	Avondale Residents Association	Purchase of Electric Equipment	€ 2,000.00	€ 2,000.00
12	Wheatfield Residents association	Pruning of Trees	€ 2,000.00	€ 2,000.00
			Total for Approval	€ 19,775
			Budget	€ 30,000
			Balance remaining	€ 10,225.00