



Minutes of the Celbridge - Leixlip Municipal District Meeting
Held on Friday 11 April 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara.

Members Present: Councillor B Caldwell (Cathaoirleach), Councillors P Brooks, R Heather, N Killeen, C O'Rourke, and Councillor D Trost.

Apologies: Councillor Lumi Panaite Fahey.

Officials Present: Ms C Barrett (District Manager), Mr M McLoughlin (A/Senior Executive Officer, Transport), Mr A Martin (A/Senior Executive Engineer, Strategic Projects and Public Realm), Mr M Hearn, Staff officer, Environment), Mr M Corrigan (Senior Executive Librarian), Ms E Donnelly (A/ County Arts Officer), Mr T Shanahan (Meetings Administrator), Mr A Foran (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

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

CL01/0425

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.

CL02/0425

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the draft minutes of the Monthly Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on Friday 21 March 2025 including the progress report.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Trost, seconded by Councillor O'Rourke and agreed by the members, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on Friday 21 March 2025 of the Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District be confirmed and the progress report noted.



CL03/0425

Municipal District Works

The members received an update on the Municipal District Road Works.

Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District Schedule of Works - April 2025

The outdoor crews are carrying out general footpath and road maintenance works in the Municipal District (MD) area. This includes the 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.

Winter Maintenance:

Winter maintenance operations for Q1/Q2 2025 are now complete.

Road Works Programme 2025:

All projects at preparation of tender documents stage.

1. L1016 Ardclough Village (380lin.m) (Tender complete)
2. R403 Dublin Road, Celbridge (1179lin.m) (At tender stage)
3. L5061 Loughlinstown Road. (558lin.m.) (Tender complete)
4. R148 Main Street, Leixlip (120lin.m) (Preparing tender document)
5. R449 Kilmacredock to M4 (400lin.m)
6. L1015 Kellystown Lane to Confey (1574lin.m)

Surface Dressing – Restoration Maintenance

Surface dressing is scheduled to commence in May before the June bank holiday weekend.

Location: Allenswood L5052 from the R149 to the county boundary (1.75km)

Advanced works have commenced in preparing this road for surface dressing.

Footpath Restoration Programme 2025:

Assessments currently being carried out in housing estates to determine locations for 2025 footpath Restoration Works Programme.



Roadworks on R148 at Collinstown: Works are now substantially complete. Kildare County Council is currently commencing the taking in charge process for this road.

The report was noted.

CL04/0425

As Councillor Panaite Fahey was not in attendance at the meeting, this item fell.

CL05/0425

Sustainable Growth and Development of Celbridge

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Heather
That the council prepares a Transport Management Plan (including Public Transport Accessibility Strategy) as set out in the Celbridge Local Area Plan to support the sustainable growth and development of Celbridge.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing members that as per the recent update on the Roads Capital Projects, the next Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) to be progressed will be for Celbridge/Leixlip/Confey and the process to appoint a consultant will be progressed shortly.

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

CL06/0425

Celbridge Active Travel Bridge.

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Rupert Heather.
That the council provides an update, including the status of investigation works, funding for the construction, and a timeline for completion of the Celbridge Active Travel Bridge.

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



A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that Kildare County Council received an allocation of €300,000 from the National Transport Authority (NTA) in 2025 to complete the detailed design of the Celbridge Active Travel Bridge. The consultant engineers working on the project are expected to complete the detailed design and contract documents this year. The project will be ready for construction, subject to funding being made available in subsequent years.

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

CL07/0425

Road Markings, Pedestrian Crossings, Celbridge

The members considered the following motion in the names of Councillor David Trost
That the council renews the road markings on the pedestrian crossings located on the Ardclough Road and English Row, Celbridge.

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

A report was received from Transport Department informing the members that a request to refresh this line marking has been sent to Kildare County Council's line marking contractor and will be carried out in the coming weeks.

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

CL08/0425

Link between Hereford Park/Barnhall and M4

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Killeen.
That the council indicates the delivery timeline on when a new link between Hereford Park/Barnhall and M4 will open and explains why this was not completed prior to the delivery of homes in Hereford Park commencing.



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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing members that this Large-Scale Residential Development (LRD) was granted permission by An Bord Pleanála (ABP) Ref 317923-23 following an appeal to the notification of permission by Kildare County Council Ref 23-513. The main access point is off the R404 Celbridge Road at a 4-arm signalised junction opposite the Wonderful Barn. There is no link between this estate and the M4.

Councillor Killeen informed members that the report was incorrect and that access to the M4 at the location was a key part of the Leixlip Local Area Plan and that Reference MT3/13 and should be looked at in relation to this.

Ms C Barrett (District Manager) stated that this was checked with the Planning Compliance team and there was no connection to or from the M4 and the estate, but they would review the reference MT3/13 in the LAP and revert back to Councillor Killeen.

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

CL09/0425

Maynooth Road, Celbridge, Accessibility Improvement Measures

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

Can the council provide an update on any possible accessibility improvement measures identified on the at Cove and Co. premises?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing members that the land associated with the entrance to this development is private. Any alterations to the entrance will need to be carried out by the landowner or by Kildare County Council in agreement with the landowner. Currently, there is planning permission granted on this property for extension and change of use. It includes the upgrading of the entrance with improvement of pedestrian crossing facilities. The Municipal District office have no update on the landowner's proposals



to act on this planning permission and have no agreement with the landowner to carry out independent pedestrian improvement measures.

Councillor Heather noted accessibility issues need to be addressed and perhaps an accessibility audit could take place with the local access group.

The report was noted.

CL10/0425

Path Works River Rye Brewery and Donaghcumper Cemetery

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

Can the council provide an update on the progress of the path between the River Rye Brewery and Donaghcumper cemetery?

A report was received from Transport Department informing the members that these works would be progressed as part of 2025's Footpath Works Programme and were planned to be carried out in Quarter 2.

The report was noted.

CL11/0425

Private Car Park Captains Hill, Leixlip

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

Can the council provide an update on the leasing/purchase of the private car park off Captains Hill as raised in a motion in 2024?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing members that it will engage with the owner to discuss the proposal. The addition of any parking spaces would require a review of the Parking Bye-Laws for Leixlip.

The report was noted.

CL12/0425

Celbridge Abbey Carpark

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor O'Rourke



Can the council update members on progress of discussions with the St. John of God Order regarding what action is being taken to ensure public safety at the Celbridge Abbey Carpark on the Clane Road in Celbridge?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing members that Kildare County Council had suspended pay parking at Celbridge Abbey Carpark pending the resolution of the unauthorised dwelling. The parking meter and related signage had also been removed. The removal of the unauthorised dwelling remains with the landowner to resolve.

Councillor O'Rourke asked for clarification as she understood that at the last Municipal District meeting, a meeting with the St. John of God Order was discussed.

Ms C Barrett (District Manager) noted that contact was made with the St. John of God Order and that the response was that they were not in a position to meet, citing that they were advised that legally it would not currently be appropriate. Mr M McLoughlin (A/Senior Executive Officer, Transport) noted that this was a delicate situation and that it should be allowed to proceed through its natural process.

Councillor O'Rourke thanked the Department for the report.
The report was noted.

CL13/0425

Site on R449 Celbridge Interchange Road

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor O'Rourke
Can the council provide information on the intended function of the site under development on the M4 interchange Road R449, formerly intended as a Civic Amenity Centre for Celbridge?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that currently, the underdeveloped site on the R449 Celbridge Interchange Road was a private development and was for industrial/commercial units. This development was adjacent to and does not include any lands associated with the Civic Amenity Centre proposals.
The report was noted.



CL14/0425

Tree Programme, Celbridge Area

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Trost
Can the council confirm the start date for the Tree Programme in the Celbridge Area and clarify if the pruning of the tree in Abbey Farm ref KCC 146374 (details provided) is included in the schedule?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing members that this location was on the programme. Work was due to commence on the programme in May and would take 12-16 weeks to be completed. The Parks Team would request the contractor include this location for work early in the programme.

The report was noted.

CL15/0425

Install Seating Main Street Leixlip

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Caldwell
That the council installs seating at the top of the Main Street in Leixlip in front of the yellow house.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Caldwell and seconded by Councillor O Rourke

A report was received from the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Department informing the members that this request would be assessed, and if suitable and feasible, may be included in current plans for the area which were currently being progressed as intended by the Town Renewal Master Plan. The Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team were currently working with the Leixlip Municipal District Office to progress the delivery of works to the Main Street including Pound Street, the entrance to the Health Centre, parts of Captains Hill, Ralph Square and the Leixlip Road. Works would include the replacement of paving of the footpaths, as well as other works, and would be progressed on full scale for Part 8 approval with a plan to deliver the works on a phased basis subject to funding and resources available.



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

CL16/0425

Leixlip Town Renewal Plan

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Killeen
That the council provides a progress update on the Leixlip Town Renewal Plan and a report on objectives achieved to date since the plan launched.

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

A report was received informing the members that the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team were currently working with the Leixlip Municipal District Office to progress the delivery of works to the Main Street including Pound Street, the entrance to the Health Centre, parts of Captains Hill, Ralph Square and the Leixlip Road.

Works would include the replacement of paving of the footpaths, as well as other works, and would be progressed on full scale for Part 8 approval with a plan to deliver the works on a phased basis subject to funding and resources available.

The Strategic Projects and Public Realm team (SPPR) have received notice that the 2025 HSF Funding proposal for the Wonderful Barn Restoration Works had not been successful. Works were ongoing on remediation works to the main barn and the dovecots and were due to be complete in the coming weeks. Additional works were expected to commence that would see the wall adjacent to the main building be fully restored to the same standard as the walled garden.

The progression of all projects included in the Town Renewal Masterplan was dependent on funding being available.

SPPR strive to complete funding applications as grants opportunities become available. The process was challenging given the significant number of projects in Kildare that were waiting on funding. Each funding opportunity was a competitive process with Kildare competing with other local authorities.



Councillor Killeen noted that she was surprised to see funding for the Wonderful Barn had not been successful and if funding was missed out on in relation to the report, an update would be appreciated.

Ms C Barrett (District Manager) stated that the overall project to complete the Wonderful Barn Project was currently estimated at €20/21 million which would require a URDF fund or equivalent funding stream, approved under Part 8. While this is awaited however Public Realm, annually have won funding under the Historic Structures Fund to ensure the Wonderful Barn is maintained as a heritage building. It is this funding that on this occasion that was unsuccessful. This is separate to the URDF.

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

CL17/0425

Vacancy and Dereliction in Leixlip

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Killeen
Can the council provide an update on progress in respect of actions taken to address vacancy and dereliction in Leixlip?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing members that the Oral hearing with An Bord Pleanála was held on 13 February 2025 in relation to the compulsory purchase of properties on Main Street, Leixlip, and a decision from An Bord Pleanála is currently awaited on this case.

Compulsory acquisition of 2 properties in Ralph Square has commenced, a meeting was held with the property owners where they set out their plans to develop the property site and a planning application was received in September 2024 and is currently subject to a further information request.

Property in Ralph Square was sold after engagement with the Vacant Homes Team and was granted permission for development in December 2024.



12 applications for the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant have been received for properties in Leixlip since 2023, 3 of which have been received so far in 2025.

The Vacant Homes Section is in contact with property owners of other vacant properties in Leixlip and will continue to engage and monitor progress regarding vacancy and dereliction in the town.

The report was noted.

CL18/0425

Arts Awards and Bursaries 2025

Ms. E Donnelly informed the members of the embargo in relation to the details of the Arts Awards and Bursaries for 2025 for the Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District. The details of these awards should not be publicised until the end of the month. This was to allow time to present at each Municipal District meeting and also to allow time for the applicants to receive their individual responses.

Arts Act Grant 2025				
First Name	Last Name	Municipal District	Brief summary of proposed project	Award €
Ann	Groves	Celbridge / Leixlip	To progress to a professional standard of watercolour painting by upgrading studio and equipment.	€ 400
Aoife	McAtamney	Celbridge / Leixlip	To write a 40-minute solo collection of new music called Authors. The collection includes 3 long form songs, based on the books of several local female authors. The outcome will be a low-fi performance of Authors for Celbridge and Naas Library in August 2025.	€ 1,000
Ciaran	Austin	Celbridge / Leixlip	Present <i>Our House the Madness Musical</i> , April 29 - May 3, 2025, in Leixlip, Co. Kildare. This community-driven production features a diverse cast and crew, aiming to deliver a high-quality theatrical experience for audiences across Kildare.	€ 800
Clodagh	Kelly	Celbridge / Leixlip	Collating and curating artworks for a solo exhibition. Playing with ways to juxtapose artwork into a complete visual narrative. Documenting the artwork for presentation to galleries and funding organisations.	€ 616
Dave	Hussey	Celbridge / Leixlip	Exhibition costs for a Watercolour Art Exhibition in Celbridge Library in October 2025.	€ 250
Denis	Kelly	Celbridge / Leixlip	To present a series of artworks on paper for a Solo Exhibition from Nov 16 - 30 2025 at Naas Library and Cultural Centre.	€ 1,500
Ena	Fitzpatrick	Celbridge / Leixlip	Creating, developing, framing and exhibiting 20 artworks in Leixlip Community Library for the month of November 2025. Artworks will be a mix of paint, wool fibres and fused glass and will represent a selection of the flora, fauna and natural environment of Celbridge and the surrounding areas.	€ 500
Fifi	Smith	Celbridge / Leixlip	An installation of a freestanding framework of 2.1 m long tubular steel bars locked together at 10° angles. Two-dimensional acrylic and watercolour artworks mimicking the shapes created by the framework will be developed from a poem about Claude Monets' perceptions in old age.	€ 2,500
Ian	Nolan	Celbridge / Leixlip	From June-September, the project will aim to connect the public, artists, and academics through walking tours and workshops; exploring Leixlip's waterways via personal, historical, and ecological perspectives. Embracing storytelling traditions, it promotes accessibility through the innovative use of technology. A final publication will showcase findings and celebrate connections between people, place, and environment.	€ 950
John	Conway	Celbridge / Leixlip	Towards developing work and creating networking opportunities through studio visits at Temple Bar Gallery + Studios by updating website, creating a back catalogue of project material and framing and presenting work in studio.	€ 650
Lara	Coady	Celbridge / Leixlip	To write the finalised script of new play 'I lock pearls', incorporating research from Kildare Arts Service Research and Thinking Bursary Award 2023 and to present of a rehearsed reading of the play in 2025.	€ 1,200
Lye	Baisley	Celbridge / Leixlip	To create a large oil painting about the experience of growing up being perceived as a woman in the world, what that means and how that shapes the way we hold ourselves and others - to exhibit in Kildare in June.	€ 280
Mark	Butler	Celbridge / Leixlip	To assist with the cost of artist's materials and studio time to create a suite of seven new paintings at home studio in Leixlip, to be completed by 31 December 2025, with the goal of exhibiting this work publicly in County Kildare.	€ 700



Penny	Smith	Celbridge / Leixlip	To support the work of <i>Full Stops & Comments Writing Group</i> to engage an established author, and a publishing expert, to deliver two half-day workshops in order to improve member's knowledge and development of writing skills, and the editing and presentation requirements for successful publication.	€ 900
Peter	McCluskey	Celbridge / Leixlip	To create and frame 15 watercolour and graphic pen artworks resulting in <i>A Kildare Panorama</i> . Each piece will be themed on a significant / a well-known / a historic site / a historical figure in, or from, the county of Kildare.	€ 1,000
Phoebe O'Leary	O'Leary	Celbridge / Leixlip	Expansion of Ardclough Youth Theatre's senior ensemble (ages 16–24) who will develop their theatre-making skills through Alice Birch's <i>[BLANK]</i> - a powerful exploration of the criminal justice system's impact on women and children, which is experimental in form, culminating in performances at Straffan Community Hall and The Moat Theatre.	€ 1,360
Saidhbhin	Gibson	Celbridge / Leixlip	To present a new artwork at the 5th European Wool Conference in Italy this year. This in-person presentation will give an overview of the artist's visual art practice and a new video essay addressing urgent topics including valuing sustainable and local produced materials (wool).	€ 675
Total				€ 15,281

Drama League of Ireland Summer School Bursary Award 2025				
First Name	Last Name	Municipal District	Brief summary of proposed project	Award €
Caoimhe	O'Farrell	Celbridge / Leixlip	To develop a concept for a play and how to translate it into vivid and fresh performances. To explore how to generate authentic blocking, how to focus action and build strong intention.	€ 665
Phoebe	O'Leary	Celbridge / Leixlip	To attend the stage movement course, which will enhance ability to manage larger casts, improve practice, and elevate the quality of youth arts in Kildare.	€ 665
Total				€ 1,330

Local Publishing Award 2025				
First Name	Last Name	Municipal District	Brief summary of proposed project	Award €
Catherine	Fleming	Celbridge / Leixlip	<i>Talking Walls</i> will tell the story of the social history of Celbridge Workhouse, from 1841 onward. Celbridge Workhouse has stories of despair. It also speaks of hope, and survival. A landmark building at the core of the social fabric of the town, it became, a source of employment and resurrected itself as a positive feature.	€ 900
Total awarded				€ 900

Tyrone Guthrie Residency Bursary Award 2025				
First Name	Last Name	Municipal District	Brief summary of proposed project	Award €
Gary	Finnegan	Celbridge / Leixlip	To develop and write a novel, building on an existing short story already written. The novel centres on the lives of two young friends who take a holiday together in the summer between the end of school and the start of university. Their plans are undone by tragedy.	€ 750
Total				€ 750

Youth Arts Bursary Award 2025				
First Name	Last Name	Municipal District	Brief summary of proposed project	Award €
Celine	Hanratty	Celbridge / Leixlip	A two-week site-specific theatre project at Tea Lane Chapel, Celbridge, will introduce teenagers from Playacting Youth Theatre to documentary theatre. They will research, interview, and devise performances on issues affecting their lives. The project provides a space to create, collaborate, and perform, culminating in two public shows highlighting their perspectives and experiences.	€ 2,500
Total				€ 2,500

Members noted the following:

- Good to see Arts projects in the Municipal District supported but would be good to see the outcome of the supports and how the grant money was used.
- More information on the ACRE project would be appreciated.

Ms. E Donnelly (A/County Arts Officer) informed the members that the Arts Service require a report to be submitted for the use of funds as a condition of the grant application. Ms Donnelly advised that the Arts Service could present a report on the outcome of grant supports, later in the year.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell seconded by Councillor Trost and agreed by the members that the Arts Awards and Bursaries for 2025 for the Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District be approved.



CL1904/25

May Meeting Venue Change of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Committee

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

That the council agrees to hold the May Meeting of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Committee in the Community Centre in Leixlip.

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

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

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Trost and agreed by all members that the report be noted and the May Meeting of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Committee be held in the Community Centre in Leixlip.

CL20/0425

Visit to Parochial House Site, Celbridge

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor O'Rourke.

That the council hosts a site visit for members of the municipal district to the Parochial House site in Celbridge for which a design concept has been included in the Celbridge Town Renewal Plan.

The motion was proposed by Councillor O'Rourke and seconded by Councillor Caldwell.

A report was received from the Library and Arts Department informing members that It would be considered premature for the members of the municipal district to visit the Parochial House site in Celbridge until the purchase of the building and lands by Kildare County Council is completed. The Parochial House is currently the residence of the Parish Priest. A site visit for the Municipal District members will be arranged once the purchase is finalised and the house and lands are in the ownership of Kildare County Council.

Members raised the following:

- Was there a proposed start date?



- Concerns were raised that the structure could fall into further disrepair.

Mr M Corrigan informed members that the members concerns were noted, the purchase was progressing and the council were waiting on further correspondence from the Diocese. Mr M Corrigan informed members that County Librarian Ms G Allen would facilitate a visit when possible after the purchase was finalised, and the property was in the ownership of the Council.

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

CL21/0425

Invite Uisce Éireann to attend Municipal District Meeting

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor O'Rourke
That this council invites Uisce Éireann to attend our next municipal district meeting to provide a step-plan and timeline for the replacement of approximately 5.3 km of six-inch asbestos watermain along the Hazelhatch Road in Celbridge as stated in their reply to local representative's support query no. 27882 in November 2024.

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

Councillor O'Rourke noted that despite a press release indicating commencement in Q3 2025, a meeting was requested.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor O'Rourke seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by all members that the report be noted and agreed that a letter be issued to Uisce Éireann inviting them to a meeting of Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District.

CL22/0425

As Councillor Panaite Fahey was not in attendance at the meeting, this item fell.



CL23/0425

Road Safety Motions and Questions, Leixlip

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

Can the council provide a report indicating the total number of questions and motions on Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District agendas since 2019 that request road safety and/or traffic calming measures in the Riverforest/ Captains Hill area in Leixlip?

A report was received from Corporate Services informing members that the following number of motions and questions have been tabled since July 2019 to date regarding the matter set out in the question.

Road safety and/or traffic calming – Riverforest

- 6 questions
- 9 motions

Road safety and/or traffic calming – Captain's Hill

- 3 questions
- 7 motions

The report was noted.

CL24/0425

Process for Reporting Unauthorised Developments

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

That the council provides a user-friendly guidance document for the public outlining the process for reporting unauthorised developments in this municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing members that the Enforcement Team have developed and published on the Kildare County Council website, a full document outlining the process and frequently asked questions about unauthorised development.

To access this area simply select Planning, then Planning Enforcement and Exempt Development.



There are three links in this area and the Frequently Asked Questions are very clear and understandable for all.

This document includes links to direct the user to Planning Enquiries, the relevant legislation, and Office of the Planning Regulator Publications on Enforcement.

It also includes contact details for the Planning Enforcement Team.

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

CL25/0425

Taking in Charge of St Wolstan's Abbey Celbridge

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

Can the council provide an update on the taking in charge of St Wolstan's Abbey Celbridge?

A report was received from Building and Development Control Department informing members that St Wolstan's Abbey forms part of the Development Control legacy portfolio. The legacy taking in charge team were prioritising progressing the taking in charge development with a Taking in Charge request received prior to 2018. St Wolstan's Abbey was included in this priority list and would be progressed through the taking in charge process in due course.

The report was noted.

CL26/0425

Community, Festival and Resident Association Grant Awards

The members considered the Community, Festival and Resident Association Grant Awards assessed by the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department for 2025.

Members queried as to the reasons for the refusal of some grant applications.

Mr C O'Toole gave members a comprehensive verbal breakdown of grant approvals and non-approvals, noting that certain criteria must be met for approval and some organisations that did not get approved did not meet these criteria but may have been approved in other grant applications.



Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District Community Grants 2025				
No	Group Name	Project	Grant Requested	Grant Proposed
1	ShareRing Skills Group	Exhibition & Intercultural Festival	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,000.00
2	Leixlip Youth Premises Group Ltd	Youth Summer Camp	€ 2,260.00	€ 1,500.00
3	Mill Lane Art Group	Art Workshop	€ 1,475.00	€ 1,450.00
4	Confey Mens Sheds	Equipment	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,500.00
5	Confey Active Group	Equipment	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,500.00
6	Celbridge Womens Shed	Arts & Crafts	€ 1,600.00	€ 1,500.00
7	PlayActing Youth Theatre	Workshops	€ 2,399.00	€ 1,400.00
8	Ballymakealy Womens Group	Works to Garden	€ 3,500.00	€ 2,250.00
9	Leixlip Musical and Variety Group (LMVG)	Event	€ 3,000.00	€ 1,500.00
10	Parents Association St Patrick's Primary School Celbridge	Equipment	€ 2,540.00	€ 2,000.00
11	Derrybeg Farm CSA (Community Supported Agriculture)	Horticulture Equipment	€ 1,733.21	€ 1,500.00
12	Celbridge mens shed	Equipment	€ 2,760.00	€ 2,200.00
13	Eason Meadows Residents Association	Biodiversity Area	€ 950.00	€ 900.00
14	Tea Lane Jazz Band	Music Equipment	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,000.00
15	Community Cancer Caregivers	Assistance to Sufferers	€ 3,000.00	€ 1,500.00
16	1st/10th Kildare Leixlip/Confey Scout Group	Replacement Equipment	€ 3,000.00	€ 1,500.00
17	The Acre Project	Equipment	€ 2,624.87	€ 2,400.00
18	SOS Leixlip	Farmers Market	€ 3,000.00	€ 1,100.00
19	Leixlip Youth Project (inSync) Formally Kildare Youth S	Community Day	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,250.00
20	Scoil Naomh Brid Parents Association.	Play Equipment	€ 676.51	€ 650.00
21	Gaeilge an Bhradain	Promotion of Irish Language	€ 2,800.00	€ 1,400.00
22	Saint Patrick's Park Residents	Community Event	€ 400.00	€ 400.00
23	Ardclough Youth Theatre (AYT Kildare)	Art Supplies and Instructor	€ 3,000.00	€ 850.00
24	Carers support group North Kildare	Healthy Eating Course	€ 2,000.00	€ 2,000.00
25	Celbridge Heritage and Tourism Forum	Swift & Vanessa Festival	€ 3,000.00	€ 1,500.00
26	Intercultural Women's Network	Workshops	€ 3,000.00	€ 1,500.00
27	The Silver Thread Club	Age Friendly events	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,500.00
28	Tea Lane Graveyard Committee	Lighting	€ 1,518.00	€ 1,250.00
29	Leixlip Christmas Lights	Christmas Lights	€ 14,000.00	€ 14,000.00
			Total for Approval	€ 60,000.00
			Budget	€ 60,000.00

Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District Festival Grants 2025				
No	Group Name	Project	Grant Requested	Grant Proposed
1	Leixlip Youth Premises Group Ltd	Neurodivergent Families Festival	€ 2,000.00	€ 1,300.00
2	Down to Basics (DotoBa)	Intercultural Day	€ 2,000.00	€ 1,000.00
3	Parents Association St Patrick's Primary School Celbridge	International Picnic	€ 2,000.00	€ 500.00
4	The Acre Project	Harvest Bread Festival	€ 1,620.00	€ 700.00
5	Leixlip Youth Project (inSync) Formally Kildare Youth S	Halloween Event	€ 1,200.00	€ 1,000.00
6	Gaeilge an Bhradain	Irish Language Street Festival	€ 700.00	€ 500.00
			Total for Approval	€ 5,000.00
			Budget	€ 5,000.00

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Killeen and seconded by Councillor Brooks and agreed by members that the Community, Festival and Resident Association Grant Awards for 2025 for the Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District be approved.



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As Councillor Panaite Fahey was not in attendance at the meeting, this item fell.

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The meeting concluded.