



Minutes of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Meeting
held on Friday, 17 April 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas

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

Apologies: Councillor N. Killeen

Officials Present: Mr. J. Boland (District Manager), Mr. R. Linnane (District Engineer), Mr. M. McLoughlin (Senior Executive Officer), Mr. C. Galvin (Senior Engineer), Ms. C. O'Grady (Executive Parks and Landscaping Officer), Ms. S. Barry (Administrative Officer), Ms. C. Talbot (Administrative Officer), Mr. C. O'Toole (A/Administrative Officer), Ms. É. Lavelle (Arts Officer), Ms. A. Coyne Sheridan (LPT Co-ordinator), Ms. D. Egan (Meetings Administrator) and Ms. J. Woodhouse (Meetings Secretary).

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the members to the April 2026 Celbridge-Leixlip municipal district meeting.

CL01/0426

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

CL02/0426

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on 20 March 2026, including the Progress Report



Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Trost and agreed by the members that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on Friday, 20 March 2026 of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CL03/0426

Municipal District Road Works

The members received an update on municipal district road works.

Schedule of Municipal District works – April 2026

The outdoor crews are carrying out general footpath and road maintenance works in the Municipal District 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, general repairs to footpaths and kerbs. Calls received are triaged and then assigned to a crew as appropriate.

Winter maintenance road salting operations have commenced and will continue until the end of April 2026. Forecast road temperatures and recorded real time temperatures are monitored to determine requirement to deploy salting trucks in the county.

Road Works Programme 2026 and Surface Dressing – Restoration Maintenance 2026

Municipal District staff are currently carrying out pavement surveys in the district to determine locations for Road Improvement (RI) and Road Maintenance (RM) works programme for 2026.

Footpath Restoration Programme 2026:

Tender awarded footpath repair works in Dara Court in Celbridge, works to be carried out in early Q1 2026. Currently, waiting for Broadband upgrade works to be completed in this estate prior to Kildare County Council footpath contractor commencing. Other estates in the district are currently being assessed for footpath works for 2026.

Road Closures:



- **L1015:** Uisce Éireann works on L1015 (Top of Kellystown Lane to Confey) are currently ongoing. It is planned that these works will be suspended from the 30 March to the 10 April subject to the works proceeding on the R149 at Confey. The L1015 road will be temporarily reopened for the works to proceed on the R149.
- **R149:** Uisce Éireann currently has a road closure in place on the R149 between the junction of the L1015/R149 to the junction of the L5052/R149 at Allenswood. This closure is scheduled to be in place during the Easter Mid Term break to minimize disruption. Access to Confey Cemetery and Confey GAA is being provided at all times. Road L1015 from Confey to Kellystown lane has been re-opened to vehicles during this period.
- **L50651:** Uisce Éireann works on the Drive in Castletown Estate in Celbridge commenced on the 16 January and are scheduled to be completed by 30 March. This section of road will be closed for these works and local access will be coordinated by the Uisce Éireann Contractor with the residents of Castletown as the works progress along the road.
- **R405:** Uisce Éireann are seeking a full road closure of the Maynooth Road R405 in Celbridge from the junction of the L50651 (Castletown Drive) and the L1022 (Aghards road junction) from the 30 March until the 16 June. This proposed closure has been delayed and is not now scheduled to be in place until 20 April. Vehicles are proposed to be diverted onto the Aghards Road and Shackleton Road to rejoin R405 Maynooth Road.

The members raised the following;

- Councillor O'Rourke raised concerns over the traffic management on the R405 and the information being received from Uisce Éireann. She outlined that the information was originally that a full road closure was unavoidable yet current works were being carried out with a single road closure.
- Councillor O'Rourke also sought clarity as to the amended bus routes during the works and where people can expect the temporary bus stops to be located.



- The Cathaoirleach explained that he understood the single lane closure was just for the preparatory works and that full road closure would still be the only option when main works commence. Request was made for a map to be provided showing the expected diversions ahead of the full road closure.

The District Engineer explained to the members that these particular works would need a balanced approach, with only one lane closed currently the works were progressing slowly. The contractors are unable to use large machinery and therefore unable to reach down to the rock using the smaller machinery currently on site. However, with a full road closure the work would be carried out quicker and more efficiently as the larger machinery could use the full width of the road and access to the rock would be achieved. It was confirmed that from Monday there would be a full road closure and that buses would be diverted down the Aghards Road. The District Engineer advised that he would continue to monitor the situation closely and would maintain contact with Uisce Éireann regarding traffic flow.

Councillor O'Rourke thanked the District Engineer for the explanation and understood that the full road closure would lead to a quicker completion. She requested that Uisce Éireann be transparent with their plans as constituents felt they had been misinformed.

CL04/0426

Transport Link

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

That the council formally writes to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) requesting the provision of a transport link connecting Ardclough Village with Hazelhatch Railway Station and surrounding towns.

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

A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that with the agreement of the members, a letter would be issued to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) on this matter.



Councillor Ryan described Ardclough as a growing village that needed a link bus service.

Councillor Trost supported the motion and confirmed there was a demand for such a service.

The District Engineer advised that the members should write to the National Transport Authority rather than TII.

Councillor Ryan agreed with the amendment to his motion to write to the NTA.

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Trost and agreed by all members present that the council formally writes to the NTA requesting the provision of a transport link connecting Ardclough Village with Hazelhatch Railway Station and surrounding towns.

CL05/0426

Pedestrian and Cycle Route

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

That the council collaborates with South Dublin County Council to develop a safe and continuous pedestrian and cycle route along the Dublin Road R403, linking the L2010 Celbridge Link Road with Shinkeen Road.

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

A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that this scheme was not currently on the Work Programme and does not have funding. There were currently other schemes and projects in the municipal district that were funded. These schemes and projects would be prioritised for delivery in the current cycle.

Councillor Ryan explained that there had been an increase in people seeking alternative commuting options and asked if this could be further investigated considering the Government were looking to see a reduction of 25 percent of car usage by 2030. He asked if Kildare Council could work with South Dublin County Council on the connectivity element of the Cycle South Dublin Programme.



Councillor Heather noted that the Area Based Transport Assessment was due and enquired if infrastructure would be looked at during this process to improve connectivity.

Mr. C. Galvin explained that there was a large number of projects already on the list and no funding was currently available. He agreed to consider this as a possible future project, but would be dependent on agreement from the NTA and also identifying a funding stream.

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

CL06/0426

Crodaun Wastewater Project, Celbridge

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

That the council provides a time specific plan for the full reinstatement of the road surfaces impacted by the works for the Crodaun Wastewater Project in Celbridge to ensure the works will follow the completion of the road openings in a timely manner.

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

A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that the Guidelines for Managing Opening in Public Roads published by the Department of Transport sets out the timelines and requirements in relation to reinstatement. These guidelines set the standards for road opening licenses issued in the country. There was a period of time allowed from completion of the temporary reinstatement before the permanent reinstatement can be completed to ensure any settlement has occurred. Kildare County Council would be working closely with Uisce Éireann to ensure a timely permanent reinstatement is carried out.

Councillor Trost asked if a timescale was available.

Councillor Ryan raised parking concerns and asked if markings could be refreshed



The District Engineer explained that there were guidelines set out, this included reinstating the trench immediately and ensuring the surface is drivable with a temporary reinstatement. It would normally be approximately 12 months before a full reinstatement would be carried out.

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

CL07/0426

Crodaun Infrastructure Works

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

That the council provide a detailed report on its discussions with Uisce Éireann regarding the application for a road-opening licence for Phase 2 of the Crodaun Infrastructure Works on the Maynooth Road (R405) in Celbridge to include the council's understanding of the rationale behind the proposed road closures, particularly in light of the fact that a one-lane/stop-go traffic management system had previously been approved.

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

A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that the Guidelines for Managing Opening in Public Roads published by the Department of Transport sets procedures required for applying for a road opening. These are the guidelines used by Kildare County Council for dealing with all road openings. Uisce Éireann has advised that lane closures were initially proposed, with the aim of minimising disruption as part of the initial design concept. However, when site investigation works were carried out prior to the commencement of works to inform the construction methodology, some ground conditions have proven to be more complex in parts. Due to technical complexities/depths required for trenches and existing services, it is not possible to carry out all sections of the work under lane closures.



Councillor O'Rourke noted the report and understood that this project required a balanced approach to ensure works were carried out efficiently and disruption kept to a minimum.

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

CL08/0426

The Mill, English Row, Celbridge

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

That the council provides a safety barrier at the front of the path for pedestrians exiting the pedestrian gate at The Mill, English Row, Celbridge to slow down the pace of the high volume of pedestrians crossing the road as they exit the centre on to a busy road.

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

A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that pedestrian barriers were no longer recommended along the edge of roads as they can lead to a conflict zone for cyclists and traffic. The Municipal District Engineer would carry out an assessment of this location to see if any measures were required.

Councillor Trost was pleased that the location would be assessed, as the road was narrow and heavily pedestrianised, resulting in people exiting onto a very narrow path.

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

CL09/0426

Installation of Bollards

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

Can the council confirm if there are plans to install bollards along the footpath from Williams Grove, Ardclough (L2008) to the village centre?



A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that there were currently no plans to install bollards at this location. It is illegal to park a vehicle on a footpath and any incidents should be reported to An Garda Síochána. The road also has a solid white line which does not permit parking at this location.

Councillor Ryan accepted this was a matter for An Garda Síochána, explaining that cars parking on the footpath were causing access issues for residents and accessibility problems. This results in people having to walk on the road. He asked if a full white line could be considered as an option to try to alleviate safety concerns.

The District Engineer explained that it was illegal to park on footpaths and that this would be a matter for An Garda Síochána. The problem seems to occur at school drop-off and pick up times, and he also suggested contacting the Road Safety Officer.

The report was noted.

CL10/0426

Jake's Law

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

Can the council advise on the progress on Jake's Law and the creation of 30 km/h speed limit in residential areas in this municipal district?

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members that Jake's Law and the 30 km/hr speed limit in residential housing estates taken in charge by Kildare County Council was adopted at full council on the 15 December 2025. It was due to be enacted from the 01 July 2026. The Transportation Section were currently in consultation with the Department of Transport in relation to funding for 30 km/hr Slow Zone signage in housing estates which do not currently have the required signage. It was anticipated that signage would be installed throughout 2026 and 2027 based on the availability of funding.



Councillor Heather sought clarity in which housing estates new signs would be erected.

Mr. C. Galvin explained that the historic estates would all be getting new signs and that any new estate not taken in charge had a condition attached to their planning regulations which included the installation of signs.

The report was noted.

CL11/0426

Maynooth Road

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

Can the council provide weekly updates on progress/issues encountered as the roadworks progress on the Maynooth Road to supplement any updates from Uisce Éireann as it is likely Kildare County Council will be a first local point of contact if significant issues arise and at present ongoing changes are causing confusion and uncertainty?

A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that these works were managed by Uisce Éireann as part of their network upgrade works. The elected members should use their members channel to correspond with Uisce Éireann and to seek weekly updates from them. Where the council is made aware of any issues these can be shared with the members.

Councillor Trost explained that he felt a lot of the public still believe that issues with roadworks and associated traffic issues at this location was the responsibility of Kildare County Council rather than Uisce Éireann. The situation on the Maynooth Road would need to be closely monitored as works progress and relevant updates communicated to the public.

The report was noted.

CL12/0426

Road Closures and Diversions for Events

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



Can the council provide an explanation and set out requirements for local groups seeking road closures/diversions for events in this municipal district and especially around the costs, notice period and the use of specific publications?

A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that Temporary Road Closures were governed by a statutory process under Section 75 of the Roads Act 1993 and Part VIII of the Roads Regulations 1994. A proposed notice to close a public road must be notified in one or more newspapers circulating in the area and in writing to An Garda Síochána in which the road is situated, a minimum of 14 days in advance of the proposed closure allowing for public submissions on the proposed closure. Where it is decided to temporarily close the public road, notice must be given at least 7 days in advance of the road closure in the same publication as the original advertisement. A fee of €1,600 is charged to cover the cost of the newspaper advertisements which must be paid in advance by group seeking road closures. Groups are advised to engage well in advance of events so that advertising can be carried out in local newspapers which are more cost effective than national newspapers.

Councillor Trost noted the report and that he was considering submitting a motion to ask to refer this onto the Transport Strategic Policy Committee for consideration. He explained that there were a lot of groups who would not be able to fund such a fee and would like to see if there were any ways to reduce costs.

The report was noted.

CL13/0426

St. Catherine's Park

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

That this council provides temporary toilet units for use by sports clubs using the pitches on the Kildare County Council owned side of St. Catherine's Park over the spring/summer period.

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

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A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that there was no budget available to provide toilet units in the park at present.

Councillor Brooks explained that he had submitted a similar motion previously for a permanent toilet facility and hoped that a temporary toilet block would be a viable option in the short term and asked if costings could be provided. He noted that there were toilet facilities on the Dublin side of the park but it is not practical for people especially children to walk such long distances. He asked if this could be put on the Works Programme

Councillor Heather was in support of the motion noting that the facility was being used by people using the BMX tracks, the parks and for sport activities on the pitches.

Ms. C. O'Grady agreed that the Parks Section would revert with costings.

Resolved: on the proposal on Councillor Brooks, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by all members that the report be noted and the Parks Section to revert with costings.

CL14/0426

Nature and Biodiversity Trail

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

That the council undertakes a feasibility study in relation to the development of a nature/ biodiversity trail with associated walkways, signage and benches in the woodlands in Riverforest Estate in Leixlip.

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

A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that there was no objection in principle to undertaking a study, however, the scope of work involved would



need to be discussed further. There was no capacity to undertake the study this year. Any work involved would have to be considered for a future works programme.

Councillor Brooks described the woodland in Riverforest Estate as a fantastic amenity which supports biodiversity and plant life. The existing trails are used regularly by people and he would like to see this amenity develop and connect with other trails, such as the Rye River Walk and nearby canal walks.

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

CL15/0426

Dog Park

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

Can the council advise if it plans to open a dog park in Celbridge?

A report was received from the Parks Section informing members that there were no plans at present to open a dog park in Celbridge.

Councillor Heather explained that he had requests from dog owners for the provision of a dog park which would allow owners to let their dogs off their leash in a secure area. He said he planned to do more research on this topic and would consider raising a motion at full council for a Dog Park pilot scheme to be considered within this municipal district.

The report was noted.

CL16/0426

Live Streaming

The members considered the live streaming of Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Meetings following a referral from Full Council meeting.



The Cathaoirleach explained that a vote would be required and there would need to be a majority in favour for this item to be passed.

Councillor O'Rourke asked that if members were against live streaming due to the cost and that alternative options were available. She felt that it would be inclusive for people who were unable to attend in person.

The Cathaoirleach asked for a vote to be taken.

Resolved: with one member voting in favour, four voting against and one member abstaining. With the majority voting against, the proposal to live streaming the Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District Meetings was not passed.

CL17/0426

Arts Awards and Bursaries for 2026

The members considered the approval of the Arts Awards and Bursaries for 2026 for the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.

The District Manager introduced Ms. Éilis Lavelle as the new Arts Officer for County Kildare.

Ms. E. Lavelle explained to the members that she was seeking their approval for the Arts Awards and Bursaries for 2026 and that the total amount to be approved was €13,907 for the Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District. She explained that there were 16 Grants and a review was planned after this allocation to try to streamline the grants process, noting that the review would not see any reduction in funding available but it was hoped that workshops and training would be included.

Councillor Heather asked how the allocation within this municipal district compared to other around the county and asked for clarity on the rationale as to why some application may not be successful.

Councillor Brooks asked if the €118,000 was for all the municipal districts.



Councillor Caldwell questioned why the allocation was so low within this municipal district and what types of applications were received.

Ms. E. Lavelle explained that:

- there were no statistics available for previous years but was looking to obtain this information and use as a future project.
- This year there had been 292 applicants for the county including applications for Visual Arts, Crafts, Ceramics, Sculptures, Digital and Performing Arts and theatre.

Councillor Caldwell enquired if it would be possible to received 6 monthly updates.

Ms. E. Lavelle agreed to give the members an update every 6 months.

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Trost and agreed by all members present that the Arts Awards and Bursaries for 2026 for the Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District be approved and a 6 monthly update be provided by the Arts Officer to the members.

CL18/0426

LPT

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

That the schedule of LPT works is amended to reflect a single entry of €10,000 for Music Generation, and the resulting €10,000 balance is attributed to footpaths and older roads.

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

A report was received from the Meetings Administrator informing the members that this was a matter for the members to agree.

Councillor Heather explained that this motion was submitted due to a double entry with LPT and needed to be amended.



Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Heather, seconded by Councillor Trost and agreed by all members present that the schedule of LPT works be amended to reflect a single entry of €10,000 for Music Generation, and the resulting €10,000 balance is attributed to footpaths and older roads.

CL19/0426

Social Housing Development Oldtown Mill, Celbridge

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

That the council writes to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to express our dismay at the decision not to proceed with the delivery of the social housing development at Oldtown Mill, Celbridge under the Public Private Partnership model, particularly in light of the urgent housing need within the Celbridge area. This motion further calls for a detailed update on the alternative delivery model now proposed for this development, including timelines for progression under the Social Housing Investment Programme and the Single Stage Approval Process.

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

A report was received from the Housing and Regeneration Section informing the members that this was a matter for the members to decide upon. While the development at Oldtown Mill was previously being progressed under the Public Private Partnership model, the decision not to proceed under that programme means that alternative delivery mechanisms were now being considered.

At this stage, it was too early to provide definitive timelines for delivery. The project would now need to be assessed for progression under the Social Housing Investment Programme, including the Single Stage Approval Process, and this work is currently at an early stage. The council are engaging with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in recognition of the fact that the project is already significantly advanced and has planning approval in place. The council are also liaising with the technical advisors previously involved



in the project to ensure that the expertise and knowledge built up on this site is retained and utilised to the greatest extent possible.

The council's overriding objective remains the delivery of the housing units at Oldtown Mill as expeditiously as possible, while ensuring value for money and compliance with all required approval and governance processes.

In this context, the council is actively exploring the use of existing Design and Build Frameworks as a potential mechanism to facilitate timely delivery, drawing on experience with similar projects nationally. These options are being examined to determine the most appropriate and efficient pathway for this specific site, with a focus on identifying a delivery route that best reflects its scale, location, and readiness.

Further updates will be provided to elected members as the assessment of delivery options progresses and as greater clarity on timelines becomes available.

Councillor Heather asked for confirmation that this project would proceed and if this motion could be forwarded to the Housing Strategic Policy Committee and placed on the progress report.

Ms. S. Barry explained that there was already a Part 8 in place, but nothing was definite. There was a similar situation in Athy and Naas and the intention was to progress these projects under another mechanism.

The District Manager agreed to discuss the matter with the Housing Director.

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Heather, seconded by Councillor Trost and agreed by all members that the report be noted and a letter issue to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and this motion be placed on the Progress Report.

CL20/0426

Dereliction and Occupancy of units in Leixlip Village



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

Can the council provide details on progress being made to tackle dereliction and occupancy of units in Leixlip Village?

A report was received from the Housing and Regeneration Section informing the members that the Town Regeneration Team was in regular communication with the owners of vacant and derelict properties in Leixlip. Commitments have been given that improvement works will take place on a number of the properties over the coming months. The team will continue to monitor progress and will be distributing details of the new Vacant Above the Shop Grant to property owners over the coming weeks.

Councillor Brooks acknowledged the hard work That the Housing and Regeneration Section had carried out to date, he sought clarity as to whether the commitment mentioned in the report was in writing or a verbal agreement. He also asked if there were regulations in place that monitor the standard of works carried out on vacant premises.

Ms. S. Barry confirmed that there was a commitment in place and constant communication with the owners. She agreed to discuss the agreements with the Housing and Regeneration Section and revert back to the members.

The report was noted.

CL21/0426

Wonderful Barn, Leixlip

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

Can the council provide a detailed schedule for the next 12 months of works planned for the development and conservation of the Wonderful Barn, Leixlip?

A report was received from the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team informing the members that at present, it was not possible to provide a detailed schedule of works for the



next 12 months, as progression to the next phase of works was dependent on the outcome of a funding application.

An application has been submitted to the Historic Structures Fund (HSF) to support further conservation works at the Wonderful Barn, Leixlip. A decision on this application is expected in April 2026.

Should funding be approved, the works would allow the council to continue conservation activities at the site, with a primary focus on the internal ground floor area of the barn. A detailed programme of works cannot be confirmed until the conclusion of a tender process and the appointment of a contractor, both of which are contingent on a positive funding outcome.

The report was noted.

CL22/0426

Three-School Campus, Celbridge

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

Can the council confirm the date of its most recent discussions with the Department of Education regarding the proposed three-school campus for Celbridge, and provide an update on the current status of those plans, including any progress or next steps arising from those discussions?

A report was received from the Planning Section informing the members that they are aware from the response issued to Councillor Trost for the March Municipal District Meeting that the Kildare County Council Forward Planning Team engage with the Department of Education on a quarterly basis to ensure land use plans for settlements across County Kildare make adequate provision for the delivery of new schools and/or extensions to existing schools. Kildare County Council met with the Department of Education in February 2026. Kildare County Council has continuously emphasised the urgency of the progression of the new school campus, however, the delivery of this project is a matter wholly for the Department of



Education. The member's attention is drawn to CS O27 of Variation No. 3 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 as follows: "Work in close partnership with the Department of Education to support the timely planning and delivery of new schools across the county, so that educational infrastructure meets the needs of a growing population and contributes to the long term social and economic wellbeing of the community. It is a priority of the Council that the triple school campus at Ballyoulster, Celbridge is delivered during the life of this Plan".

Councillor O'Rourke felt the report did not answer her original question as no date or update regarding the meeting was provided. She understood that a meeting was due to take place in April and she sought clarity as to whether a meeting had taken place and requested that an update be provided.

Ms. C. Talbot agreed to discuss the matter with the Planning Section and revert back to the members.

The report was noted.

CL23/0426

Community, Festival and Resident Association grant awards

The members considered the Community, Festival and Resident Association grant awards for 2026

The members raised the following;

- Councillor Ryan sought clarity as to why some names appear on both LPT Allocation List and the Community, Festival and Residents Association Grant list for example the Leixlip Lights.
- Councillor Brooks and Councillor Heather requested further information on the grant criteria and sought clarity on the rationale behind why some applications were unsuccessful.

Mr. C. O'Toole explained that the Leixlip Lights were a legacy item since the abolishment of the Town Council and have been maintained by the Executive.



Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District Community Grants 2026				
No	Group Name	Project	Grant Requested	Grant Proposed
1	Leixlip Christmas Lights	Christmas Lights	€ 14,000.00	€ 14,000.00
2	ShareRing Skills Group	Art & Craft Supplies	€ 2,578.32	€ 2,300.00
3	Leixlip Youth Premises Group CLG	Community Event	€ 2,234.27	€ 2,200.00
4	Mill Lane Art Group	Art Supplies	€ 1,616.05	€ 1,500.00
5	Confey Castle Bridge Club	Electronic Equipment	€ 2,200.00	€ 1,000.00
6	Confey Mens Sheds	Equipment & Works	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,500.00
7	Tea Lane Graveyard Committee	Community Event	€ 3,000.00	€ 1,500.00
8	Insight Theatre Celbridge	Equipment	€ 3,000.00	€ 1,500.00
9	Down to Basics (DotoBa)	Community Event	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,500.00
10	Leixlip Musical and Variety Group	Community Event	€ 3,000.00	€ 1,800.00
11	Derrybeg Farm CSA (Community Supported Agriculture)	Equipment	€ 2,035.61	€ 1,300.00
12	Celbridge Men's Shed	Equipment & Works	€ 2,992.04	€ 2,500.00
13	Celbridge Camera Club	Exhibition	€ 1,060.00	€ 750.00
14	Leixlip Womens Shed	Equipment	€ 2,993.00	€ 2,500.00
15	Louisa Bridge Club	Electronic Equipment	€ 3,000.00	€ 1,000.00
16	Celbridge ICA	Social Event	€ 1,898.50	€ 1,750.00
17	The Acre Project	Equipment	€ 2,997.23	€ 2,000.00
18	Leixlip Village Renewal Group	Childrens Art & Crafts Workshops	€ 2,500.00	€ 2,400.00
19	Leixlip Youth Project	Equipment & Workshops	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,900.00
20	DLS Foroige Youth Club Celbridge	Equipment	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,700.00
21	Celbridge Condors Special Olympic Athletic Club	Equipment	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,500.00
22	St Patricks Park Residents Association	Social Event	€ 350.00	€ 350.00
23	Celbridge Mum and Baby Group	Equipment & Workshops	€ 1,474.00	€ 1,450.00
24	The Silver Thread Club Celbridge	Transport Costs	€ 2,764.00	€ 2,700.00
25	Celbridge Heritage and Tourism Forum	Community Event	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,400.00
			Total for Approval	€ 60,000.00
			Budget	€ 60,000.00

Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District Festival Grants 2026				
No	Group Name	Project	Grant Requested	Grant Proposed
1	Leixlip Youth Premises Group CLG	Neurodivergent Family Fest 2026	€ 2,000.00	€ 1,000.00
2	SURF	Celbridge/Leixlip Recovery Festival	€ 1,900.00	€ 700.00
3	Ardclough Village Centre CLG	Guinness Grave Heritage Festival	€ 2,000.00	€ 500.00
4	Leixlip Youth Project	Halloween Festival	€ 1,500.00	€ 1,300.00
5	Celbridge Heritage and Tourism Forum	Swift and Vanessa Festival 2026	€ 2,000.00	€ 500.00
6	Down to Basics (DotoBa)	Africa Day	€ 2,000.00	€ 1,000.00
			Total for Approval	€ 5,000.00
			Budget	€ 5,000.00

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Ryan and agreed by all members that the Community, Festival and Resident Association grant awards for 2026 be approved.

The meeting concluded