



Minutes of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Meeting
held on Friday, 18 September 2026 at 10:30 a.m.
in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas

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

Officials Present: Mr. J. Boland (District Manager), Mr. C. Buggie (Senior Engineer), Mr. M. McLoughlin (Senior Executive Officer), Mr. S. Wallace, (A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer), Mr. J. McGauley (Executive Parks and Landscape Officer), Mr. N. O'Riordan (A/Chief Fire Officer), Ms. M. Hunt (Senior Executive Officer), Mr. S. Deegan (Senior Engineer), Mr. C. Galvin (Senior Engineer), Ms. S. Barry (Administrative Officer), Ms. M. McCarthy (Administrative Officer), Ms. A. Coyne Sheridan (LPT Coordinator), Mr. A. Gaynor (Business Advisor), Ms. D. Egan (Meetings Administrator), Ms. J. Woodhouse (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

Apologies: Mr. R. Linnane (District Engineer)

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Trost welcomed the members to the September 2026 Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting. He suggested that with the members agreement Items 19 and 22 and Items 9 and 16 be taken together from the agenda.

CL01/0926

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

CL02/0926

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the annual and monthly Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on 17 July 2026, including the Progress Report.

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Ryan and agreed by the members that the minutes of the annual and monthly meeting of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District, held on Friday, 17 July 2026 be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CL03/0926

Municipal District Road Works

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

Schedule of Municipal District works – September 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, and general repairs to footpaths and kerbs. Calls received are triaged and then assigned to a crew as appropriate.

Hedge trimming works are being carried out at rural locations in the Municipal District as nesting season has ended. Crews are also clearing vegetation at locations where growth is obscuring roadside signage.

Road Works Programme 2026 and Surface Dressing – Restoration Maintenance 2026

Status of 2026 projects:

- R403-28 - English Row, Celbridge (Works complete)
- R404 - Old Hill to Castletown Leixlip (postponed, moving to 2027 works programme)
- R157 - Old Carton Dunboyne Road (Contract awarded, advanced work commenced)
- L1058 - Rear of Castletown House Estate (Works complete)
- L5050 - Young's Cross to State Labs, Celbridge (Works complete)
- L5056 /L50563- Easton Road – Accommodation Road, Leixlip (Works complete)



Footpath Restoration Programme 2026:

- Footpath repair works are completed in Dara Court, Celbridge.
- New works tender awarded for Abbeyfarm, Vanessa Close and Vanessa Lawns. Celbridge.
- Other estates in the district are currently being assessed for footpath works for Q3/Q4 2026.

Uisce Éireann Road Closures:

L1015: Road closures on the L1015 and R149 on this project are complete. Permanent road reinstatement works will be carried out under lane closures.

R405: Weekend closure for 12/13 September is planned. Permanent road reinstatement works will be carried out under lane closures.

R405: Road closures are complete on R405 Hazelhatch Road. Permanent road reinstatement works will be carried out under lane closures.

Bus-stop works:

- Confey Cemetery: Bus-stop at Confey Cemetery and Confey GAA Club for 139 route is now complete.
- Upgrade to bus-stop at entrance to L5066 Kileenlea on R403. Contract awarded, works to commence in coming weeks. Works include widening of footpath from Wolstans to Kileenlea junction on south side of R403 and tightening of junction at Wolstans.

The members raised the following

- Councillor Heather welcomed the update, questioning whether it would be possible to have a similar monthly update from the Parks Department.
- Councillor Caldwell congratulated Mr. C. Buggie on his recent promotion.
- It was queried if there was a time frame available for the bus stop in Confey.
- Questioned why the works on R404 had been postponed until 2027.
- Enquired if the department would still take suggestions for footpath works alongside the scheduled works.
- Asked if the yellow box could be repainted at the entrance to St. John of God.



The Senior Engineer advised that he would revert to the District Engineer regarding the R404 and yellow box markings at St. John of God. He suggested that details of any identified footpath works should be forwarded via email CRM for consideration.

The District Manager agreed to discuss the suggestion of a monthly update from the Parks Department and revert back to the members.

CL04/0926

St. Wolstan's Shopping Centre, Celbridge

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

That the council installs a left-turn green arrow on the traffic signals opposite the exit of St. Wolstan's Shopping Centre in Celbridge, to improve the traffic flow for motorists exiting left onto the main road as the current position of the green left-turn arrow at the junction cannot be seen by drivers waiting to exit, causing unnecessary delays.

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

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team advising the members that the Traffic Management Section staff would review the signals and visibility of the green arrow and modify the traffic signals, if deemed necessary.

Councillor Ryan explained that currently motorists were unable to see the green arrow and that the area can be noticeably chaotic at times and difficult to navigate the junction. He enquired if the was on private property.

Mr. C. Galvin informed the members that this issue can be assessed and if there were any technical issues arising that he would revert to the members.

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



CL05/0926

St. Patrick's Park, Celbridge

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

That the council installs additional 30km/h speed-limit signs, or appropriate speed reduction signage, on St. Patrick's Park, Celbridge to encourage drivers to reduce speed and improve road safety for all road users.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office will review the current signage and road markings in the estate and determine if the appropriate number of signs are in place. There currently was significant traffic calming infrastructure within the estate.

Councillor Ryan noted there was signage at the entrance to the estate, but as the road was windy, he outlined that it would be beneficial to erect further speed signs. He suggested two in the middle section of the road or alternatively the existing signage could be repositioned.

The members raised the following:

- Enquired as to what the delay was with 30km/h signs being put in place, following the recent Speed Limit Review.
- Noted that some estates had various signs still up with different speeds shown which can cause confusion.
- Asked when estates were taken-in-charge, what is the time-frame for signage to be put in place.

The Senior Engineer explained:

- St. Patrick's Park was a long standing 30kmh speed limit road.
- Residents previously did not want more signage in the area, as there was already Pay Parking and Speed Signage in place.
- The signage in estates would be erected in line with the Urban 30 km/h.
- The signage had been ordered and was expected in the next 4-6 weeks.
- There was a high number of estates resulting in a high volume of work and this would take time to complete.

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



CL06/0926

Aldi Store, Leixlip

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

That the council considers putting a safe pedestrian road crossing at the entrance to the Aldi Store in Leixlip.

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

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members that the request had been added to a list of similar infrastructural requests in the county and shall be assessed by technical staff when resources become available.

Councillor Killeen referred to a previous motion whereby the report stated that the marking was not far enough back, questioning if this had now been resolved.

Councillor Caldwell enquired if a tabletop ramp could be considered.

Mr. C. Galvin explained that after assessment, suitable locations are placed on a list, whereby they are prioritised and dependent on resources and budget, works are then scheduled.

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

CL07/0926

R405 Primrose Hill National School, Celbridge

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

That the council implements comprehensive road-safety improvements on the R405 at Primrose Hill National School, Celbridge aimed at creating a safer environment for children walking, cycling and travelling to school.

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



A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members that the school is located within the proposed 30kph zone under the Supplementary Special Speed Limit Bye laws for built up areas. The school is not on the Safe Routes to School Programme. There are currently no plans to carry out further works in this location.

Councillor Heather advised that he had previously raised the same motion following a meeting with parents and the principle of Primrose Hill National School. The issues raised included the lack of parking, the need for traffic calming measures, improvements to parking bays and the issue of drivers double parking in the school bus drop off area. He noted that Mr. D. Hodgins had previously agreed to carry out a Visibility Study, and he asked for this to be revisited. He further requested that a Road Safety Officer arrange a visit to the school.

Mr. C. Galvin explained that there were currently four vacancies within his department. He suggested that the school registers under the Safe Routes to Schools Programme as this was a funding stream for the council. He agreed to discuss this further with the District Engineer, to investigate short term options and in addition he would arrange for a visit from the Road Safety Officer.

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

CL08/0926

Abbey Car Park, Celbridge

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

That the council re-engages with St. John of God regarding the use of the Celbridge Abbey Car Park and begin wider discussions to identify how the lands at Celbridge Abbey could be used for community facilities, recreation and other purposes that would benefit the people of Celbridge.

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



A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Transport Department would arrange a meeting with St. John of God to discuss the potential for reopening the Celbridge Abbey carpark and were happy to engage in discussions in a wider context. It was noted that a portion of these lands were already the subject of a compulsory purchase order in respect of the Celbridge Hazelhatch Mobility Corridor, which was now operative.

Councillor Heather noted that previously the council had entered into discussions, but the members were informed that it was not commercially viable. He explained that currently there were concrete blocks at the entrance and no access to the gym equipment inside. The closure had led to a reduction of available car parking spaces in the area. This was a vital amenity, which previously had a park and café onsite. He enquired if there was a time frame available for the compulsory purchase order in respect of the Celbridge Hazelhatch Mobility Corridor.

The members raised the following:

- Additional carparking was needed in the area.
- This was a green area, which was being underutilised and was also a part of the heritage of the town.
- The area was previously being maintained but the condition has deteriorated significantly, and this also included the house which was no longer in use.
- Recognition was given for the work of the support staff.
- Enquired if the council could work with the organisation to assist vulnerable people.

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

It was agreed to take item 9 and 16 together.

CL09/0926

Uisce Éireann Crodaun Wastewater Network Upgrade

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

That the council, in its capacity as the Roads Authority, provides a detailed section-by-section programme and timeline for the completion of all roadworks associated with the



Uisce Éireann Crodaun Wastewater Network Upgrade on the R405 Maynooth Road, including the projected overall completion date for the scheme.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer has requested Uisce Éireann to provide the Celbridge Leixlip members with an update for this project to include specific details requested in this motion.

Councillor O'Rourke welcomed the report, noting that:

- Uisce Éireann had advised that some reinstatements were not expected until 2027.
- Residents and businesses on the R405 need clarity on the remaining works.
- The updates were currently being given regarding sections of works rather than the overall project.
- Enquired if the council could obtain this requested information ahead of the next meeting and circulate to the members.

The members raised the following:

- That the work had caused serious disruption.
- Many of the advertisements from Uisce Éireann were only put into national papers and not advertised locally.
- Millions of euros had been invested into this project and questioned if funding would be obtained without a timeframe in place.
- The process of updating residents needs improvement, it was noted that information on how works affect the bus routes was being provided, but reinstatement information also needs to be made available to the public.
- Enquired if night works could be investigated when reinstatement starts in an effort to minimise disruption.
- Enquired if both sides of the road would be resurfaced or just side where works had taken place.



The Senior Engineer agreed that this had been a disruptive project and would convey the concerns of the members to Uisce Éireann, including the request for better communication to the public. He noted that the suggestion of night works was discussed but given that this is a residential area it would be challenging due to noise created by works. He confirmed that the reinstatement would not be carried out until 2027, as they would have to wait for suitable outdoor temperatures. He discussed the element of betterment of roads and noted that in the first instance roads are required to be returned to the council as they were before the works.

Councillor O'Rourke raised the importance to the public of a completion date for works from Uisce Éireann and requested that this information be sourced and circulated to the members ahead of the next meeting.

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

CL10/0926

Traffic Calming Measures, Celbridge

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

That the council consider additional traffic calming measures on the Maynooth Road, Celbridge from Tesco Junction to Beatty Grove where a traffic survey was previously requested (CL07/0925), including additional speed ramps or rumble strips to reduce the level of speeding as this section of the Maynooth Road has a past record of incidents especially at entrances to the estates.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that a seven-day traffic survey is to be carried out week ending Friday, 18 September. The Municipal District Office was not in a position to deploy survey equipment prior to this date. Data will be available in the following weeks to determine if there is an issue at this location.



Councillor Trost described ongoing issues at this location which were worsened due to the recent roadworks. He also raised concerns regarding driver's behaviour.

The Senior Engineer confirmed that the speed radar was currently in place and was due to be taken down later that day. The results of the survey would help determine what measures were needed.

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

CL11/0926

Pedestrian Crossing, Confey

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

That the council considers the introduction of a pedestrian crossing from Confey GAA to Confey Cemetery.

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

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team advising the members that the request had been added to a list of similar infrastructural requests in the county and will be assessed by technical staff, when resources become available.

Councillor Brooks explained that traffic calming measures were needed. This was a very busy road especially at peak times, weekends, during GAA training and match days and when funerals were taking place.

Mr. C. Galvin agreed to an assessment in order to obtain driver behaviour. He advised that consultation with the ESB would also be required, as power would be needed if traffic lights were deemed necessary.

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



CL12/0926

Celbridge Active Travel Bridge

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

Can the council provide an update on the progress of the proposed Celbridge Active Travel Bridge, including land requirements, funding and the anticipated construction timetable?

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team advising the members that the works were progressing through valuers on behalf of Kildare County Council to agree on a settlement with the landowners for the land required on both sides of the bridge. Funding has been approved by the National Transport Authority (NTA) to progress the project. The construction timelines were not yet set as the land purchase agreements needed to be in place.

Councillor Heather welcomed the report and that funding had been secured from the NTA. He enquired if there was a time frame available and what the process would be when the land service agreement was in place.

Mr. C. Galvin explained that currently the council were working on the values of the lands and continued to have routine meetings, however there was currently no time frame available. He advised that this was a costly project and confirmed that the detailed design was ready. He informed that when the agreement was complete, the bridge would be scheduled under an NTA funding programme. It was noted that next year's projects include Celbridge Road Maynooth and Green Lane Leixlip.

The report was noted.

CL13/0926

New Road Opening, Leixlip

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

Can the council provide an update on the opening of the new road adjacent to the Kildare Innovation Campus on the Celbridge Road, Leixlip?

A report was received from the Capital Projects Team informing the members that Kildare County Council was currently engaging with representatives of the Kildare Innovation



Campus regarding the taking in charge of the new road adjacent to the campus on the Celbridge Road, Leixlip. A meeting was held recently to discuss the taking in charge process and to outline the documentation and requirements necessary to progress the application. The Council was awaiting submission of the required information from the developer to facilitate assessment of the taking in charge proposal. The council will continue to work with the developer to advance the process and will progress the taking in charge application upon receipt of the necessary documentation.

The report was noted.

CL14/0926

Celbridge and Environs Area Based Transport Assessment

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

Can the council provide an update on the planned public consultation process for the Celbridge and Environs Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA), including the proposed dates and arrangements for the public drop-in event, the online travel survey and the targeted engagement sessions with key stakeholder groups, including schools, businesses and community organisations and confirm how and when these consultation opportunities will be publicised to the public?

A report was received from the Capital Projects Team informing the members that the current programme envisages public consultation activities towards the end of October and into November 2026. While the detailed schedule was still being finalised, the consultation should include a drop-in event, online survey and engagement with key stakeholders. It was also noted that traffic surveys are planned to be undertaken in Celbridge during October. It was intended to publicise the consultation opportunity through Kildare County Council's website and social media channels, through public posters, and through direct contact with stakeholders and community groups.

Councillor O'Rourke welcomed the report and the commitment but was disappointed that no specific dates were available and noted that the report was vague. She asked for the details of the surveys and dates to be circulated, requesting also that consultation reach all relevant



groups. She sought clarification as to how the survey fed into the consultation process and for this to be circulated to the members.

The Senior Engineer agreed to discuss with this matter with the District Engineer and reminded the members that the Uisce Éireann works would need to be complete to obtain accurate data.

The report was noted.

CL15/0926

Wonderful Barn/ Barnhall Meadows Area, Leixlip

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

Can the council provide an update on the status of the proposed landscaping works at the entrance to the Wonderful Barn/ Barnhall Meadows area in Leixlip, which were committed to following the unauthorised encampment in 2025?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the previous response to CL09/0925 in September 2025, Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District meeting stated that the area at the entrance to the pump station was in the ownership of the developer of Barnhall Meadows. This area has not yet been taken in charge and was not under the control of Kildare County Council. When the estate is taken in charge by the Council, the Municipal District Office, the Parks Team in consultation with Uisce Éireann as well as the Public Realm Team for the Wonderful Barn Project will assess the area and determine a suitable ground treatment to prevent future use of this area for unauthorised encampments. Barnhall Meadows estate is still not taken in charge by Kildare County Council.

Councillor O'Rourke noted that there was no change to the response from last year. She enquired in relation to what engagement had taken place and what measures were in place to ensure this would not be ongoing into another year.

The Senior Engineer agreed to discuss this further with the Parks Department and the District Engineer.

The report was noted.



CL16/0926

Uisce Éireann Works

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

Can the council confirm, as the Uisce Éireann works at Castletown/Maynooth Road/ Crodaun, Celbridge are nearing completion, when the speed ramps and road markings will be repaired and restored on the roads impacted by the diversions and on the route of the roadworks?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the following information had been provided by Uisce Éireann Crodaun Wastewater Upgrade Project Team. It is planned to reinstate all affected line markings to the R405 by the end of September. Temporary reinstatement of road surfaces will also be completed by the end of September. Permanent road reinstatement will be carried out in spring of 2027.

The report was noted.

CL17/0926

Captain's Hill Upgrade, Leixlip

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

Following the recent announcement of Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund (HIIF) funding for the Captain's Hill Upgrade in Leixlip, can the council provide an update on the approved funding, project scope, total cost, any outstanding funding requirement, current project status, anticipated delivery timeline, the relationship with the Captain's Hill Active Travel Scheme, and any elements of the wider Captain's Hill/ Confey transport infrastructure programme for which funding has not yet been secured?

A report was received from the Land Activation Office informing the members that the Municipal District members were in receipt of regular and comprehensive updates on the Captain's Hill Upgrade through a number of established reporting mechanisms. These arrangements ensure that members receive both written and verbal updates on project progress and have opportunities to raise queries and seek clarification as required.



Current reporting measures include:

- Monthly written updates through the Chief Executive's Report, which outline project progress and provide members with regular information on key developments and milestones achieved.
- Quarterly project updates to the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meetings, where the Project Manager attends in person to present progress updates, advise on key milestones and respond to questions from members.
- Responses to motions and questions, where detailed information is provided when submissions are made during the quarterly update periods.
- Progress Report updates, whereby any item placed on the Municipal District Progress Report continues to be updated as progress is made and further information becomes available.

Given the range and frequency of reporting mechanisms already in place, members currently receive regular written and verbal updates on the project, including opportunities for direct engagement with the Project Manager. It is therefore considered that adequate reporting arrangements exist at present and that the information sought through this motion is already being provided through established channels.

Councillor Killeen explained that she was dissatisfied with the report. She noted that this question had been brought to her attention by a constituent. She requested that a further report be provided.

Mr. S. Deegan explained that this was a standard response which had also appeared in a report to another motion in a different municipal district. In describing the project, the total cost would be in the region of five to six million euros. The Part 8 for the Captain's Hill Active Travel Scheme was aligned with the Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund (HIIF) and was currently going through the Development Management process. He explained that this project would be hundred percent funded pending the approval of the Part 8. He noted that Cope Bridge would be under the remit of Irish Rail. The Part 8 would be ready for the October meeting, and the delivery time was expected to be approximately 8-10 months. Councillor Killeen thanked Mr. Deegan for the update, noting that she could now revert back with the information to the constituent.

The report was noted.



CL18/0926

Final Road Reinstatement L1015, Leixlip

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

Can the council provide details of when final road reinstatement and levelling will be undertaken by Uisce Éireann contractors on the L1015, Leixlip now that works have been completed?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the following information had been provided by Uisce Éireann Maynooth Transfer Pipeline Project Team. Permanent reinstatement of the road surface on the L1014 from the R157 Dunboyne Road to the junction of the L1014/L1015 at Kellystown Lane, to be completed by the end of September 2026. All other permanent road reinstatements on the L1015 and the R149 from Kellystown Lane to the Royal Canal Amenity Compound to be completed in Spring 2027.

Councillor Brooks sought clarity on the engineering aspect of these projects and enquired how long settlement should take along with a time frame for reinstatement. He questioned if the camber of the road was affected during works who is then responsible.

The Senior Engineer advised that if the ground was compacted correctly that there should be no further settlement, although if the area has a high water table then settlement can sometimes occur. He advised that once compacted, the team carry out a layer testing and then a temporary reinstatement is done. Once this is complete this remains in place for 6 months until full reinstatement. The council then receive a T5 Form and have 90 days to respond, once full reinstatement is granted then the council get a 2-year guarantee from the company. During those 2 years should there be any issues, these are resolved under warranty, and the 2-year period then restarts. He confirmed that after all works the condition of the road should be the same as before and he also spoke in relation to 'Betterment' of roads.

The report was noted.



The members agreed to take item 19 and 22 together.

CL19/0926

Tree Pruning Programme

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

Can the council provide the schedule for the upcoming Tree Pruning Programme across the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District, including the locations where works are planned and the anticipated timeframe for completion?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that a programme of works will be divided between our own outdoor staff and contract tree surgeons. The Parks Department will issue the programme for our own staff shortly. It will be early next year before we have a programme compiled for a contract tree surgeon.

Councillor Ryan enquired in relation to why process takes so long.

Mr. J. McGauley referenced resourcing issues and noted currently interviews taking place to fill vacancies in the section. He confirmed that contract works were ongoing in Kildare, Newbridge and Athy and works would move to Celbridge in the New Year

The report was noted.

CL20/0926

Teen Facilities

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

Can the council provide members with the outcome of the recent survey of residents in Celbridge regarding facilities for teenagers, outlining the key findings and advise how it intends to proceed in developing and delivering appropriate youth facilities based on the results?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that the survey was launched when schools were on holidays, so the Parks Department had extended the survey to 22 September 2026, to facilitate further engagement. Once the submissions have



been analysed a report will be issued to members. Given the volume of submissions this report may take time to prepare.

Councillor Ryan noted that the extension had gained 16 extra submissions.

Mr. J. McGauley explained that analysis would now take place, and it was hoped by October that a first draft would be complete. Once the final report was completed the results would be made available to the members in November.

The report was noted.

CL21/0926

Allotments

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

Can the council provide details of the number and location of allotments in the municipal district, the number of people on the waiting list, and whether suitable council-owned land can be identified to provide additional allotments to meet demand?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that there were currently fifty-five (55) allotments provided in the Wonderful Barn and 5 on a waiting list. In the Allotment and Community Garden Strategy 2024-2030, the lands in Donaghcumper were also identified as a site. The development of allotments would have to be considered as part of a masterplan for the site. The management arrangements would also have to be considered as the Parks Department does not have the resources to administer individual plots.

Councillor Heather said that there was a lot of demand for allotments in the municipal district and noted that the council website states that the waiting list is closed. He requested that the number of people on that list be provided. He noted that although there would hopefully be allotments made available at Donaghcumper, this would be years not months away. He enquired as to what could be done in the interim.

Mr. J. McGauley proposed another report issue with more clarity ahead of the next meeting.

The report was noted.



CL22/0926

Tree Works

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

Can the council supply the list of trees to be pruned/removed by the contractor for review now that the nesting season is over and the work is being scheduled?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that a programme of works would be divided between our own outdoor staff and contract tree surgeons. We will issue the programme for our own staff shortly. It will be early next year before we have a programme compiled for a contract tree surgeon.

The report was noted.

CL23/0926

Roantree House, Leixlip.

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

Can the council provide details of the timeline for the repair of the roof and refurbishment of Roantree House in Leixlip Village?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the council had not been provided with an expected timeline on completion of works at this property. The property is registered on Kildare County Council's Derelict Sites Register. The Environment Department and the Town Regeneration Team were in correspondence with the owners and will continue to monitor progress on refurbishment works.

Councillor Brooks explained that scaffolding had been erected at the start of the year, and very little progress can be seen to date. He asked for clarity on how long the licence was for scaffolding to be erected on a public path.



Ms. S. Barry explained that the Town Regeneration Team were working together with the Environment Department and she would discuss further with the team, noting that there was no time frame currently available.

The report was noted.

CL24/0926

Registering with a Local General Practitioner

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

That the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District write to the Health Service Executive and the Department of Health expressing concern regarding reports from residents who are unable to register with a local General Practitioner (GP) in Celbridge due to capacity constraints, and seeking details of:

- Current GP and primary care capacity in the Celbridge area;
- Planned expansion of GP and primary care services to meet existing and projected population growth;
- Measures available to assist residents who are unable to access a regular GP; and
- How healthcare infrastructure is being considered alongside ongoing residential development in the town.

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

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

Councillor O'Rourke asked for the members support on this matter, due to the growing population, people were finding it increasingly difficult to find GP's who were taking on new patients. There seems to be no healthcare planning to coincide with population growth.

Councillor Killeen fully supported the motion and noted that the procedure used to be that on the basis of 3 refusals from GPs, individuals would at that stage be allocated a GP. She said



this was now not possible, and the situation was beyond a crisis. She asked for this item to be referred onto the Regional Health Forum.

Councillor Ryan advised that he sits on the Regional Health Forum and would take this to the next meeting.

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor O'Rourke, seconded by Councillor Killeen and agreed by all members that the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District members write to the Health Service Executive and the Department of Health expressing concern regarding reports from residents who are unable to register with a local General Practitioner (GP) in Celbridge due to capacity constraints.

CL25/0926

LPT Funding

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

That €7,000 of the €10,000 LPT Funding for 2026 for Leixlip Village Renewal Group is retained for next year for the purpose of their Family Fun Day (which was cancelled this year) and the remaining €3,000 is retained for use this year by the group towards the Christmas Market local event for families.

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

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

Councillor Killeen supported the motion and enquired if the option to extend the use of funding by groups for up to 6 months could be investigated, which, in turn, would give groups more flexibility.

Councillor Heather supported Councillor Killeen's suggestion, but urged caution in changes to the rules as this could cause issues in the area of procurement.



The District Manager felt that a new motion would need to be submitted to allow for broader discussions on this matter and that it may require input from both the LPT Co-ordinator and the Finance Section. He noted that there was a Guidance Document that needed to be followed but this could be looked into further if a new motion was submitted.

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Trost, seconded by Councillor Ryan and agreed by all members that €7,000 of the €10,000 LPT Funding for 2026 for Leixlip Village Renewal Group is retained for next year for the purpose of their Family Fun Day (which was cancelled this year) and the remaining €3,000 is retained for use this year by the group towards the Christmas Market local event for families.

CL26/0926

Intel Ireland External Emergency Plan

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

That, following the current consultation on the Intel Ireland External Emergency Plan, the council develops a Leixlip Community Emergency Preparedness Programme, in partnership with relevant agencies and community organisations, to ensure residents are informed and prepared in the event of a major emergency. The programme should include measures to support effective public communication and provide appropriate consideration for vulnerable residents, including children, older people and people with disabilities. That a report on the programme and consultation outcome be presented to the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.

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

A report was received from the Fire Section informing the members that the Intel Ireland Limited campus at Collinstown, Leixlip is identified as an upper tier site in accordance with regulations, commonly known as the SEVESO regulations. Being an upper tier site, the regulations require that Intel Ireland Limited prepares an Internal Emergency Plan and that the Principal Response Agencies – Kildare County Council, An Garda Síochána and Health Service Executive – prepare an External Emergency Plan. The Internal Emergency Plan prepared by Intel and its consultants, has been assessed and approved by the Central



Competent Authority, being the Health and Safety Authority (HSA). The External Emergency Plan is currently out for public consultation with a closing date of 6 October 2026. This is a revision of the previous External Emergency Plan which was also available for Public Consultation when it was prepared. The internal emergency plan as assessed by the HSA, has indicated that it is considered unlikely that any incident scenario will impact beyond the boundary of the site. This is also reflected in the draft external emergency plan.

Additionally, Intel Ireland Ltd. has several existing community engagement mechanisms in place:

- The Community Advisory Panel (CAP). This group has 16 members and is representative of the 3 local towns of Leixlip, Celbridge and Maynooth. This group has been in place for in excess of 30 years and provides a mechanism for Intel to connect and engage with the community in which they operate. The CAP meets regularly to review new developments at the Leixlip Campus, to raise issues which may potentially affect the community, and to help set the direction for Intel's community efforts. The CAP is updated on any current topics of relevance, which includes the External Emergency Plan which has been presented twice as a topic to the group.
- A comprehensive near neighbour engagement strategy that includes a designated number of residential homes located on the Intel boundaries. Intel meet with the neighbours twice per year as an intact group and also conduct regular home visits to a number of these neighbours. The residential homes also receive regular written communications from Intel sharing various updates related to the campus operations.
- A generic email account (intel.ireland.corporate.affairs@intel.com) which is a resource available for the local community to connect with the Intel Public Affairs Team via email.
- A printed community newsletter which is sent out to 17,000 local homes twice per year.

From the foregoing information, the members will appreciate that community engagement and preparedness are already central to current emergency arrangements relating to Intel and this is also reflective of broader statutory requirements. Accordingly, the initiation of an additional programme, as suggested in the motion, is not considered to be necessary.



In addition, it is also timely to bring to the attention of the members the recently launched booklet entitled 'Be Emergency Ready'. This booklet was launched by the Minister for Defence, Helen McEntee, T.D. on 28 August last and approximately 2.2 million booklets will be distributed to households from the end of September through to mid-October. This booklet is an important national preparedness resource published by the Office of

Emergency Planning in the Department of Defence, on behalf of the Government Task Force on Emergency Planning, with the support of Local Government Ireland (LGI) and is a further resource to provide practical help and guidance to householders in preparing for a range of emergencies and disruptive incidents.

Councillor Killeen welcomed the report and appreciated the details on the Emergency Preparedness Programme and the Be Emergency Ready leaflet. She raised the importance of public awareness and engagement surrounding this topic, especially regarding the Intel site and informing people as to what they should do if an emergency situation were to arise and where the information would be made available.

Councillor O'Rourke asked if there was a national outage plan, like in other countries such as Germany.

Mr. N. O'Riordan advised that there was no national system that he was aware of. However, Intel was bound by SEVESO legislation, and they have their own internal emergency plans in place. He noted that not all emergencies affect the public, but should that situation arise, information would be communicated to the public via media streams including radio, news bulletins, social media forums, council website and the option was also available to use the Map Alerter system. He also noted that not all emergencies involve the Fire Service, but in cases when the Fire Service are in attendance, the advice would usually be to remain indoors and close all windows pending further information. He suggested that the members encourage householders to download and engage with Map Alerter, and he also informed the members that he would follow up with the Communications Team in relation to this system.

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



CL27/0926

Cope Bridge, Leixlip

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

That the council requests Ballymore Group to consider making the entrance onto the canal at Cope Bridge, Leixlip a priority when they start to develop the adjacent lands.

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that this motion refers to a current planning application, Kildare County Council reference 26/60746. Whilst it was not appropriate to comment on a live planning application, please be advised that any planning application at Confey would be considered in accordance with inter alia the policies and objectives of the Leixlip Local Area Plan (as extended), which includes the Confey Masterplan and Design Code, the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 (as varied), the reports of internal departments of the council and matters raised in third party submissions received. In relation to 26/60746, the Planning Authority issued a request to the

applicant for further information on 27 August 2026, and the applicant has 6 months to prepare and submit a response. All details are published on the Kildare County Council online planning portal.

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

CL28/0926

Infrastructure First Approach

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

That the council adopts an "Infrastructure First" approach for the Confey development area and provides elected members with a single Infrastructure Delivery Plan setting out required transport, active travel, public transport, community, recreational and other supporting



infrastructure, including delivery status, funding, responsible agencies, timelines and the alignment of infrastructure delivery with housing occupation.

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the elected members would be aware that Amendment No. 1 (Confey Masterplan) of the Leixlip Local Area Plan (LAP) was adopted by Kildare County Council on 25 March 2024. Section 4 (Phasing and Implementation) of the Confey Masterplan as set out in Amendment No. 1 of the Leixlip LAP ensures that development of the Masterplan lands will be delivered on a phased basis to ensure the required infrastructure, facilities and amenities are provided together. Section (4.2 Infrastructure to Each Tranche) sets out physical infrastructure projects required to overcome existing local infrastructure constraints to enable the construction of residential units in the Development Areas. These are detailed in Figure 78 of the Masterplan. Section 4.3 (Delivery Partners) identifies those who will be required to collaborate to deliver various elements of the Masterplan lands with an indicative information related to Infrastructure Delivery and Phasing provided in the Masterplan adopted by the members, a further plan is not considered necessary.

Councillor Killeen said she was dissatisfied with the report and requested further details be circulated to the members. She had hoped these further details would have been provided at the meeting. She referenced an indicative table from 5 years ago and outlined that her request was for an update on the current situation.

Ms. M. McCarthy agreed to circulate the link to the members including Extract 53, and details of timelines.

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



CL29/0926

Workspace Hub, Leixlip

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

That the council, in terms of their plans in relation to dereliction in Leixlip Village, considers the possibility of introducing a Workspace Hub in the village.

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

A report was received from the Local Enterprise Office informing the members that the council's approach to hub development is guided by the Kildare Hub Strategy, which was adopted by Full Council in 2022. This strategy emphasises that hub provision should be evidence-based, demand-led and aligned with demonstrated market need and long-term operational viability. The strategy specifically identifies the need to "match the right type of hub provision with market demand" and to ensure that any future public intervention is supported by a robust assessment of need, viability and sustainability. The strategy further provides that future hub proposals should be assessed through a Location Assessment Model which considers factors such as commuter patterns, remote working demand, enterprise activity, available premises, local capacity and governance arrangements before public investment is considered. It also notes that public sector intervention should avoid duplication or displacement of existing provision and, where possible, work alongside private and community sector providers.

In this regard, Leixlip is already served by the privately operated Kildare Innovation Campus and the Business Barn co-working facilities, which form part of the county's hub network. The strategy identifies Leixlip as an existing location for coworking and remote working provision and highlights the importance of building upon existing hub infrastructure rather than creating potentially competing facilities where adequate market provision already exists.

While the reactivation of vacant premises in Leixlip Village remains an important objective and is supported by targeted grant campaigns (as outlined in the attached flyer), the introduction of an additional workspace hub would require clear evidence of unmet market demand and a demonstrated failure of existing private sector provision.



The council will continue to monitor hub demand and occupancy levels across the county through the mechanisms established under the Kildare Hub Strategy and will consider future opportunities in accordance with the strategy's evidence-based assessment framework.

Councillor Brooks welcomed the report and requested clarification on the Local Assessment Model and how it works.

Councillor Killeen noted that there had been very few compulsory purchase orders and said that action was needed.

Mr. A. Gaynor agreed to forward on details of the Local Assessment Model.

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

CL30/0926

Confey Masterplan

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

Given the designation of Confey as a strategic growth area for housing delivery, can the council confirm whether existing and planned infrastructure has sufficient capacity to support the population growth envisaged under the Confey Masterplan, including education, childcare, healthcare, public transport, walking and cycling infrastructure, roads and junctions, water and wastewater services, recreational facilities and emergency services; and, where deficits have been identified, outline the infrastructure required, the responsible agency, the funding position, and the steps being taken to address these deficits before significant housing occupation occurs?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the elected members would be aware that Amendment No. 1 (Confey Masterplan) of the Leixlip Local Area Plan (LAP) was adopted by Kildare County Council adopted on the 25 March 2024. Section 4 (Phasing and Implementation) of the Confey Masterplan as set out in Amendment No. 1 of the Leixlip LAP ensures that development of the Masterplan lands will be delivered on a phased basis to ensure the required infrastructure, facilities and amenities are provided together. Section (4.2 Infrastructure to Each Tranche) sets out physical infrastructure



projects required to overcome existing local infrastructure constraints to enable the construction of residential units in the Development Areas. These are detailed in Figure 78 of the Masterplan which sets out an indicative phasing delivery schedule including the number of units and the commensurate infrastructure requirement.

Councillor Killeen said the report was unhelpful and had hoped for an update to be provided. She requested the details of the table referred to in the report, be forwarded on to the members.

The District Manager agreed to follow up on this.

The report was noted.

CL31/0926

Confey Cemetery

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

Can the council provide an update on the new site for Confey Cemetery?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the council was seeking potential sites in the Confey area. However, no suitable site had been identified to date. The auctioneering firm that has been engaged will continue to progress site identification, selection, and purchase. The members will be kept updated on progress.

Councillor Caldwell asked for land to be obtained as a matter of urgency as this was a serious issue.

The report was noted.

Forthcoming Resignation of Councillor Paul Brooks

Councillor Caldwell wished Councillor Brooks all the best, as he steps down from his role as a Councillor. The Cathaoirleach and members also passed on their best wishes to him for the future.

The meeting concluded.