



Minutes of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Meeting
held on Friday, 19 June 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, N. Killeen, C. O'Rourke, D. Ryan and D. Trost.

Officials Present: Mr. J. Boland (District Manager), Mr. C. Buggie (A/Senior Engineer), Mr. D. Creighton (A/Director of Services), Mr. D. Conlan, (A/Senior Engineer), Mr. S. Wallace, (A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer), Mr. L. McNeela (Senior Executive Engineer), Ms. Anna Coyne Sheridan (Assistant Staff Officer) Ms. D. Egan (Meetings Administrator), Ms. J. Woodhouse (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the members to the June 2026 Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting.

The Cathaoirleach offered his condolences and that of all the members of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District to Councillor Fitzpatrick and his family on the passing of his mother Ms. Maureen Fitzpatrick.

CL01/0626

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

CL02/0626

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on 15 May 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, 15 May 2026 of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CL03/0626

Municipal District Road Works

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

Schedule of Municipal District Works – June 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.

Verge trimming works are being carried out at junctions in the Municipal District at rural locations.

Road Works Programme 2026 and Surface Dressing – Restoration Maintenance 2026

Municipal District staff are currently preparing tender documents to procure contractors for this year's Road Improvement Programme of works. The following locations have been identified following road condition surveys in the Municipal District.

- R403-28 - English Row, Celbridge (tender complete, contract awarded, works to be carried out at night)
- R404 - Old Hill to Castletown Leixlip (preparing tender documents)
- R157 - Old Carton Dunboyne Road. (preparing tender documents)
- L1058 - Rear of Castletown House estate (off Celbridge Interchange) (works complete)
- L5050 - Young's Cross to State Labs Celbridge (works complete)
- L5056 /L50563- Easton Road. -Accommodation Road, Leixlip (tender complete, contract awarded)



Footpath Restoration Programme 2026:

Footpath repair works underway in Dara Court. 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. They recommended the following, the completion of the works and closure of the R149 at Confey over the Easter holidays. They are scheduled to complete these works on 30 June.

R405: Uisce Éireann works on the R405 are progressing towards the junction with the Aghards Roads. Works are progressing at the programmed pace. Works are expected to reach Aldi Junction by mid-June and to progress north on the R405 with a lane closure beyond this junction.

R405: Uisce Éireann commenced road closure on R405 Hazelhatch Road from Junction with Lucan Road R403 and the junction of the Shinkeen Road L1027. Closure to be lifted on 01 July 26. Local diversion via the Shinkeen Road.

The members raised the following:

- Enquired if the footpath at Abbey Farm was still on the list.
- Enquired if it could be investigated as to whose role it is to update mapping, as Google Maps continues to direct drivers through areas with road closures.
- Asked for clarity on the process for Road Opening Licenses.
- Asked if there was a Programme update mechanism in place from Uisce Éireann

Mr. C. Buggie, A/Senior Engineer, advised the members that:

- He will speak with Mr. R. Linnane regarding the situation with Abbey Farm.
- That google maps had previously been explored during the Irish Open, he agreed he would look further into this.
- At present there was a quarterly update with Uisce Éireann



- The process for Road Opening Licenses involves a number of stages from T1 (notification) to T5 (Completion sign off). Once the contractor submits the T5 saying all works are completed the road opening then enters a 2 year guarantee period where the contractor will be responsible should any issues arise with the road opening.

The Cathaoirleach asked if there were any further queries that they be forwarded onto the Area Engineer by email.

CL04/0626

Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District Activities Fund

The members considered the distribution of €1,500 from the Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District Activities Fund to Africa Day Celbridge (Down to Basics). The Cathaoirleach advised that this was approved in principle by all members via email.

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Trost, seconded by Councillor Killeen and agreed by all members that €1,500 from the Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District Activities Fund be allocated to the Africa Day Celbridge (Down to Basics).

CL05/0626

Capital Programme 2026-2028

The members noted the Capital Programme 2026-2028 (previously circulated).

CL06/0626

Annual Meeting

The members considered the date and venue for the Annual Meeting.

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Trost and agreed by all members that the Annual Meeting will take place on Friday, 17 July 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber prior to the monthly Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District Meeting.



The members agreed to take items 7,8,9,10 and 20 together.

CL07/0626

Ardclough Canal Bridge

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

That the council undertakes an immediate structural assessment of the Ardclough Canal Bridge following recent and repeated incidents of damage to the structure and that the council implements appropriate safety measures including - the introduction of a suitable weight restriction for vehicles using the bridge, the installation of clear and highly visible warning signature on all approaches to the bridge advising motorists of the narrow and vulnerable nature of the structure and any additional traffic calming measures deemed necessary following the structural assessment.

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

A report was received from the Capital Projects Team informing the members that the bridge in Ardclough was owned by Waterways Ireland and they were responsible for the inspection and maintenance of their assets. There was no indication at present that a weight restriction was required by Waterways Ireland. Kildare County Council were currently engaging with Waterways Ireland about the introduction of traffic calming measures at several of their assets and can consider this location for similar measures if deemed appropriate.

The members raised the following:

- That a workable solution was needed, as the bridge is not suitable for large vehicles and HGVs.
- There has been a significant increase in reports of impacts from vehicles on the bridge.
- Google Maps are reportedly directing large vehicles over the bridge, although the issue was not down to weight limitations, the vehicles are finding themselves unable to manoeuvre the narrow bridge and are unable to turn.



- There have been numerous times that vehicles are reportedly getting stuck and causing structural damage to the bridge.
- That this particular bridge is between 200 and 250 years old, questioned the loads that this bridge can sustain and when inspections took place last.
- Enquired if inspections are carried out in Waterways Ireland and the council.
- Pedestrians also use this bridge, and concerns were raised over the safety of both motorists and pedestrians.
- It was felt that the present signage was insufficient with some signage being obstructed by overgrowth.
- Reports of refuse trucks using the canal path to reverse.
- Disappointed that all the reports were the same referencing that Waterways Ireland were responsible.
- Enquired what the council's role was in the maintenance and assessment of bridges.
- Noted that if a weight restriction was put in place that the knock on implications must be carefully considered, such as restrictions to delivery drivers, school buses and farmer vehicles

Mr. D. Conlan, A/Senior Engineer explained that there were various strands to be considered. Waterways Ireland were responsible for this bridge, whereas Kildare County Council were responsible for bridges over canals, motorways and railways. Additional signage could be looked at and suggested an advisory sign could be erected further back. It was noted that if a weight restriction was placed on the bridge, then an alternative route would need to be identified and noted that this would require Section 38 process be carried out.

Following discussion, the Cathaoirleach summarised the discussions noting that traffic calming measures would be investigated along with additional advisory signage and asked for the members to be kept updated.

Mr. D. Conlan advised that the council would continue to engage with Waterways Ireland and that all suggestions would be taken back to the Operations Team. He noted that a request will be made with the Municipal District Office in relation to having the overgrowth cut

back. The members would be kept updated regarding additional signage and noted that anything further would be reliant on sufficient staffing levels.

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

CL08/0626

Ardclough Canal Bridge

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

That the council considers introducing a weight restriction and a full review of signage at the Ardclough Canal Bridge as it is being damaged due to impacts and increased traffic volumes including Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) movements.

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

A report was received from the Capital Projects Team informing the members that the bridge in Ardclough is owned by Waterways Ireland and they are responsible for the inspection and maintenance of their assets. There is no indication at present that a weight restriction is required by Waterways Ireland. Kildare County Council are currently engaging with Waterways Ireland about the introduction of traffic calming measures at several of their assets and can consider this location for similar measures if deemed appropriate.

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

CL09/0626

Ardclough Canal Bridge

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



That the council, in light of recent reports of damage to the Ardclough Canal Bridge, exercises its function as the road's authority, to assess the bridge's weight-bearing capacity and introduce appropriate weight restrictions and traffic management measures as necessary in consultation with Waterways Ireland.

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

A report was received from the Capital Projects Team informing the members that the bridge in Ardclough is owned by Waterways Ireland and they are responsible for the inspection and maintenance of their assets. There is no indication at present that a weight restriction is required by Waterways Ireland. Kildare County Council are currently engaging with Waterways Ireland about the introduction of traffic calming measures at several of their assets and can consider this location for similar measures if deemed appropriate.

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

CL10/0626

Ardclough Canal Bridge

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

That the council engages and works in partnership with Waterways Ireland in relation to the repair and further provision of measures to protect the Ardclough Canal Bridge from further damage from vehicular strikes.

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

A report was received from the Capital Projects Team informing the members that the bridge in Ardclough is owned by Waterways Ireland and they are responsible for the inspection and maintenance of their assets. Waterways Ireland are aware of the damage to the bridge and it is understood that repairs are underway at present. Kildare County Council are currently



engaging with Waterways Ireland about the introduction of traffic calming measures at several of their assets and can consider this location for similar measures if deemed appropriate.

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

CL11/0626

Lord's Road, Celbridge

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

That the council addresses ongoing speeding concerns on the Lord's Road, Celbridge and brings forward appropriate traffic calming and safety measures to protect pedestrians, cyclists and all road users.

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

A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that the Municipal District Office was not aware of any speeding issue on the Lord's Road. A speed survey would be carried out to determine if there is an issue.

Councillor Ryan explained that this is a 60kph road which has no white line markings due to being narrow. Many drivers are using the road to access Hazelhatch train station avoiding roadworks in the area. Councillor Ryan felt that the speed on this road should be reduced and that the increase in traffic is affecting the local residents being able to walk the road.

The members raised the following:

- Majority of members supported the motion, despite mentioning that much depended on driver behaviour rather than road conditions.
- Welcomed the proposed speed survey and will await the results to determine what can be done.



Mr. C. Buggie, A/Senior Engineer explained that a speed survey involves placing a small box on a pole on the road for seven days to monitor feedback speed results. The results of the survey will assist in identifying what traffic calming measures are required in conjunction with Government Guidelines.

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

CL12/0626

St. Patrick's Park, Celbridge

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

That the council progresses a full review of the back lanes in St. Patrick's Park, Celbridge to include removal of grass/ weeds/ dumped materials and the repair of the damaged/ worn surfaces where necessary.

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

A report was received by the Transport Section informing the members that the Municipal District Office would carry out an inspection of the back lanes in St. Patrick's Park to determine necessary works.

Councillor Trost welcomed the report and requested that works identified be completed in a timely manner.

The members raised the following

- Access issues for emergency vehicles due to back lane being blocked.
- Reports of wheelie bins being left out on the lane.
- Enquired if the council could collect the grass as this would greatly improve the situation.



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

CL13/0626

Active Travel Projects

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

That the council provides an update on the delivery timeline for Active Travel Projects in Celbridge and identifies further measures to improve pedestrian and cycling connectivity between residential areas, schools, the town centre and public transport hubs.

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

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members that the Celbridge Active Travel Bridge detailed design was near completion and land acquisition agreement discussions were progressing. A pair of bus stops were set to be delivered at Confey Cemetery/GAA over the summer, commencing in the coming weeks. A pair of bus stops are designed for Killenlea, Celbridge and would be delivered as part of a footpath widening project. Depending on resources, it was hoped that this project would progress to procurement and possibly construction this year.

Councillor Heather welcomed the bus stops, noting a limited number of projects listed for Celbridge, but was happy to see projects in listed in Leixlip. He referenced the Active Travel Bridge and the detailed design which was near completion. He noted some concerns relating to land acquisition and hoped this would not delay progress.

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



CL14/0626

Traffic Disruptions from Uisce Éireann Works

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

That the council, as the designated road authority, clearly demonstrates how it is actively discharging its statutory obligations under Section 13 of the Roads Act 1993 to control, regulate and ensure the safe and effective management of the public road network, in the context of the significant disruptions and diversions arising from planned Uisce Éireann works on the Maynooth Road (R405), Celbridge.

In particular, the council should set out:

- how cumulative traffic disruption and road safety impacts are assessed and managed across concurrent or overlapping works; and
- what specific actions it is taking to exercise oversight and control of third-party works on public roads, including how it is intervening to minimise disruption and protect public safety, and the basis on which it considers its current approach to meet its statutory responsibilities.

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

A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that as the statutory road authority, Kildare County Council actively discharges its obligations under the Roads Act 1993, including Sections 13 and 75, which place responsibility on the authority for the maintenance, management, and regulation of public roads, as well as the closure of roads and the control of works carried out by third parties. Kildare County Council exercises its statutory powers through inspection, monitoring, and enforcement. Where deficiencies are identified, Kildare County Council requires immediate remedial action and where necessary directs the suspension of works. These powers are actively applied and are not exercised on a passive basis. All third-party works are governed by a road opening licence process under the Roads Act 1993 and associated regulations, including the Roads Regulations 1994 and the Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads (2017). These frameworks impose binding conditions relating to traffic management, safety, signage, and



reinstatement. Kildare County Council seeks to minimise cumulative impacts through coordination of works via the licensing system, while recognising that certain projects, particularly critical infrastructure works are externally driven, time-bound, and unavoidably disruptive.

Councillor O'Rourke noted the report but had hoped for a more detailed explanation of the process, she felt that the public would benefit by understanding what was involved and the reasoning behind full road closures.

The members raised the following:

- A step-by-step plan would give more clarity and transparency to the public.
- Request for details on Road Opening Licence procedure and information on regulations.
- Demands for housing resulted in requirement for the improvement of infrastructure such as new water systems, wastewater systems.
- The public understand that improvements are required but that all the upgrades were being carried out at the same time and this is severely impacting local traffic.
- Communities are asking that they be informed of the process to gain an understanding of what the council's role is in these situations and how the works are coordinated to minimise disruption.
- It was felt that presently, the public perception is that the council and Uisce Éireann are not working collaboratively and that more precision and clearer details were required and more engagement with communities.
- Acknowledged that the District Engineer was always available to assist with queries.

Mr. C. Buggie, A/Senior Engineer explained that some members of the public see the council and Uisce Éireann as one entity, whereas, in fact, Uisce Éireann are a separate utility company. The council have a Service Level Agreement with Uisce Éireann around daily operation and repair, pointing out that this is set to cease at the end of the year. The council continue to work to keep disruption to a minimal and have explored different options including extending working hours, but concerns are raised over noise impact with night



works. Mr. Buggie continues to engage with Uisce Éireann and would like to see one member of staff Uisce Éireann allocated to each municipal district as a point of contact.

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

CL15/0626

Update Information Boards on Luas Stops

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

That the council writes to Transport For Ireland (TFI) seeking that they update Information Boards on Luas Stops, to remove advertised bus route 66 and Westmoreland Street as the transfer point, as these have been obsolete since the roll out of Bus Connects and are causing confusion for passengers intending to travel to Leixlip.

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

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members that with the agreement of the members, a letter will be issued to the National Transport Authority on this matter.

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Killeen, seconded by Councillor O'Rourke and agreed by all members that a letter be issued from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team to the National Transport Authority.

CL16/0626

Cope Bridge, Leixlip

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

Can the council provide the members with any information received from Iarnród Éireann on the upgrade and pedestrian foot crossing on Cope Bridge, Leixlip?



A report was received from the Capital Projects Team informing the members that Kildare County Council do not have any additional information in relation to the works at Cope Bridge, Leixlip over and above the information readily available associated with the granted Railway Order.

The report was noted.

CL17/0626

Bus Stop at Confey Cemetery

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

Can the council provide an update on the installation of a bus stop at Confey Cemetery?

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members that the delivery of a pair of bus stops is part of the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme and will be delivered over the summer. The contractor has been engaged for these works and are anticipated to commence in the coming weeks.

The report was noted.

CL18/0626

Review of Road Markings and Speed Bumps

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

Can the council confirm if a review of road markings and speed bumps will be completed following the current intense phase of the roadworks on the Maynooth Road, Lucan Road/ Hazelhatch Road and the roads directly impacted by the diversions which are under intense pressure due to increased traffic volumes?

A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that all road surfaces, ramps and road markings affected by the Uisce Éireann works in Celbridge are



conditioned to be replaced as part of the permanent reinstatement. Following the completing of the works an assessment will be carried out of adjacent road assets to determine if they need repair or replacement.

Councillor Trost explained that the main issues being reported were on the diversion routes, these routes have seen a significant increase in traffic and subsequently there has been damage caused especially to road bumps. It was felt that the diversion routes need to be assessed as a matter of urgency.

The report was noted.

CL19/0626

Crodaun Wastewater Treatment Works

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

Can the council advise what measures it is taking to reduce peak-time traffic congestion caused by the Crodaun Wastewater Treatment Works and whether the current traffic management arrangements will be reviewed to minimise disruption to local residents?

A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that the Municipal District Office monitors peak time queuing at the Uisce Éireann works on the R405 and on the surrounding road network. Where improvements to light sequencing or the manual control of traffic flows was deemed necessary to minimise disruption this was requested and the Uisce Éireann Project Team implemented the changes. Large scale critical infrastructure works in a busy urban roads network will unfortunately cause unavoidable disruption particularly at peak times.

Councillor Heather felt there was a lack of clarity, he was aware that the municipal district office monitors relays and sequencing but was unsure how this works

Mr. C. Buggie, A/Senior Engineer explained that there was staff monitoring in the municipal district and at the Celbridge Interchange and when reports are received of traffic delays, staff



go onsite and discuss management plans to minimise disruption. He confirmed that the council are constantly engaged with utility companies.

The report was noted.

CL20/0626

Ardclough Canal Bridge

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

Can the council advise whether it will engage with the National Transport Authority (NTA) to assess the feasibility of introducing a weight restriction, together with appropriate signage on the route to Henry Bridge, Ardclough, in light of the repeated damage caused by Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) using the bridge?

A report was received from the Capital Projects Team informing the members that the bridge in Ardclough is owned by Waterways Ireland and they are responsible for the inspection and maintenance of their assets. Kildare County Council are currently engaging with Waterways Ireland about the introduction of traffic calming measures at several of their assets and can consider this location for similar measures if deemed appropriate.

The report was noted.

CL21/0626

Weight Restrictions on Bridges

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

Can the council outline the process in the municipal district for implementing weight restrictions on bridges and what interim measures can be implemented?

A report was received from the Capital Projects Team informing the members that a weight restriction is generally implemented where there is a structural issue with a bridge that warrants the implementation of a weight restriction to ensure the bridge is not damaged. The

requirement for a weight restriction would be determined via a structural assessment of the bridge.

Councillor Killeen sought clarity as to who carries out the structural assessment.

Mr. D. Conlan, A/Senior Engineer explained that the council monitor a number of bridges and have a Bridge Consultant.

The report was noted.

CL22/0626

Crodaun Estate, Celbridge

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

Can the council provide details on what protection is proposed for the homes in the Crodaun Estate, Celbridge, adjacent to deep excavation and rock breaking works, by Uisce Éireann, including pre-condition surveys, vibration monitoring, structural oversight and remediation arrangements should damage occur?

A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that this was an Uisce Éireann (UE) project and they are responsible for all works carried out. Any queries in relation to the project and construction methods should be directed to Uisce Éireann. Kildare County Council understands that Uisce Éireann have held a briefing with the elected members and also met with the resident representatives of Crodaun Estate, Celbridge to advise on the project.

Councillor Ryan explained that he had recently attended a constructive meeting with Uisce Éireann and the Residents Association. He hoped that following on from this meeting that Uisce Éireann realised the importance of meeting with people to discuss their concerns. He noted that Uisce Éireann had an International Consultant appointed and was awaiting the minutes of the meeting but was happy with the way things were progressing.

The report was noted.



CL23/0626

Leixlip Spa

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

That the council maintains the Leixlip Spa area and provides a regular grass cutting service.

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

A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that the annual maintenance has slipped in the last few years due to loss of outdoor staff to carry out the work and limited access to the site with the construction of the greenway. Arrangements are being made to have the appropriate grass areas cut back. The grass areas are managed as meadows so are only cut once a year. This will be done in September.

Councillor Caldwell accepted the report.

Councillor Killeen raised the importance of regular grass cutting of the area, and queried if there had been a delay with the feasibility study.

Mr. S. Wallace, A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer, explained that there had been a delay on works relating to biodiversity. He noted that all projects were being prioritised and this project remains on the Capital Programme and still requires design works to be carried out.

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

CL24/0626

Silleachain Lane, Leixlip

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



That the council cuts back the overgrowth on Silleaseachain Lane, Leixlip.

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

A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that this work has been scheduled for the coming week.

The report was noted.

CL25/0626

Riverforest Estate, Leixlip

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

Can the council confirm if there are plans to provide tree cutting services to trim the overhanging trees above the footpath on the main approach avenue in the Riverforest Estate in Leixlip?

A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that arrangements will be made to have any overhanging branches trimmed.

The report was noted.

CL26/0626

Teen Facilities in Celbridge

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

Can the council provide an update on teen facilities in Celbridge?

A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that a contractor has been appointed to install seating and some semi covered seating at The Slip, Celbridge.



Wi-Fi and USB charging points will also be installed as part of these works. It is hoped to have these in place by the end of the Summer.

Councillor Brooks welcomed the report and thanked Mr. S. Wallace for the map which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The report was noted.

CL27/0626

Crodaun Estate, Celbridge, Oak Tree

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

Can the council provide details of the protections that will be put in place for the 300-year-old oak tree located within the Crodaun Estate, Celbridge, during the proposed works by Uisce Éireann?

A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that arrangements would be made to meet with Uisce Éireann to see what protections were put in place.

Mr. S. Wallace, A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer requested that Councillor Ryan to send the exact location of the oak tree.

Councillor Ryan agreed to email the details to Mr. S. Wallace after the meeting.

The report was noted.

CL28/0626

Driving Test Centre

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



That this council writes to the Road Safety Authority seeking an update on proposed Driving Test Centre locations in Leixlip, considering the need for a new centre, to meet the demand of the increased population and the long waiting list.

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

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

Councillor Killeen shared current statistics of wait times for driving tests that people were experiencing and enquired if Kildare County Council can work collaboratively with the Road Safety Authority and the Office of Public Works to provide a Driving Test Centre locations in North Kildare. She requested that the council look at existing sites within their ownership.

The members supported the motion noting the growing population in North Kildare. It was felt it was unreasonable to expect people to have to travel to different counties to complete their driving test.

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Killeen, seconded by Councillor O'Rourke and agreed by all members that a letter issue to the Road Safety Authority. The members requested that this item be placed on the Progress Report.

CL29/0626

Autism-Friendly Town Framework

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

That the council engages with AsIAm to adopt the Autism-Friendly Town framework for Celbridge aimed at removing barriers in day-to-day life for autistic people.

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



A report was received from the Integration and Strategic Property Management Team informing the members that from a Local Authority perspective, our approach was not to focus solely on any one specific disability sector. Instead, our overarching vision was to make County Kildare fully inclusive and accessible for all members of the community. By working towards this inclusive vision, we aim to ensure that no individual or group is left marginalised.

While we take a broad and inclusive approach at county level, we recognise and support targeted initiatives where appropriate. In Celbridge, for example, a range of initiatives have been undertaken to support the autism community. These include the Toys Technology and Training collection programme, specialised training for staff, the provision of sensory boxes, and the introduction of mobile Tovertafel unit. These initiatives demonstrate our commitment to practical, meaningful supports within local communities.

That said, the development of specific town-focused initiatives or programmes may be more appropriately led by local town committees or community groups, who are well placed to identify and respond to the particular needs of their area.

Councillor Heather noted that AslAm had presented to Full Council recently and that the response highlights that there were already initiatives in place but felt that with neurodiversity more support was needed such as assistance with accessing supports and educational supports, he asked that this be further investigated.

The members supported the motion and raised the following;

- Noted the work of the County Kildare Access group (CKAN) as the primary group and that Mr. M. Hurley was the coordinator.
- That there are a number of voluntary community groups also working within the disability sector who require the council's help and support.
- Happy to support with LPT funding for new initiatives



Mr. D. Creighton acknowledged the success of the recent Kildare Inclusivity Event held at the Curragh Racecourse discussed CKAN, He suggested this be raised with Mr. M Hurley.

Councillor Heather accepted the report and agreed to raise this with Mr. M Hurley and with Celbridge Access Group.

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

CL30/0626

Parochial House

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

That the council outlines the short-term plans to secure and maintain the Parochial House and grounds in Celbridge and the use of the rooms by local groups pending the preparation of a full plan for the area?

A report was received from Integration and Strategic Property Management Team informing the members that the acquisition of the Parochial House in Celbridge by Kildare County Council was not yet complete. Kildare County Council has replied to all queries related to the sale and the matter was now between both sets of solicitors. Security and maintenance of the site will become the responsibility of Kildare County Council on conclusion of the acquisition. Any short-term plans for use of the structure for community purposes will be subject to the relevant statutory consents being in place for that purpose and any relevant safety and accessibility matters being addressed.

Councillor Trost welcomed the report but was surprised that this was still with the solicitors, as he had previously understood that the sale was complete. He also raised security concerns.



Mr. D. Creighton, Director of Services explained that there had been a complication with drainage between the Curates House and the Parochial House and there was also a query was raised regarding fire safety. He advised that all necessary paperwork had now been returned to the solicitors. He will continue to liaise with the solicitors and with Fr. Curran. He advised that the security of the property would be the responsibility of the council when the property is acquired.

The report was noted.

CL31/0626
Westfield Estate, Leixlip

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

Can the council provide an explanation of how it has determined that the developer of Westfield Estate is 'in compliance' with Condition 16, of planning reference 16/282, in response to the many submissions by residents on the condition of open spaces?

A report was received from the Building and Development Control Section informing the members that at present, Westfield Estate has not been taken in charge by the council. Taking in Charge is a formal legal process whereby responsibility for the maintenance of public infrastructure and open spaces transfers from the developer to the Local Authority. Until such time as Westfield Estate is taken in charge, the developer remains fully responsible for its maintenance and upkeep, including grass cutting. Development Control's role is to monitor overall compliance with the planning permission as part of a broader Taking in Charge process. In this regard, where there are concerns in relation to issues of this nature, Development Control engage with the developer. Following recent engagement, the developer has agreed to increase the frequency of grass cutting within Westfield Estate.

Councillor O'Rourke acknowledged the detailed report but felt that her question on compliance had not been answered and enquired if the developer had been contacted.

Mr. L. McNeela, Senior Executive Engineer explained that the Building and Development Control Section become involved after the planning of estates are approved and the



developer is bound by planning conditions. The developer remains responsible for the estate until the point that the estate is taken in charge. The Building and Development Control Section liaise with the developer throughout. If complaints are received, which in this case there has been a number of complaints, then the first step would always be to bring the complaints to the developer and to try work collaboratively to rectify the issue. If this is not possible then it can lead to a formal enforcement procedure.

The report was noted.

CL32/0626

Grass Cutting

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

Can the council confirm and standardise the arrangements for grass cutting where estates in this municipal district are not yet taken in charge?

A report was received from the Building and Development Control Section informing the members that until such time as an estate is taken in charge, the developer remains fully responsible for its maintenance and upkeep, including grass cutting. Where there are concerns in relation to the frequency of grass cutting within estates which are not yet taken in charge, Development Control will engage with the developers to request this issue be addressed.

Councillor Killeen asked if a standardised approach could be investigated to ensure consistency for all estates and to ensure all estates received the same number of grass cuts each year.

Mr. L. McNeela, Senior Executive Engineer, explained that if a development was not taken in charge the developer remains fully responsible for its maintenance and upkeep. He advised that the only role the council would play in this situation is to ensure that the planning condition are being met.

The report was noted.



The meeting concluded.

These Minutes were adopted at the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting on 17 July 2026.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Meetings Administrator