



**Minutes of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District
Held on Friday, 20 May 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
On Microsoft Teams**

Members Present: Councillor J Neville (Cathaoirleach)
Councillors V Liston (Leas Cathaoirleach), Í Cussen, B Caldwell, N Killeen, C Galvin and M Coleman.

Officials Present: Ms E Wright (District Manager), Mr R Linnane (Municipal District Engineer), Mr Kavanagh and Ms M Hunt (Senior Executive Officers), Ms P Pender (A/Senior Executive Officer), Mr P Makhuza (Executive Engineer), Mr C Flynn (Senior Engineer) Ms A O'Malley (Administrative Officer), Ms P O'Brien (Senior Executive Officer), S Wallace (Senior Parks Superintendent) Mr M. McLoughlin (Administrative Officer) Mr T Shanahan (Meetings Administrator), Ms J Woodhouse (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

The Cathaoirleach Councillor Neville was having technical issues with accessing the meeting. The Leas Cathaoirleach Councillor Liston managed the meeting while Cllr Neville was unable to do so due to technical issues. Councillor Liston welcomed everyone to the May meeting of the Celbridge- Leixlip Municipal District.

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Declaration of Interest.

There were no declarations from the members of pecuniary or beneficial interests under section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001



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| ○ R403 Shackleton Rd. to Ardras (1100m) | -Tender Complete. Checking tenders. |
| ○ L5056 Glen Easton to Westfield (455m) | - At tender stage. |
| ○ L1016 Dangan Corner to Lyons Rd (560m) | - Preparing tender documentation. |
| ○ L5064 Kearneystown (400m) | - Preparing tender documentation. |
| ○ L2008 Boston Cottages (1106m) | - Preparing tender documentation. |

Surface Dressing – Restoration Maintenance

Surface dressing is scheduled to commence on May 30. Preparatory patching works, surface sweeping and verge trimming works ongoing. Areas identified for surface dressing for 2022.

- Stakemen Lane
- Kilwoggan to Ballygowran

LPT projects/works.

- Footpath at Loughlinstown Road. (Discussions commenced with landowners and utility companies) Awaiting quotations from utility companies on the cost associated with the relocation of poles and other utility assets.
- Shackleton Road Road Safety Review. Currently procuring services of road safety consultant.
- Riverforest (Captains Hill to Confey Community College) Road Safety Review. Currently procuring services of road safety consultant.

The municipal district engineer informed the members that a tree which had fallen on the bridge in Celbridge advising that this had been dealt with. He also advised that progressing road improvements and all tenders were nearly complete and works were set to start in early July when schools were finished.

The members welcomed the report and raised the following points:

- When were the reinstatements of St Patricks Park due?
- Update requested on the removal of rapeseed on Shakleton Road and Loughlinstown Road.
- When will the Safety reviews start?



- The members thanked the MD Office for removing the fallen tree and the swift reaction to resolve this. There are now branches in the river, who would be responsible for removing these?
- They requested an update on Coleman Lane.
- What is the time frame of painting the lines at Callenders mill?
- When will the public consultation start on Bridge Lane.

The Municipal District Engineer responded with the following:

- The rapeseed will be removed, it then needs spraying and topsoil to be added if required. The area is then to be rotavated, de-stoned and then seeded. Area will be reinstated to a grassed area. The engineer is hopeful of completion in the next 3-4 weeks.
- In reference to St Patricks Park – Civil works have been completed, reinstatement by contractor and commenced a week and a half ago.
- Loughlinstown road. The utilities pole is to be removed.
- Road safety review of Shackleton not prior to Confey college, to be carried out over one week when the schools are finished.
- Callenders Mill all markings have been done.
- Installation of drop kerbs a time frame of 1 week has been given. The line marking in Ardclough is then to be carried out, followed by Celbridge.
- Regarding removing branches from the river, the District engineer advised it may be the mills owners responsibility to remove same.

The Meetings Administrator introduced two new members of staff, Joanna Woodhouse and Josephine Fogarty to the meeting. Both staff members had recently started in Members Services. The Members welcomed both new staff members.

CL04/0522

Capital Programme 2022-2024

The members considered the Capital programme and District Manager advised the members that 2 new columns had been added to the report. The first column was to show



the phase the project is currently at and an estimated start date. The other column is the date expected for progress to the next stage. She explained this change is hoped to enable everyone to see where things are currently at and the anticipated time frame for progress.

The members noted the report and raised the following

- Members explained it is now much clearer to read but asked for further clarification on how the current phase numbering worked. The members feel understanding on numbering would help with further questions regarding capital funding in the future.
- Members agreed to have another offline meeting amongst themselves to discuss the Capital Programme matter further.

The District Manager agreed a further meeting would be helpful so any queries could be brought to the attention of the council prior to the next meeting, allowing staff to be in attendance to answer same. The date for meeting was to be arranged between members. The report was noted.

CL05/0522

LPT 2022 LPT Allocations

The members considered the remaining LPT Schedule of Works 2022 allocations for the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Committee. Everyone confirmed they had received a copy of the report.

Due to Cathoirleach being absent due to technical difficulties the Meeting administrator advised this was a more detailed report than previous years, in response to a query raised at the April meeting. It was noted that the LPT had been agreed and details were with the LPT coordinator to enable her to now transfer the sums to the relevant Departments.

The members noted the report and raised the following.

- Members asked how the €80,000 for Playground, Arts etc is to be broken down?
- Councillor Cussen advised she had checked figures, and all were correct as per previous meetings with members. €80,000 as allocated for Celbridge Outdoor Youth Facility and the library were separate.



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- Members asked for the title related to the sum of €80,000 be changed in the report to be published to Celbridge Outdoor Youth Facility.
- Members asked when monies will be transferred on this all being signed off.

The Meetings Administrator responded with the following

- In regards the €80,000, he advised he was not in attendance at the meetings members held to agree the detail of this and suggested that the members discuss this matter with the Cathoirleach but that the published report would be changed to reflect the project name, Celbridge Outdoor Youth Facility.
- Members advised that Silleachain lane not to be listed under Parks but under Accessibility.
- Advised that the LPT co-ordinator is in the process of starting the transfer of monies to the various departments.

CL06/0522

School Warning Sign at the 'steps' Area in Riverforest

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

That the council erect a School Warning Sign at the 'steps' area in Riverforest, Leixlip.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Cussen

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will arrange for a School Warning sign to be erected at this location.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell and seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by the members the report was noted.

CL07/0522

Road Safety Measures in St Patrick's Park

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

That the road safety measures be progressed in St Patrick's Park, Celbridge in the area near the green.



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

A report was given by Roads, Transportation and public Safety Department informing the members that an assessment of need of road safety measures would be carried out at this location in accordance with Kildare County Council's Guidance Document on the Selection and Implementation of Traffic Calming Measures.

Councillor Cussen confirmed she had met on site and was happy works will be carried out.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cussen and seconded by Councillor Killeen and agreed by members, the report was noted

CL08/0522

Parking Byelaws Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District

The members considered the following Motion in the name of Councillor Galvin
That the council draw up byelaws for the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District regarding the parking of commercial vehicles in residential estates.

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

A report was given by Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that for all housing estates that are in charge, residents and the public in general can park their vehicles within these estates. Commercial vehicles range from small vans to large trucks, and they may be the primary mode of transport and/or used part of business/work related for residents of the estates.

Fixed Charge Notices may be issued where large vehicles cause an obstruction within a housing estate. If the members request wardens to attend residential locations to enforce parking/unauthorised parking, the wardens must regulate all Road Traffic Offences (including motor tax display) which may result in Fixed Charge Notices also being issued to cars and



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other vehicles parked in the estate. Commercial vehicles parking in housing estates are generally parked after enforcement hours, after which time the support of An Garda Síochána is required to assist with parking enforcement.

If there was a specific estate/residential area where there are issues arising, it could be examined and included in the Pay Parking Review for that particular town.

Councillor Galvin advised she was disappointed with the report and asked for further elaboration. The members raised the following points,

- The members advised that the vehicles in question are trucks and buses parking in residential estates. They start up early in the morning causing noise. They also cause obstruction and were a safety risk to children playing
- The members were looking to regulate parking in all estates not area by area as they feel the current problem will be sorted in one area and then lead to problems in another with individuals moving to alternative estates.
- What is classed as a commercial vehicle?
- Members advised that they are aware that some residents use their vehicles for both commercial usage and for personal use so need to be mindful of this.
- There was a need for respect between neighbours and respect on child safety within estates.
- Members advised that South Dublin have implemented a county wide large vehicle parking ban– members asking for further information on this and how it was going within the South Dublin region.
- Public consultation was suggested in order not to ban vehicles estate by estate but to look at possible bye laws for the Municipal District.

The District Manager responded with the following informing members that the above had been examined and discussed internally,

- Bye laws require enforcement by either parking wardens or An Garda Síochána- this can in turn have unintended consequences.



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- Members were asked to provide list of estates in question to inform a review and to develop an appropriate response.
- The members were advised that the Transport SPC were looking at parking policy and this was the forum for this issue to be reviewed as a starting point.

The Members agreed that the review at SPC should include this issue and thanked the District Manager noting a very constructive discussion.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Galvin and seconded by Councillor Killeen and agreed by members, the report was noted

CL09/0522

Road Outside The Abbey in Celbridge

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Galvin
That the council review the road outside The Abbey in Celbridge with a view to making the footpath wider/more accessible.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Galvin and seconded by Councillor Cussen

A report was given by Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the road outside the Abbey in Celbridge has been examined/reviewed. The R403 Clane Road is a regional road and its width at this location is currently at or below minimum standard. The presence of the Abbey wall and the boundary wall at St Raphael's physically prohibits any area available for footpath widening.

Councillor Galvin was disappointed with the report and made the following points

- There was no scope to narrow the carriageway or widen the path. There are access issues at present for wheelchairs users, prams etc- Councillor Galvin explained this road is currently not fit for purpose.

Members raised the following:



- Could a path behind the wall in the Abbey be used so people could then walk in the carpark.
- Could discussions be held with St John of Gods to resolve issue in the area near St John of Gods?
- Noted the area is consistently identified on the walkability surveys as problematic
- This was on town renewal plan – and needed to be revisited.
- The pole on footpath is a big issue where the Abbey connects to the Mill.
- Could ESB be contacted regarding the pole – there are few to move in Celbridge so could the council raise this one with the ESB.

The District Manager advised that there were ongoing engagement/discussions with St John Of Gods and she agreed to put these concerns on the agenda and will include the District Engineer in looking at options.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by the members, the report was noted

CL10/0522

Access on the R449 from Westfield Roundabout to Castletown Junction at Green Lane

The members considered the following Motion in the name of Councillor Killeen
That the council conduct a comprehensive travel safety review of all aspects of the road, cycle and pedestrian access on the R449 from Westfield Roundabout to Castletown Junction at Green Lane, to encompass cycling infrastructure and safe zebra/lit pedestrian crossings where required including the 'shops' junction at Glen Easton.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Killeen and seconded by Councillor Cussen
A report was received by Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the current NTA funded cycle track scheme on Green Lane which is at Public Consultation Stage extends from the junction with Accommodation Road to Station Road (R148). Once this scheme has progressed through the detailed design to the construction



stage, the Sustainable Transport Section will discuss further Active Travel improvement schemes in the area with the NTA.

Councillor Killeen appreciated the report but advised didn't feel it was specific and asked for this to be put on the Progress Report. She confirmed she has met with road safety engineer last week and is aware of funding available from NTA and doesn't want to see these funds run out.

The District Manager advised in relation to moving items onto the progress report, that the NTA programme was the mechanism to forward plan for 2022, many of the projects are now moving to construction stage and once complete new projects will be added for 2023. It is at this point when the above would be looked at so it was not needed to be put on progress report as this is a rolling programme. The District manager explained that NTA funding is yearly so she would prefer if the above method was used rather than placing it on the progress report.

Following this clarification Councillor Killeen asked for this item be put forward for 2023 with the NTA and not on progress report as previously asked.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Killeen, seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by the members, the report was noted.

CL11/0522

Implementation of Pedestrian Road Safety

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Killeen
That the council consider the implementation of a pedestrian road safety approach via zebra crossings, to allow safe access to all residential settings in the municipal district.

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

A report was given by Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Sustainable Transport Section is responsible for designing and



constructing schemes that qualify for Active Travel funding by the Department of Transport. Together with other sections in the Council, including the Municipal District offices, there is a rolling programme of works to improve facilities for vulnerable road users. Measures recommended vary depending on the needs and hierarchy of road users at specific locations across the Municipal District and County. Improvements will continue to be brought forward for implementation and over time, the benefits of improved accessibility and mobility in the area will be realised.

Councillor Killeen noted that zebra crossings are especially helpful for vulnerable road users.

The District manager informed the members that following technical assessment this will be discussed further with sustainable transport team and again would form part of discussions on the programme with the NTA.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Killeen, seconded by Councillor Coleman and agreed by the members, the report was noted.

CL12/0522

HGV Restriction on the Loughlinstown Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Neville
That the council consider putting a HGV restriction on the Loughlinstown Road in Celbridge.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office are not aware of any re-occurring issues on this road caused by HGVs. Traffic surveys can be carried out to ascertain the percentage volume of HGVs on this road and to assess if there is an issue here.

The members will await the outcome of the survey.



The District Manager informed the members that the council will examine the percentage of HGVs using the road and if restrictions are needed an alternative route will need to be identified. The Municipal Engineer will carry out the above.

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

CL13/0522

Parking Arrangements Post Covid

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Caldwell
Can the council provide an update on parking arrangements in Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District post Covid 19?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Parking arrangements post Covid-19 will remain the same as during Covid-19. Enforcement is Monday to Friday 10:00am to 4:00pm with an observation period of 30 minutes before the purchase and on the expiry of a valid Pay and Display ticket.

The members asked how long covid policy would be in place and were advised that all parking policies go through the Transport SPC.

The report was noted.

CL14/0522

English Row to the Pedestrian Bridge

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

Can the council confirm if it has plans to Take in Charge the slip from English Row to the pedestrian bridge over the Liffey in Celbridge?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing that this Question relates to previous agenda item CL09/1221 and an update was provided on this months Progress Report. The Section 11 process has now commenced and the closing date for submissions was Friday 17June 2022.

The report was noted.



CL15/0522

Castlewellan Park and Beatty Grove

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Galvin
Can the council confirm when the pedestrian entrance between Castlewellan Park and Beatty Grove will be opened?

A report was received advising that the Development Control Engineer is liaising with the developer to progress a pedestrian entrance between Castlewellan Park and Beatty Grove. Unfortunately, it is not possible to provide a timeframe for the completion of these works, at this juncture.

The report was noted.

CL16/0522

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Wall Beside the Bridge in Celbridge

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Galvin
Can the council provide an update on the repair of the wall beside the bridge in Celbridge?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing that a Section 57 Declaration Application under the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended has been submitted for this work and is awaiting approval from the Conservation Officer (Planning Department). Section 57 of the Planning Act allows for the owner or occupier of a Protected Structure or a Proposed Protected Structure to make a written request to the Planning Authority to issue a declaration as to the type of works which it considers would or would not materially affect the character of the structure or any element of the structure, thereby clarifying which works would be considered exempted development and those which would require planning permission.

The process of appointing a contractor to complete this work was ongoing. A further update can be provided once a contractor was appointed.

The report was noted.

CL17/0522

Traffic Counts on the R148, R149, R449 & R404



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

Can the council provide details of all traffic counts on the R148, R149, R449 & R404 in tabular format for the last 4 years?

A report was circulated to the members by Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department. (see Appendix 1)

The report was noted.

CL18/0522

Dwellings Allocated in Past 5 years

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

Can the council provide a report in tabular format by townland in this municipal district, the number of dwellings allocated by unit capacity size in the past five years under the following schemes: Part V, Social Housing allocation, Family Hub space, emergency accommodation unit, AHB, Leasing, affordable, cost rental, repair and leasing, built by KCC, private RAS / private HAP?

A report was circulated by the Housing Department with a breakdown in tabular format showing the number of dwellings allocated by unit capacity size in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District area.

It was advised to be noted that the figure provided under the heading Part V included both Kildare County Council and AHB Social and Affordable Housing Body allocations.

While the total number of Social and Affordable Housing Body allocations had been provided, a breakdown of unit size is not stored.

The figures provided refer to allocations within the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District area.



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Allocations from 2017 to 2021 in Celbridge - Leixlip Municipal District							
Type of Allocation	Area	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	5 bed	Total
Part V	Celbridge	0	7	5	1	0	13
	Leixlip		11	25	1	0	37
Social Housing	Celbridge					0	82
	Leixlip					0	108
Family Hub space	Celbridge	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Leixlip	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emergency Accommodation Unit	Celbridge	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Leixlip	0	0	0	0	0	0
Approved Housing Bodies	Celbridge					0	34
	Leixlip					0	16
Leasing	Celbridge	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Leixlip	9	27	27	0	0	67
Affordable	Celbridge	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Leixlip	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cost Rental	Celbridge	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Leixlip	0	0	0	0	0	0
Repair & Leasing	Celbridge	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Leixlip	0	0	0	0	0	0
HAP	Celbridge/Leixlip	20	112	132	22	5	291
RAS	Celbridge	0	4	4	1	0	9
	Leixlip	0	1	0	1	0	2

Note - The Part V figures refer to KCC and AHB allocations

Note - Breakdown of unit size is not stored for Social and Affordable Housing Body allocations

Councillor Killen advised that she spoke with the team yesterday seeking clarifications as there was nothing about cost rental on the report and feedback received was appreciated. The report was noted.

CL19/0522

Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2022

The members considered the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2022 allocation for the Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District

The members thanked Ms Loughlin for her work.

No	Ref No	MD	Name of Group	Project Details	Allocated
3	4	Celbridge/ Leixlip	Leixlip Tidy Towns	Tree Trail Trailhead panel	€1,200



4	10	Celbridge Leixlip	Tea Lane Graveyard Committee	Commission a conservation report of the remaining works to be carried out at Tea Lane as per conservation management plan and provide a budget estimate for same.	€1,300
5	14	Celbridge/Leixlip	Wolstan Haven Residents Association	Pollinator area	€1,100
6	21	Celbridge/Leixlip	Irish Military Heritage Foundation	Cleaning & restoration of monument to Colonel Sir Gerald Richard Dease K.C.V.O	€1,200
7	9	County	Kildare Bat Groups	Identify new brown long eared roost. The group hope to identify new brown long eared roosts within the county through a social media campaign and check each site using a thermal scope, as well as at a dusk emergence count bat survey.	€1,200
8	27	County	Birdwatch Ireland Kildare branch	Thermal Imaging equipment	€1,200
9	35	County	North Kildare Beekeepers' Association	Beekeeping education for members	€1,000

The Cathaoirleach informed the members that when considering the grants, they must declare if they had any conflicts of interest and remove themselves from the meeting if they had while the grants were being considered. No such declarations were made.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Killeen and seconded by Councillor Cussen that the grants be approved.

CL20/0522

Habitat Survey and Mapping

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Liston. That the GIS data provided with the Habitat Survey and Mapping of Celbridge, Co Kildare (2012) report is published online, to provide easy access to this information by Celbridge residents and the public.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Liston and seconded by Councillor Galvin.

A reported was received from Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department in forming the members that the Forward Planning Section are working to



progress the provision of the GIS data for the Habitat Survey and Mapping of Celbridge, Co Kildare. The Planning Department will advise the members as soon as this information is available to view on the Councils GIS. In the meantime, the Planning Department will make the report available to Celbridge residents and the public, under the Planning Section on the Councils website.

Councillor Liston noted the report and remarked that the continued commitment of the council to open data will be hugely valuable to the public.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Liston, seconded by Councillor Galvin and agreed by the members, the report was noted

CL21/0522

Climate Adaption in Celbridge

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Liston
That the council plan a process for engaging with relevant expertise and funding opportunities, to co-develop visions of an ideally climate adapted Celbridge in 2030 using a participative backcasting approach, that will inform the development of the future Celbridge LAP in terms of climate mitigation and adaptation.

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

A report was received from The Climate Action Office who advised the members that they are working with other local authorities and bodies to create linkages and opportunities to build on capacity and funding potential to enact meaningful climate action on a local and broader scale. To enable future mitigation and climate adaptation measures they are assisting communities to consider the 'future Kildare' and how to systematically think through what is needed to make a decarbonised future possible through such mechanisms as the Decarbonising Zones, Low Carbon Communities, 'Fill the Gap' agri-tourism scoping exercise, Climate innovation Fund and Sustainable Energy Communities activation to name a few projects being advanced. The proposed Community Climate Action Fund could have the potential to enhance this working to inform and fund community choices at community



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level. Work such as this enables progressive thinking and visualisation of the future for communities such as Celbridge to be proactive at the present time and in the future to successful creation and enactment of sustainable local area plans.

A report from Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department was received also. The report advised the members that while the review of the Celbridge LAP is not scheduled for 2022, any climate mitigation and adaptation initiatives or funding opportunities explored or identified by the Climate Action Office will be, where appropriate, incorporated into the Celbridge LAP.

The members raised the following points

- That the motion follows on from the publication of the IPCC report by the UN and the motion involves understanding what a climate adapted District would be like, in order to inform what needs to be done now.
- It was noted that more community engagement was needed to bring communities together for the Climate Action target of 2030 to be met.
- There was a need to look at decarbonisation and low carbon actions

The District Manager raised the following

- Community engagement is especially needed on the matter of decarbonized zones in towns.
- There was ongoing work with Maynooth University on Climate Action, and this valuable link will help develop and deliver our Climate Action Plan.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Liston, seconded by Councillor Killeen and agreed by the members, the report was noted.

CL22/0522

St John of God Services

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



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That the council engage with St John of God Services on the reinstatement of the Bower on the Celbridge Abbey grounds.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Coleman and seconded by Councillor Galvin.

A report was received from Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that Kildare County Council Architectural Conservation Officer was engaging with the Saint John of God Services regarding the status of works carried out to Vanessa's Bower. A report regarding same will be prepared and issued to the elected members once complete.

Councillor Coleman was disappointed with the report and asked for further clarification and stressed the urgency of the matter. The members raised the following points:

- Need to ensure there was no further damage to this historical site
- No physical work has been carried out on the Bower despite grant from last year of €1,300 to secure the tower.
- St John Of Gods wouldn't allow input when help was offered and advised they wanted to do it themselves
- This highlighted the need to protect this structure first with reference to report which was received last December from Mr O'Brien, stating there was some urgency in the matter.
- Stones have continued to dislodge and were now in the river.

Ms Bridget Loughlin advised the members that there is a new Conservation Officer in place who had visited the site to look at a plan for restoration. This site has since been included in the draft Council Development Plan and was being added to the record of Protected Structures list. This allows under legislation for works to be carried out and makes the structure eligible for further funding.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Galvin and agreed by the members, the report was noted.



CL23/0522

URDF Funding

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

Can the council provide an update on what projects will be put forward from this municipal district for the next round of URDF funding?

A report was received from Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm informing the members that The Wonderful Barn project design team is due to be appointed and part of their remit will be to prepare a URDF application for funding the Wonderful Barn buildings and parkland.

The first draft of the Celbridge and Leixlip Town Renewal Masterplans (TRMP) are being finalised by the Design Team and will be presented to the municipal district committee for their review in the coming weeks. The Celbridge and Leixlip TRMPs identify a number of priority projects (informed by public consultation and analysis) and funding for those projects will be applied for through the URDF process, on completion of the TRMP.

The report was noted.

CL24/0522

Tidy Towns

The members considered the report from the Environmental Department for the proposed grant allocations for Tidy Towns groups for 2022 for the Celbridge- Leixlip Municipal District. The members noted the reports were already circulated.

On the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Coleman and agreed by the members that proposed grant allocations for Tidy Towns groups for 2022 were approved.

Celbridge-Leixlip MD	TT Group (3)	<u>Population Category (from TT report)</u>		Proposed Budget Allocation		Agreed LPT Allocation	Total
	Celbridge	G (15,001 to 25,000)		€ 7,785		€ 10,000	€ 17,785
Leixlip	G (15,001 to 25,000)		€ 7,785		€ 10,000	€ 17,785	
Ardclough	B (201 to 1,000)		€ 1,055		€ 5,000	€ 6,055	
	Total		€ 16,625		€ 25,000	€ 41,625	



Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Coleman and agreed by the members that proposed grant allocations for Tidy Towns groups for 2022 were approved.

CL25/0522

Derelict Sites

The members received a presentation on the protocols and procedures relating to Derelict Sites.

The members noted the presentation and asked could the presentation be forwarded via email also. This was agreed.

The members also raised the following

- Reference made to a historical house evidently derelict for over a decade – nothing done despite it being reported and would like it bought back into use for the community.
- Is a property only registered derelict if an owner can't be found?
- Would a rodent infestation warrant a property being put on the register.
- Would a house with only the back area of same being overgrown (out of sight of public view) warrant a premise being classed as derelict?
- Members asked could they arrange for district manager to do a visit to Leixlip to identify derelict premises? Main street is one area of concern.
- The presentation clarified the difference between a vacant property and a derelict property.
- Policy around vacant housing promotes vibrancy in communities- can properties be kept open and functioning whilst under investigation, i.e. as in meanwhile use in other European countries.

Mr. Flynn responded with the following

- With regards the historical house – never assume a property is registered derelict – will look back on files with regards this case but the process to inform council is to email and then a CRM can be created and then investigations take place.
- It was agreed to meet on site in Leixlip if the members wished to liaise on that matter.



- When a rear of property is overgrown this should be reported to Kildare County Council.
- Rodent infestation falls under the role of Environmental Health Officer.
- Regarding meanwhile use and other matters related to acquisition etc.- the use of a property by the Council is only possible if owned or leased by same. The Councils Housing Dept have a Vacant Homes Officer in place and CPO is often complex and depends on budgets available.

CL26/0522

Installation of a Columbarium Wall

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Coleman
Can a timeframe be given to the members on the installation of the Columbarium wall in Donacomper Cemetery?

A report was received from The Environment Department A detailed programme of delivery for a number of Columbarium walls, including Donaghcumper, has yet to be decided. However, it is hoped to advance to tender by the end of the summer, with anticipated delivery by year-end.

Councillor Coleman happy with the report and would welcome it if works were completed by the end of the year. Mr Flynn informed members of works currently ongoing – resourcing issue is only problem but he was hopeful the works would be complete by end of the summer. Mr Flynn advised he would contact the members if there were delays.

The report was noted.

CL27/0522

Upgrade to Silleachain Lane

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Caldwell
That the council consider carrying out an upgrade of Silleachain Lane from the Glendale entrance to the bottom of Mill Lane.

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

A report was received by Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department that if agreed



by the members, an upgrade of Silleachain Lane can be considered however the work is not in the Parks Section Works Programme for 2022 and there is no capacity to undertake additional works. If agreed, the works can be considered for a future works programme. The Sustainable Transport Section has met with the Municipal District office to progress potential permeability schemes in the area and when the scope of works is agreed and a funding source confirmed, the proposals will be brought to the members for consideration.

Councillor Caldwell noted the report and advised that a series of patch work actions have been done with funding of €15,000 last year and further €10,000 from LPT for access. This is used by many residents and access is used both day and night and needs a major upgrade. Mr Wallace agreed with regards connectivity, biodiversity and amenity access. He will work with Sustainable Transport and see what can be done. The only problem would be capacity at the present time.

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

CL28/0522

Trees in Pots for the Main Street in Celbridge

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cussen, That a meeting be arranged with Public Realm and Parks and the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District members to progress the Trees in Pots item for the Main Street in Celbridge.

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

A report was received by Parks, Superintendent, Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department advising that with the agreement of the members, an onsite meeting with Public Realm, the Parks Department and the elected members to discuss the proposal will be arranged.

The members were happy to meet in the coming weeks and a date needed to be agreed



Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Killeen and agreed by the members that the report was noted.

CL29/0522

Community Bus

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Neville
That the council provide an update on the plans to provide a community bus now that the relevant municipal districts have put the funding forward.

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

A report was received by Economic, Community and Cultural Development.

It currently appears that the Gardai are satisfied with operating one community bus (which is available to all Garda districts in the county). The matter will be discussed by the JPC steering committee in advance of the next JPC meeting on 13 June and the Clane-Maynooth and the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District members will be advised further thereafter.

The members raised the following:

- If Naas can have a bus why not Celbridge- Leixlip?? North Kildare should have same service as the rest of the county.
- An Garda Síochána were keen at the time and members would like this to be followed up at next JPC meeting
- Members were not accepting that one bus in Naas will be sufficient for the whole county.
- Members feel the bus is a great idea – but feel that time needs to be taken to work together on how the bus will be run exactly.
- The members noted that this is great PR opportunity for both the municipal district and An Garda Síochána
- If there is only one bus for the county then the monies put aside for funding may need reallocation. This needs to be further discussed in the next JPC meeting.



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Ms O'Brien agreed to bring the above feedback to the next JPC meeting. She advised members that An Garda Síochána had reluctance to bring in extra buses due to driver availability. She advised she would push for a decision from An Garda Síochána and clarify with them that An Garda Síochána would fund maintenance and running costs of the bus, with, as was understood, LPT monies to fund the purchase of the bus.

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

CL30/0522

Community Land Handed Over to the Council

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Coleman
That the council engage with Ardclough Community Council and other community groups in Ardclough on the community land handed over to the council by the developer of William's Grove.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Coleman and seconded by Councillor Cussen

A report was received from the Planning Department advising that Condition 5 of planning reference 06/2925 require the applicant to enter into an agreement under Section 47 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) to make land to the south of Ardclough church available for use as a graveyard.

The Developer subsequently entered into a Section 47 agreement for the transfer of the land to Kildare County Council. The Environment Department have advised that the lands are unsuitable for use as a burial ground. The Council is in discussion with the developer on compliance with the condition and the future use of the site.

Councillor Coleman advised the members that he thought the site had been handed over but now realise it hasn't. The community was doing great work.

Mr McLoughlin advised the members that this is currently being discussed with the developer's agent but it wasn't straight forward.



Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by the members that the report was noted.

CL31/0522

Playground at the Leixlip Amenities Centre

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

Can the council provide an update on progress made regarding the playground at the Leixlip Amenities Centre?

A report was received by Parks, Superintendent, Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department advising the members that the Parks Sections are working to the timeframes for the delivery of the playground as indicated to the members in January. Discussions on progressing the project have been discussed with Leixlip Amenities Centre. They have indicated a potential alternative site which may offer greater scope for an upgrade of the playground. The Centre is currently engaged in upgrading their facilities. This involves assessing traffic movement and where best the playground could be located in that context. The outcome of this is expected in the next month and we propose to discuss the location with them at that stage and then progress the planning and design of the playground. The report was noted.

CL32/0522

Playground at the Leixlip Amenities Centre

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

Can the council provide an update on the plans to improve the playground in the Leixlip Amenities Centre?

A report was received by Parks, Superintendent, Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department advising the members that the Parks Sections were working to the timeframes for the delivery of the playground as indicated to the members in January. Discussions on progressing the project had been discussed with Leixlip Amenities Centre. They had indicated a potential alternative site which may offer greater scope for an upgrade of the playground. The centre were currently engaged in upgrading their facilities. This involved assessing traffic movement and where best the playground could be located in that



context. The outcome of this is expected in the next month and we propose to discuss the location with them at that stage, and then progress the planning and design of the playground.

The report was noted.

CL33/0522

Crodaun and Castletown Woods Ownership

The council considered the following question in the name of Councillor Liston.

Can the council confirm when a map showing the boundaries and ownership of the Crodaun Vista and Castletown Woods in Celbridge can be provided?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department Informing the members that a map will be prepared in the next 3 weeks to show the boundaries and ownership.

The report was noted

CL34/0522

Outdoor Gym Equipment

The council considered the following question in the name of Councillor Cussen

Can the council provide an update on the process for putting in place Outdoor Gym Equipment in Celbridge?

A report was received from the Roads Department informing the council that this work is not included in the current parks works programme and there is no funding provided for it. Therefore, it will not be possible to progress it in the current year. The factors that need to be considered for the provision of an outdoor gym are potential locations, the type of fitness equipment and a source of funding. Subject to these requirements, the works can be considered for a future works programme.

Councillor Cussen asked a further clarifying question noting that from an update last month that €15,000 LPT was allocated and the focus of her question was for a time frame to completion as she thought quotes and groundwork would already of been done.

Mr Wallace advised he was unaware that LPT funding had been allocated but that he is happy to provide *subject to capacity* and identifying a location. Mr Wallace noted that there is



a framework in place for outdoor gym equipment but that he is doubtful this could be delivered this year due to other projects outlined in previously in the Parks Programme.

The report was noted

CL35/0522

Outdoor Gym Equipment

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

Can the council confirm if the area adjacent to Aghards playground would be considered as a possible location for Outdoor Gym Equipment?

A report was received from Parks Superintendent, Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the location can be considered but it would be best that if a gym was to be provided here, that it would be part of an overall design of the open space.

The members noted the report and were advised to discuss amongst themselves regarding possible location, costings, progression, assistance from other funding resources eg Community. The above to be discussed prior to progressing this.

The report was noted.

CL36/0522

St Patrick's Park

The council considered the following question in the name of Councillor Coleman

Can the council confirm when works for the reinstatement of St Patrick's Park, Celbridge to its former condition will take place, following the works that were carried out there?

A report was received by Roads Transportation and Public Safety

Advising the members that there was a contractor currently on site carrying out these works.

It is anticipated that these works will be completed in 6 to 8 weeks.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.