



**Minutes of the Special Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Meeting
held on Friday, 23 January 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas**

Members Present: Councillor R. Heather (Cathaoirleach) and Councillor B. Caldwell.

Officials Present: Ms. M. McLoughlin (Acting District Manager), Ms. D. Egan (Meetings Administrator), Ms. J. Woodhouse (Meetings Secretary).

Online: Councillors C. O'Rourke, D. Ryan, D. Trost and Mr. R. Linnane (District Engineer).

Apologies: Councillors P. Brooks and N. Killeen.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the members to the special meeting of Celbridge-Leixlip municipal district and thanked everyone for attending at short notice. It was noted that apologies had been received from Councillor Brooks and Councillor Killeen.

CL01/0126

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.

CL02/0126

Suspension of parking on the loading bay on Captain's Hill, Leixlip

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

That the council suspends parking on the loading bay on Captain's Hill, Leixlip for the duration of the road works in Confey.

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



Councillor Caldwell explained that he had submitted the motion in the hope that it would alleviate the traffic issue currently being experienced on Captain's Hill, Leixlip. He hoped that the council could investigate the removal of parking permanently after the works were completed.

The members raised the following:

- This was an unusual situation where the location was used for both paid parking and as a loading bay.
- Enquired whether there was a figure available for the loss of income if pay parking ceased in the loading bay.
- Fully supported the motion and that anything which could possibly alleviate the current traffic issues must be considered.
- Currently uploading was permitted between 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and pay parking permitted from 11:30 a.m. – 16:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.
- Consideration of longer durations to include peak times from 16:00 p.m.

The District Engineer explained that the spaces had always been parking bays but in the past there were loading issues, so a loading time was added between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Monday to Friday.

Mr. M. McLoughlin explained that there was no scope to extend the times as the council has no jurisdiction after 16:00 hours as set out in the parking byelaws. If longer periods were requested then the byelaws would have to be changed with the members agreement. A Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 could be considered but this was a statutory process and would take time to implement.

Should the members agree to the suspension of parking between 11:30 a.m. and 16:00 p.m. Monday to Friday for the duration of works, which was currently expected to be the end of August 2026 (subject to change), the loading bay shall continue to operate between 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. The signage would also be amended and the traffic warden duly advised.

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Trost and agreed by all members present that parking be suspended on the loading bay on Captain's Hill



between 11:30 a.m. and 16:00 p.m. Monday to Friday for the duration of works. The works are currently expected to be completed by the end of August 2026 (this however is subject to change), the loading bay shall continue to operate between 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

The meeting concluded.