



**Minutes of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District
Held on Friday, 17 June 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
In the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara.**

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 K Kavanagh and Ms M Hunt (Senior Executive Officers), Ms P Pender (A/Senior Executive Officer), Mr D Hodgins, (Senior Engineer), Ms A O'Malley (Administrative Officer), Ms P O'Brien (Senior Executive Officer), Mr S Wallace (Senior Parks Superintendent), Ms S Farrar (A/Administrative Officer, Mr M McLoughlin (Administrative Officer) Ms Mary McCarthy (Administrative Officer), Mr T Shanahan (Meetings Administrator), Ms J Woodhouse (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

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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

CL02/0622

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 20 May together with the progress report.



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Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by the members that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 20 May 2022, of the Celbridge - Leixlip Municipal District be confirmed and taken as read.

The progress report was noted.

The Cathoirleach advised the Members that they would move directly onto the Climate Innovation Grants for 2022 for consideration for approval.

CL03/0622

Climate Innovation Fund Grants 2022

Climate Innovation Fund - for Approval Celbridge Leixlip MD			
Group	Grant Requested	Proposed Funding	Project Details 2022
Climate Response Ireland	€5,100	€5,100	Provide real time information on indoor air quality and the damage that it causes. People currently spend over 90% of their time indoors or in enclosed environments where the air quality can be poor to very bad. By providing this information we can improve health and reduce environmental pollution.
The Climate Hub (Celbridge Leixlip)	€15,223	€15,223	A new evidence and data-driven approach to community communication on climate issues and local change initiatives. Implemented with a specific focus on traffic patterns and change, using traffic sensor data, a pilot initiative, and a centralised public climate hub.
Total Monies requested	€20,323	€20,323	

Ms O'Brien presented the Climate innovation grant for approval by members, she went through the proposed grant request figures and proposed funding for 2022, outlining both project details as above.

The members raised the following points:

- How do members of the public know what is happening and be able to get involved?
- What will the scope of the air quality project be?
- Will the Climate Hub be physical or online??

Ms O'Brien responded to the members with the following,



- Once funding is approved by members this scheme would be a pilot initially. Opting in would be open to anyone regardless of where they live in the Municipal District
- Information would be made available using social media forums and noticeboards displaying relevant information.
- The air-monitoring would take place in the homes of those taking part.
- The Climate hub would report data on activity in public places, such as traffic etc.
- It was anticipated that any remaining funds not spent in 2022 would roll over into next year's budget.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Neville seconded by Councillor Killeen and agreed by the members The Climate Innovation grants 2022 were approved.

CL04/0622

Municipal District Road works

The Municipal District Engineer updated the members of the Municipal District works carried out over the past month and stated that the outdoor crews had been carrying out general footpath and road maintenance works in the Municipal District area. These currently included jet-vacing of road gullies, mechanical sweeping of roads, road repairs with road patcher unit and general repairs to footpaths and kerbs. Calls received are being triaged and then assigned to a crew as appropriate.

Footpath repair works are now complete in Castlevillage Estate. Alterations to cycle paths and footpaths drop kerbs in Callenders Mill Celbridge have now commenced.

Road Overlays - Restoration Improvement

R405 West of Crofton's Garage (560m)	- Tender Complete, Contractor appointed.
L1014 Kellystown Lane (460m)	- Tender Complete. Checking tenders.
R403 Shackleton Rd. to Ardras (1100m)	- Tender Complete. Checking tenders.
L5056 Glen Easton to Westfield (455m)	- Tender Complete. Checking tenders.
L1016 Dangan Corner to Lyons Rd (560m)	- Preparing tender documentation.



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L5064 Kearneystown (400m)

- Tender Complete. Checking tenders.

L2008 Boston Cottages (1106m)

- Preparing tender documentation.

Surface Dressing – Restoration Maintenance

Surface dressing works have been carried out and completed at the following locations on the 30th/31 May.

Stacumney Lane

Kilwoggan to Ballygowran

LPT projects/works - Footpath at Loughlinstown Road. (Discussions have commenced with landowners and utility companies) Awaiting quotations from utility companies on the cost associated with the relocation of poles and other utility assets.

Road Opening Licenses:

There are a significant number of contractors licensed or applying for licenses in the Municipal District to install utilities to serve the Municipal District. These include works on the Lucan Road and The Hazelhatch Road at Primrose Hill in Celbridge and on the Green Lane in Leixlip. The contractors will be monitored by Municipal District staff while they are working out on the roads and every effort is made to keep the disruption to the public to a minimum.

The District Engineer went through the list of roadworks explaining that the council had received a significant number of road opening licences application but these have been put on hold till the school year is over. He told the members that disruptions are to be expected when schools close and works will begin. He thanked the public in advance for their understanding.

The members welcomed the report thanked the District Engineer for all their hard work over the past month.



CL05/0622
Annual Meeting

Mr Shanahan advised the members that the proposed date for the Annual Meeting for the Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District meeting is 10am on Friday 15 July 2022 and that with the members agreement that standing orders be suspended on the day to allow the July Monthly meeting to commence at 10.30am.

On the proposal of Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by the members the date for the annual meeting was approved.

CL06/0622
Making of Casual Trading Bye Law

Reports had previously been distributed to the members:

- Item 5A Report on Making Casual Bye Laws;
- Item 5B Draft Casual Trading Bye Laws 2022 for the Municipal District of Celbridge Leixlip (both reports attached).

Mr. Shanahan advised the members that following public consultation in April, that submissions were circulated to members. Two briefings were also held and Draft Bye Laws as circulated were based upon the briefings with members.

Mr. Shanahan outlined the proposed changes to Clause 7 and Clause 53 (e) as set out in the report, which were proposed by Cllr. Neville, seconded by Cllr. Caldwell and agreed by all members present.

Several questions arose.

The members emphasised that they would like to re-visit the Wonderful Barn for a regular market, when the part 8 developments are completed and that any decision in this matter was based on a view that the proposed trading was premature.

On foot of questions, it was clarified to the members that if any area was to be added or removed from future bye laws, the process would require a 6-week consultation period, followed by a 4-week appeal period before bye laws could be made.



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The members sought clarity regarding the proposal set out in a submission for award of tender for trading by a market organisation for the Wonderful Barn. Mr Shanahan clarified, as set out in the report, that casual trading to hold a regular market, as set out in the submission, is awarded by licence to each individual trader and not to an organisation by means of a tender. The bye laws were therefore the appropriate way to address this, in law. Regarding William Roantree Park, the members sought clarity on the area designated. Mr Shanahan clarified that the area was as set out in the Schedule to the draft bye law, visited with members some months ago and that the adjoining area was not included as this was an area subject of an awarded Section 254 outdoor dining licence.

It was clarified to the members that the bye laws would commence after the 4-week appeal period unless there was a challenge to same and that proposal to make bye laws would be advertised in local newspapers as is normal. It was also clarified that in making new bye laws the members would be deciding to rescind the 2014 bye laws for Celbridge Town. Mr. Shanahan then set out the matter of proposed designated trading areas for the decision of the members:

- On the proposal of Cllr. Caldwell, seconded by Cllr. Neville, and agreed by all members present, it was agreed that St. Catherine's Park be omitted from the bye laws to be made.
- On the proposal of Cllr. Neville, seconded by Cllr. Caldwell, and agreed by all members present, it was agreed that the Wonderful Barn, be omitted from the bye laws to be made.
- On the proposal of Cllr Neville, seconded by Cllr Cussen, it was agreed by all members present that Saturday be added to the trading days proposed in the Bye Laws to be made for William Roantree Park, adjacent Courtyard Car Park, Leixlip, and that this area be designated for casual trading.
- Regarding designation of the Slip, Celbridge for casual trading, on the proposal of Cllr Liston, seconded by Cllr Neville, the removal of Sunday from proposed trading days and addition of Bank Holidays was agreed by the majority of members present, following a vote by the showing of hands. This followed discussion regarding concerns about the impacts of trading on Sundays at this location.



Resolved : Following the amendments agreed above, and on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Neville and agreed by the members that Casual Trading Bye Laws for the Municipal District of Celbridge Leixlip be made.

CL07/0622

Main Road Through Riverforest, Leixlip.

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Caldwell that the council upgrade the Main Road through Riverforest, Leixlip.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the members that the main road through River Forest is in good repair and in a maintainable condition. The road is 1.4km in length from the junction with the Captains Hill to Confey Community College. Significant funding would be required to carry out an upgrade to this road and that there are currently no plans to upgrade this road.

The members raised the following

- Buses using this stretch of road are causing noise pollution at night.
- Could different road surfaces be investigated, for example tarmac, concrete.
- That the turnaround area is not big enough for buses and a designated parking area for buses needed to be investigated
- Bus Eireann and Dublin Bus is understood to have been previously contacted and asked that drivers turn off their engines when possible, especially after 7.00 pm.

Members felt this should continue to be monitored closely.

The District Engineer advised that he would further investigate this in September and agreed to keep the members updated on findings. He advised that the surface finish currently being used is the only option as tarmac has its own issues and using a smoother surface could potentially increase road user's speed.



Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Caldwell and seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by members, the report was noted

CL08/0622

Access Route for Walkers and Cyclists on the Greenway

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Killeen that the Council consider providing a new sustainable travel access route for walkers and cyclists from the proposed upgraded Greenway access point at the canal via the rear of the amenities area to the area at Westfield, Beech Park, Glen Easton and in doing so create a new pedestrian amenity in the town that will take the route away from the roadway and be a safer more amenable option for the community to enjoy.

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

A report was received by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the members that at the Municipal District meeting in March 2022, a summary of the work programme for the Sustainable Transport Section was presented by the Senior Engineer and discussed with all members. As explained then the programme for 2022 does not include the design or implementation of works as proposed in this motion. However, the route can be considered for the future work programmes for the team, subject to funding.

Councillor Killeen stated she is aware that the proposal is not on the list for 2022 but would like it to be considered in the future.

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



CL09/0622
Safety at Aldi Entrance

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Coleman that the council engage with Aldi, Celbridge on the safety of the pedestrian/cycling entrance to their car park from Castlewellan.

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

A report was given by Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the members that the Municipal District Office have made initial contact with Aldi to set up a meeting on site in relation to this issue.

The municipal district engineer advised the members that the car park and access into Aldi is private land and that neither have been taken charge of so there is nothing the Council can *directly* do. They are awaiting correspondence back from Aldi.

The members advised that they understood the situation but felt that after Kildare County Council had granted planning permission for Aldi to develop the site that they must ensure the area is safe for pedestrians and cyclists.

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

The Cathoirleach and members agreed to take both Items 10 and 11 together as they relate to the same topic.



CL10/0622

Pay Phones Celbridge and Leixlip

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Coleman. that the council liaise with Eir in relation to pay phone needs in Celbridge and Leixlip and that phone boxes be removed if no longer required.

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

A report was received by Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the members that a previous report to members on this matter confirmed that the Municipal District Engineer had contacted Eir requesting that the existing phone box be removed from the Main Street of Leixlip. In response, Eir advised that they were required by Comreg to provide pay phone services in the area and also that a number of calls from that payphone were to numbers for assistance. Eir proposed an upgrade to the phone box to a new style Kiosk which would require planning permission. Recent communications suggest that planning applications, to upgrade the Kiosks, are due to be submitted for locations at Celbridge, Newbridge and Maynooth. There is no indication of an application due to be made for locations in Leixlip.

The members raised the following that:

- The phone boxes are an eye sore and many within the Municipal District are not working for the last number of months. Some counties have no payphones so some members questioned whether they are still needed.
- They feel they are being used for anti-social behaviour and also as free advertisement.
- It used to be a requirement for Eir to provide public payphones but this was no longer the case.
- Some members had concerns that if the payphones were to be removed they needed to consider the fact that this facility could be the only way for some people to call for help and could be vital should an emergency arise.



Following on from the members discussions Ms Wright advised the members that preliminary talks were being carried out between Planning and the Eir contractor and that there is an option that the boxes could be upgraded into digital pay phones which would keep the facility available and be a more aesthetically pleasing option. She also advised the members that there is a huge difference between simply removing the phone boxes and the alternative of replacing with a digital option and that members needed to decide themselves which is the best option so correspondence could be fed back to Eir. Eir have also informed the Council that they are working on collating information regarding the usage and demand of phone boxes in the area.

The members decided for the council to continue to liaise with Eir and report back the findings and any updates.

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

CL11/0622

Pay Phones Celbridge and Leixlip

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Caldwell can the council provide an update on the removal of the phone boxes on Main Street, Leixlip?

A report was given by Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the members that a previous report to members on this matter confirmed that the Municipal District Engineer had contacted Eir requesting that the existing phone box be removed from the Main Street of Leixlip. In response, Eir advised that they were required by Comreg to provide pay phone services in the area and also that a number of calls from that payphone were to numbers for assistance. Eir proposed an upgrade to the phone box to a new style Kiosk which would require planning permission. Recent communications suggest that planning applications, to upgrade the Kiosks, are due to be submitted for locations at Celbridge, Newbridge and Maynooth. There is no indication of an application due to be made for locations in Leixlip.



The report was noted.

CL12/0622

Maintenance of Outdoor Garden Furniture and Planting

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Caldwell, can the council provide an update on the maintenance of outdoor garden furniture and planting in this municipal district, in particular the seating area at the bottom of Captains Hill?

A report was given by Strategic Projects & Public Realm Section informing the members that the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team are working with each of Municipal District office in terms of maintenance requirements for any infrastructure – seating, parklets, etc. installed under their remit.

The report was noted

CL13/0622

Roll Out of Public EV Charging Points

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Liston can the council confirm when it will roll out public EV charging points in the Municipal District?

A report was received from by Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the member that the Department of Transport published in April, an EV Charging Infrastructure Strategy 2022-2025 and welcomed submissions up to 31 May 2022. Responses and submissions received as part of the consultation are being considered in the development of the final Strategy for publication. Kildare County Council awaits the final Strategy document which will provide much needed detail on the capital funding needed. It is expected that any funding proposal contained in the document will require match funding by the Council which will be a challenge.



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Councillor Liston queried if a timeline was available and sought clarification regarding what actions would follow the budget later this year.

Ms Wright advised the members that it would be proposed to first review Parking Policy at SPC before determining locations, as well as monitoring progress of national strategy and funding for EV charging and infrastructure in advance of the budget. In this regard she advised that the council has representation on the national working group in this area and is monitoring the matter for budgetary implications.

The report was noted.

CL14/0622

Road Safety Signs at the Westfield Roundabout?

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Killeen, can the council confirm if it plans to reinstate/repoint the road safety signs at the Westfield Roundabout?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the member that The Municipal District Office have carried out an onsite review of the signage at the roundabout connecting the R449 to the Green Lane at Kilmacredock. There was no evidence of signs missing or in need of replacing/ straightening on any of the approaches to the roundabout.

The report was noted.

CL15/0622

Permeability Link from the Castlewellan Estate to the Road Serving Aldi

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Coleman can the council inform the members on the outcome of the Road Safety Audit Stage 3 on the completed permeability link from the Castlewellan Estate to the road serving Aldi?



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A report was received Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the member that the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit had been carried out on the completed works undertaken by Andrews Construction comprising of an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing from the Castlewellan Park Estate to the Aldi Car Park Celbridge. A report from the Road Safety Auditor will now be submitted to Planning section and proceed through the planning compliance process. Once compliance is achieved, the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit Report will be published on the planning system and available to the members.

Councillor Coleman accepted the report reiterating his concerns on the safety aspect especially the broken section on the path. Councillor Coleman proposed a meeting with the Road Safety Officer.

Ms Pender advised the members the best action would be to await the audit results as meeting with the Road Safety Officer with no results would be premature in her view.

The report was noted.

CL16/0622

Timeline for the Traffic Management Plan for Celbridge

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Neville, can the council provide an update on the timeline for the Traffic Management Plan for Celbridge?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the member that The Transport Strategies are tied to the process of publishing the Local Area Plans. Assuming resources are available, the next Celbridge Transportation Strategy will commence in the months preceding the Local Area Plan for Celbridge. The current Local Area Plan for Celbridge is for the period 2017-2023.

The report was noted.



CL17/0622

Mitigation of High Radon Levels

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Liston, that the council outline measures it takes in the Municipal District to mitigate high radon levels both in its housing stock and to raise awareness of the need for residents to test for radon levels particularly in high-risk areas.

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

A report was received by the housing section informing the members that Since 1998, Irish Building Regulations have required that reasonable measures be taken during the construction of new buildings to avoid danger to health due to radon and these mitigation measures are outlined in the Department Technical Guidance Document Part C. All houses acquired by Kildare County Council constructed within this time frame would be subject to these regulations.

In the late 2000s, Kildare County Council had a programme of temporary radon monitoring in houses where significant works were carried out. The information gathered was returned to the Radiological Protection Institute of Ireland and formed part of their national survey. This monitoring ceased in the early 2010s.

On the recent publication of the updated EPA national radon maps, radon monitoring has been reintroduced at properties where Disabled Persons Grant works are being carried out, particularly for extensions and significant works.

There is currently no programme of radon monitoring throughout the remainder of Kildare County Council stock.

Councillor Liston furnished the members with the following details, arising from work by the EPA;

- 350 new lung cancer cases nationally reported to be linked with radon



- 1:10 home in Celbridge at risk of high radon and in some areas are 1:5
- That the cost is €29 per detector and that each house would need two, one upstairs and one downstairs. The detectors are placed in a person's house for a period of one month and then sent back for testing.
- What are the council going to do moving forward?
- Clarification sought into why currently this is being limited to just houses in receipt of Disabled Persons Grant.
- At a cost of €58 per household could an application to the local authority be looked into to run a pilot scheme in the Municipal District?

Ms Farrar informed the members that

- The Council is not obliged to offer this to all homes and would be cost prohibitive, involving potentially 6,000 properties.
- Council would need the tenants to buy into the scheme and agree to do the correct monitoring.
- At present this can't be initiated and would require investigation further and also funding sources would need to be looked into.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Liston, seconded by Councillor Neville and agreed by the members that this motion be referred to Full Council for discussion. The report was noted.

CL18/0622

Proposals for Social Leasing Schemes

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Killeen can the council confirm if there are any proposals for Social Leasing Schemes in the Municipal District for 2022 & 2023 & 2024?

A report was received by the housing section informing the members that the council confirm that Kildare County Council social leasing schemes for this Municipal District area are as follows:



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- Barnhall, Leixlip – 60 enhanced leasing units to be delivered in 2022
- Oldtown Mill, Celbridge – 75 direct leased units to be delivered in 2022.

We have no proposal delivery for 2023 or 2024 in this area.

Approved Housing Bodies social leasing proposals for this Municipal District area include:

- Westfield, Leixlip – 20 units supported, funding approval pending and expected delivery in 2022
- Dublin Road, Celbridge - 6 units supported, funding has been approved and expected delivery Q3 2022

Councillor Killeen asked for clarification on the figures. Ms Farrar confirmed the Westfield units were not yet allocated and that the development described was the 2nd phase for Barnhall.

The report was noted.

CL19/0622

Protected Structures

The members considered the motion in the name of Councillor Neville that the council provide a list of all protected structures in the Municipal District and outline the process involved in adding additional structures to this list.

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

A report was received by Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Section informing the members that the inclusion of a Record of Protected Structures is a mandatory requirement for a Development Plan. Kildare County Council is required by law to include structures in a Record of Protected Structures (RPS) which form part of the architectural heritage and that are of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest (Section 51 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended)). The RPS is published as Appendix 6 of the Draft Kildare County



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Development Plan 2023-2029 (including 34 no. additions and 1 no. amendment) and Appendix 3 of the current Kildare County Development Plan 2017-2023. A structure can be added to the RPS, through the County Development Plan review (which is currently underway) and through a separate addition process under Sections 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended). The RPS is not listed by municipal district (as they may be subject to change during plan periods), however, the structures are listed by townland and location and the Council mapping system identifies each structure. The RPS in County Kildare includes ca. 1500 structures and both the current RPS (Kildare County Development Plan 2017-2023) and the Draft RPS (Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029) are attached for ease of reference.

The members raised the following

- What is the criteria for adding new structures to the list?
- Can anything further be added to the list before the issue of County Development Plan?
- What is the time frame for adding new structures to the list.
- Can the online details regarding protected structures be improved to make it more user friendly as currently it is not clear.
- Can gardens/trees be included as a protected structure
- Confirmation that properties on the Draft list have protection as protected structures.

Ms McCarthy advised the members that the Council cannot invite new submissions on the Development Plan at this point, and nothing further can be added to the list. She advised never to assume things are on the list and for people to contact the Council to seek clarification. The criteria are that the structure is of architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or of technical interest, as set out in the report. Ms McCarthy agreed to have discussions with the communication section to work on the online access and promoting information booklets. She clarified that properties on the Draft list with the Development Plan and that in certain circumstances the walls and trees of gardens (i.e. the curtilage of the protected structure) can be included and that input from Heritage Officer and Conservation Officer takes place to determine these matters.



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

CL20/0622

Mapping of the Townland Boundary Hedgerows

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Liston can the council outline the planned methodology for the mapping of the townland boundary hedgerows in the municipal district?

A reported was received from Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm section informing the members that the Planning Department do not have a methodology for mapping of hedgerows in any municipal district. Green Infrastructure and Habitat mapping are prepared for local area plans as they are reviewed and same are published with the relevant plan.

Councillor Liston advised LPT funding had been allocated and felt the report didn't answer her question and would consult with the Heritage Officer to progress this.

The report was noted.

CL21/0622

Family Plots in Confey Cemetery

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Caldwell that the council consider reintroducing the provision of family plots in Confey Cemetery.

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



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A report was received from the Environment section informing the members that due to capacity constraints, only single burial plots can be provided at present.

The members raised the following:

- That they understood that they are awaiting a new cemetery but are getting correspondence on weekly basis re public concerns at this situation
- They asked how often is the cemetery burial policy is updated? Could eco burial plots be added?
- They asked regarding a Columbarium wall in Leixlip that was agreed on 5 years ago but nothing has happened to date.

Mr Kavanagh advised the members that

- That currently Confey Cemetery is under pressure with regards space so only single plots can be offered, he confirmed that single plots would be for 3 people in total.
- He advised that Confey cemetery can't be expanded on either side due to the water table so it would have to be a new site for the new cemetery. Mr Kavanagh informed the members that the council are in discussions with a land owner with regards to this.
- The Columbarium wall can be looked into again, and he would revert to members.
- Mr Kavanagh believed there is no requirement to review burial policy as it was adopted as recently as 2018 or 2019, but if amendments were required it would have to be done through the Environment SPC.

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

CL22/0622

Microchipping of Dogs Pilot

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cussen that the council provide a timeframe for the roll out of Microchipping of Dogs pilot for Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.



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

A report was received from Environments informing the members that Since April 2016 it is a legal requirement to have all dogs in Ireland microchipped.

A unique identification number is registered to the animal and the owner's details are placed on one of a number of Government approved databases.

Dog owners are required to be in possession of a Microchipping Certificate, which is a printed legal document confirming the information that is registered on the database.

In order to sell a dog, the owner must produce a registered certificate. To buy a dog you must have the ownership legally transferred.

All dogs should, legally, be microchipped. Most veterinary practices in Ireland can microchip your dog at a cost of appx €20-€50 per dog.

While the council had previously considered a small pilot in the Municipal District, it did not have the resources to carry out such a programme. If the council were to provide for this scheme, in addition to the associated logistics, the question might arise of the council effectively rewarding bad practice.

As an alternative, the council, with the support of the members could run a local promotion / social media campaign reminding dog owners of their responsibilities relating to microchipping.

Councillor Cussen stated she was not happy with the report and that back in 2019 this was all agreed and never progressed due to Covid restrictions. Councillor Cussen asked for Environment to reconsider the above. Councillor Cussen also sought clarification to what is meant by bad practice within the report and that she is looking at a pilot scheme initially perhaps 100 microchips to start with and that this had been done in other Councils successfully and is still ongoing to date. Councillor Cussen felt a pilot scheme would promote good dog ownership practice.



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Mr Kavanagh advised the members that micro chipping is a legal obligation when owning a dog. Currently there is no vet doing this for the Council and this would need to go out to tender first. He informed the members that what was meant by 'bad practice' was reference to the fact that the public shouldn't be purchasing a dog and then become reliant upon the Council to provide and fund the microchipping of the dog, when it is a legal obligation of the owner. The difficulty of determining what owners would be selected for this is also an issue. Mr. Kavanagh undertook to further discuss the matter with Cllr Cussen.

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

CL23/0622

Kitchen Caddies Campaign

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cussen that the council roll out a "Kitchen Caddies Campaign" in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District to raise awareness of Food Waste, to include availability of a number of free kitchen caddies to residents.

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

A report was received from the Environment section informing the members that the Environmental Awareness Officer is organising an event around this and further details will be provided when finalised.

Councillor Cussen looks forward to the event and feels will be good opportunity to promote good practice as food wastage needs to be reduced. Mr Kavanagh agreed to contact the members further on this.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by the members, the report was noted and members to be kept informed of progress.



CL24/0622

Dog Fouling Poster Competition

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Cussen can the council provide an update to members on the Dog Fouling Poster Competition with details of engagement from local schools included?

A report was received from Environment informing the members that the Dog Fouling Poster Competition has been run and there will be engagement with the schools following the summer break.

The report was noted

CL25/0622

Accessibility to Bring Banks

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Cussen can the council confirm what Bring Banks in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District are accessible for use by wheelchair users?

A report was received from Environment informing the members that Kildare County Council has a network of bring banks, in readily approachable locations across the County, facilitating householders in recycling clear, green and brown glass. Glassco Recycling Limited provide and service the bring banks in County Kildare. The service is paid for by Kildare County Council.

The bring bank receptacles are typically a standard size and design aimed at maximising the amount of glass per container, the uniformity of emptying, and best use of the available space at each site.

The council is always looking for more sites so if the Celbridge / Leixlip community have additional bring bank sites in mind, they might contact the council's Environment Department.



Councillor Cussen didn't feel the report answered her question and that she believed there was a bring bank available in Tymon Park Dublin which was accessible to wheelchair users. Mr Kavanagh advised that all the bring banks are standard size and wasn't aware of any others available but agreed to investigate alternatives.

The report was noted

CL26/0622
Annual Report LPT Spending

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Liston, that the council provide an update on plans to produce an annual report on the spend of Local Property Tax for the municipal district.

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

A report was received from Economic, Community and Cultural Development section informing the members that a section has been included in the 2021 Annual Report which highlights some of the community projects funded through LPT in the past year. The Council are planning to expand this going forward.

In addition, many of the Community LPT funded projects have been featured on the Community Stories site over the past year.

The members raised the following

- The Importance of feeding back to public where money from LPT is being spent especially a yearly breakdown.
- That it enables the public to get an idea of the importance of LPT especially when they can clearly see what is achieved from the funding allocations
- It eliminates false information



Ms O'Brien advised the members that the section is conscious about including LPT allocations on their reports and that Community Stories has a large following and regularly features LPT funded projects. She explained that it is a resource/ budget issue to offer further expansion in this area and they are very focussed on the processing of grants. She advised that she will continue to work closely with the Communication Section for opportunities to promote and expand awareness of LPT projects.

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

CL27/0622

St Catherine's Gatehouse.

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Neville that the council enquire of Fingal County Council what plans they have for St Catherine's Gatehouse.

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

A report was received from Parks section informing the members that they will liaise with the Fingal County Council to see what plans they have for the gatehouse.

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

CL28/0622

Pop Up Pool

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Killeen. that the council consider booking a pop up pool via the innovative SWIM Ireland initiative for a 12 week period at a cost of €25,000 as a trial in our municipal district to demonstrate the need



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for swimming amenities, to allow children to practice and learn to swim and to provision a budget for this where it could be in place for January 2023.

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

A report was received by the Economic, Community and Cultural Development section informing the members that The Sports Partnership Team is currently discussing the potential of bringing a 'Pop Up Pool' to Kildare with Swim Ireland. There is significant investment required on site including changing rooms onsite, a ramp and a hoist. Once the Council have more details from Swim Ireland we can determine the appropriate resources, funding and suitable location and determine the funding sources that are available for the project.

The members raised the following:

- That this would be a great opportunity for an interim service to meet the needs for a swimming pool in the Municipal District.
- This would help establish demand and support the council's appeal to the Dept.,
- Where would this be located if successful.
- That in providing a pop up the council should not lose sight of the need for a permanent pool.

Ms O'Brien updated the members that

- She had engaged with Swim Ireland and confirmed €25,000 was the set-up costs and that the maintenance and staffing would all be covered by Swim Ireland and advised the Council that using this facility would enhance the case for a swimming pool in the Municipal District greatly.
- She advised that a meeting was held during the week and that it would be dependent on funding being available and that the Council are looking for a suitable site. The option to fund from unspent LPT or 2023 LPT was suggested.
- Swim Ireland gave January as the next slot available for use.



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- Kildare County Council have been providing updates through the Capital Programme and are in regular contact with the Dept regarding their appeal, expecting an outcome to be notified in a few weeks and that she would keep the members updated.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Killeen, seconded by Councillor Neville and agreed by the members that the report was noted.

CL29/0622

Sensory Garden in Leixlip

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Neville can the council provide an update on the plans for the sensory garden in Leixlip?

A report was received by Parks informing the members that the Council are in the process of engaging a consultant to complete a tender for the construction of the Sensory Garden.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.