

**Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal  
District Meeting held on Friday, 06 September 2019 at 10:00 am  
in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas, Co Kildare**

**Members Present:** Councillor B Weld (Cathaoirleach), Councillors T Durkan, A Feeney, A Farrelly, D Fitzpatrick, P Hamilton, P McEvoy, P Ward, and B Wyse.

**Apologies:** Councillor N O’Cearúil.

**Officials Present:** Ms S Kavanagh (District Manager), Mr S Aylward (District Engineer), Mr J Hennessy, (Executive Engineer), Ms M Hunt (Senior Executive Officer), Mr G Mackey (Clerical Officer), Ms A Keaveney (A/Senior Executive Engineer), Ms S O’Gara (Project Manager), Mr E Fagan (Administrative Officer), Ms A Gough (Meetings Administrator), Ms K O’Malley (Meetings Secretary).

**CM01/0919**

**Minutes and Progress Report**

To approve the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 05 July 2019 and the Special Meeting held on Monday, 29 July 2019 and to note the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Ward that the minutes of the of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 05 July 2019 and the Special Meeting held on Monday, 29 July 2019 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

**CM02/0919**

**Municipal District Road Works**

Mr Aylward, District Engineer informed the members that in relation to restoration improvement, four contracts were awarded, contracts 1 and 3 were complete and contracts 2 and 4 were substantially complete. He stated it was hoped that works on the R148 Moyvalley Broadford Road would be completed at the end of next week. Mr Aylward also stated that works on the L5025 Drehid Cross to Timahoe Cross and the L5021 Island Road would be completed in the coming weeks. In relation to restoration maintenance, he

confirmed that all works were complete. Mr Aylward stated that details on the LPT funding works were as stated in the report. He informed the members that crews were currently undertaking drainage and general maintenance works.

In response to Councillor Durkan's request for an update in relation to Mill Street, Maynooth, Mr Aylward stated that he would speak to Councillor Durkan after the meeting regarding this.

Councillor Durkan expressed his concerns in relation to deliveries to a site on the Moyglare Road and the impact this was having on the school. He requested that the developer be contacted and a request made for deliveries to take place outside of school hours.

Councillor Wyse expressed his concern in relation to traffic signal issues on the Moyglare Road. Mr Aylward confirmed that he would speak to the developer in relation to these matters.

Councillor McEvoy queried the junction improvement works at Newtown. The District Engineer stated that he would come back to Councillor McEvoy regarding this.

Councillor Weld queried why works outside the Maynooth Post Primary School/Maynooth Community College on the Moyglare Road were not completed during the holidays. Mr Aylward stated that he would come back to Councillor Weld regarding this.

Councillor Farrelly queried when works on the footpath widening from McCormacks to Caragh GAA would commence. Mr Aylward stated that if additional funding could be provided in 2020 it was hoped that a comprehensive plan could be made for this area. He also stated that he could not say at present when the works would be completed.

Councillor Durkan queried works in Rockfield. Mr Hennessy stated that Mr Deane former Municipal District Engineer, had stated that there was not enough funding in 2019 and that it could be examined in 2020. Councillor Durkan stated that if the LPT money the members allocated to certain areas was being spent in other areas this was not acceptable and confirmed that he had said at the time that he would not agree to allocating funding into one estate. He stated that footpath works in Rockfield were on the list received but that no works had been completed.

The District Manager stated that footpath works in Rockfield could be investigations and that unspent LPT funding from previous years could be examined to supplement the works.

**CM03/0919**

**Taking in Charge of Estates**

The committee agreed to consider items number 3 and 5 of the agenda together.

**Item number 3 – Motion Councillor Durkan**

That a full and comprehensive update is given in relation to the taking in charge of all estates within the municipal district to include the following:

- (A) What stage in the process is each estate at.
- (B) What problems are holding up the taking in charge process for each estate concerned.
- (C) What is the projected time frame for taking in charge on an estate by estate basis.
- (D) How long each estate is waiting to be taken in charge since occupation of the last house sold.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Durkan and seconded by Councillor Wyse.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the progress of each estate was outlined in the May 2018 review of finished and unfinished estates under construction which was displayed on the Kildare County Council Website under the Building and Development Control section:

<http://kildare.ie/CountyCouncil/BuildingandDevelopmentControl/DevelopmentControl/Final%20Report%20Finished%20Unfinished%20%20Estates%20Under%20Construction%20May%202018.pdf>

The increased workload from active estates took priority, current staffing arrangements/vacancies and the sheer number of estates for taking in charge within County Kildare was a challenge for the section. The Development and Control Section was working on the current 2019 proposed list of estates for Taking in Charge. Taking in Charge could only be progressed at the request of the developer or through a Section 180 request by the majority of the residents within the estate.

### Item number 5 – Question Councillor Hamilton

Can the council outline the process, including any applicable timeframes or governing regulations for estates which have not been taken in charge over an unacceptably long period and how the rights of the residents are supported where any influence on a developer or other activities have ceased.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Meadowbrook Estate was in the 2019 proposed list of estates for Taking in Charge. Taking in Charge could only be progressed at the request of the developer or through a Section 180 request by the majority of the owners within the estate. The Taking in Charge process was outlined in the current Taking in Charge Policy Statement. Unfortunately there were a number of older estates within the county which had not been Taken in Charge. The Development and Control Section was aware of this and had incorporated older estates in the 2019 proposed list of estates, many of which required survey works to be completed at the expense of the council where there was no bond in place. In estates where there was no developer and the estate was not Taken in Charge, the Development and Control Section did assist residents where there was a risk to public health and welfare in the common areas (i.e. unblock the main sewer, faulty street lighting etc.).

Councillor Durkan stated that he was looking for specific information that he did not receive and noted that there were some estate waiting 20 years to be taken in charge. He informed the members that he was aware of one estate in particular that was not taken in charge that floods on a regular basis, had potholes in the wearing course and was not maintained. He stated that he was not accepting the report that was received and asked for a report on every estate that had not been taken in charge for the next meeting.

Councillor Hamilton stated that he would like to know who he could work with to progress the taking in charge of Castledawson and Newtown Park stating that there had been no sign of the developer since the houses were completed.

Councillor Wyse stated that the May 2018 report was very good but no longer of use if not updated and requested an updated report.

Councillor Durkan asked that the matter be left on the progress report and an answer given for the next meeting on an estate by estate basis, he also stated that taking in charge needed to start with the oldest estates.

The District Manager stated that she agreed with the members and that the Building and Development Control Section would be asked to provide a full written report for the next meeting and they would be requested to attend the meeting.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Wyse that the report be noted and the Building and Development Control Section to provide a full written report for the next meeting and a member of the section to attend the meeting. This item to remain on the progress report.

### **CM04/0919**

#### **Taking in Charge of Newtown Hall**

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

Can the council give an up to date report on the Taking in Charge (TIC) of Newtown Hall Estate to include details in relation to the bond, a works programme outlining when the SNAG list will be dealt with and why the council has not met with the Residents Association to discuss the TIC of their estate?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Development and Control Section had contacted the developer and was waiting for the developer to submit a programme of works to complete the estate to the required Taking in Charge standard. The original insurance bond had been replaced with a reduced cash bond to reflect on the amount of outstanding works to be completed. The only outstanding works to be snagged were surface defects which could not be completed until the wearing course was laid. The council did not usually meet with Residents Associations to discuss the Taking in Charge of estates. The Resident Association could submit any observation and outstanding issues to the Development and Control Section for consideration and review.

The report was noted.

**CM05/0919**

**Traffic Calming at the Junction of the R403**

The committee agreed to consider items number 6 and 8 of the agenda together.

**Item number 6 – Adjourned Motion Councillor McEvoy**

That the council consider a tabletop ramp for traffic calming at the junction of the R403 and L7081 in Prosperous.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Office would arrange for traffic speed and volume surveys to be conducted at this location. It should be noted also that the Strategic Project and Public Realm Team were currently developing a funding application to provide entry treatments on all approaches to Prosperous. Pending the outcome of the traffic speed and volume counts, consideration may be given to the request in the context of the entry treatment and funding.

**Item number 8 – Motion Councillor Farrelly**

That an LED speed sign is erected on the R403 entering Prosperous from Allenwood, to tackle the ongoing speeding concerns along this route.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Engineer would examine the area and determine if speed signage was required and appropriate, however, the enforcement of speed limits was a matter for An Garda Síochána.

The motions were proposed by Councillors McEvoy and Farrelly and seconded by Councillor Durkan.

Councillor McEvoy stated that during the election period, a number of people raised this matter and informed the members that he had observed trucks speeding on this road. He welcomed the news that the public realm team were examining entry treatments on all approaches to Prosperous and supported Councillor Farrelly's proposal for LED speed signs entering Prosperous. Councillor Farrelly requested a timeframe on when analysis would take place.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillors McEvoy and Farrelly, seconded by Councillor Durkan that the report be noted and a timeframe be given when the analysis would take place.

**CM06/0919**

**Disabled Parking Bay in Johnstown**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Weld.  
That at least one disabled parking bay be installed in the village of Johnstown, (Enfield).

The motion was proposed by Councillor Weld and seconded by Councillor McEvoy.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Office would engage with local residents and businesses to determine an appropriate location for the installation of a dedicated disabled parking space. This would be implemented in the coming months.

Councillor Weld stated that residents had no objection to a disabled parking bay being installed, he welcomed the report and asked that the disabled parking bay be installed as soon as possible.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Weld, seconded by Councillor McEvoy that the report be noted

**CM07/0919**

**Yellow Box on the R403**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Farrelly.  
That a yellow box is provided for on the R403, outside Barrington Court, Prosperous.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Farrelly and seconded by Councillor Ward.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that yellow box road markings were provided to aid traffic flows at a cross junction where static traffic in the junction was affecting efficient cross flow of traffic. The application of a yellow box was also appropriate where traffic which was blocking a

junction was causing a traffic hazard. A yellow box was not appropriate for an individual entrance and in general was only considered at the intersection of two public roads. A yellow box may also be warranted at junctions where there was evidence of all day blocking. The side road traffic flows should be significant to warrant the application of the yellow box in this way. The Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Office would monitor traffic flow at the location requested to ascertain whether a significant blocking issue existed.

Councillor Farrelly stated that there was a significant issue with traffic delays on the road at particular times of the day resulting in residents waiting a significant length of time to exit the estate.

The members supported Councillor Farrelly's motion. Mr Aylward stated that he had not seen this junction and was not aware of any report in the office in relation to the junction. He confirmed that he would monitor the junction to see if a yellow box was merited. In response to Councillor McEvoy's question regarding the policy used by the council for yellow boxes, Mr Aylward stated he was not aware of the policy.

Councillor Farrelly thanked the members for their support and stated that the time of day at which the junction was monitored was important. The members requested that a report be provided for the next meeting and the item to remain on the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Farrelly, seconded by Councillor Ward that the report be noted and a report be provided for the next meeting. This item to remain on the progress report.

The Cathaoirleach requested the members agreement to move Councillor Fitzpatrick's motions next. The members agreed.



**CM08/0919****Update on LPT Works**

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

That the members receive an update on the works agreed under LPT funding for this year.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick and seconded by Councillor Durkan.

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that LPT Projects/activities Administered Via Community Grants were as follows:

Groups	Amount Awarded 2019	PAID	
Maynooth Community First Responders	€1,333.00	Yes	
Maynooth Senior Citizens	€1,000.00	Yes	
Maynooth ICA	€1,000.00	Yes	
Maynooth Mens Shed	€1,000.00	Yes	
Maynooth Scouts	€1,000.00	Yes	
Maynooth MD Christmas Lights	€10,000.00	No	To be advertised
Maynooth Purple Flag	€1,100.00	Yes	
Kildare Heads UP	€15,000.00	Yes	
Youth Intervention Work	€11,000.00	No	Awaiting details from members
Kilcock CFR	€1,333.00	No	Awaiting details from members
Prosperous CFR	€1,333.00	No	Awaiting details from members
North Kildare Club	€1,000.00	Yes	
CAAP	€2,000.00	No	Receipt of form pending
Halloween	€5,000.00	No	Awaiting clarification
KYS for St Anne's Prosperous	€30,000.00	No	Ongoing
Mojo Kildare	€15,000.00	Yes	

A report was also received from the Environment and Water Services Department informing the members that the allocation of €20,000 to local Tidy Towns Committees had been paid by the Environment Department.

A further report was circulated by the Community and Cultural Development Department providing a summary of programmes facilitated and rolled out by the Kildare Sports Partnership in 2019.

Kildare Library and Arts Services issued the following report:

#### Libraries and Arts

Overhead scanner for Historic Archives	€10,000.00	€10,000.00
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Kildare Library Services are in the process of investigating different models of scanner so they can pursue tenders from providers.

#### Arts

The LPT allocation for arts related projects in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District has made a significant difference to the projects they were able to support this year. A more in-depth report can be provided later in the year. The projects currently being supported include the music generation initiative, the music and health programme (Dementia Choirs), culture night, youth theatre and young film makers and arts bursary.

A report was also received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Footpath Repairs in Kingsbury, Maynooth Park Rail Park Rockfield	€28,000.00	Works completed
Traffic Calming at Robertstown School	€20,000.00	Waiting until 2020 when under MD control
Foopath widening from McCormack's Garage to Caragh GAA	€10,000.00	Waiting until 2020
Pedestrian Crossing at Ballinagappa road	€15,000.00	Awaiting pedestrian count
Road overlay in Greenfield Drive	€30,000.00	Works completed
Kerbing in Rockfield	€4,000.00	Works completed
Traffic calming at Rathcoffey Church	€23,000.00	To undertake design and progress accordingly

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Junction improvements in Newtown	€1,000.00	To review
2 public lights in Maynooth Park	€2,400.00	Works completed
Pedestrian barrier in Hayfield	€1,000.00	To be undertaken before year end
Resurface path in Parsons Street	€21,600.00	Awaiting water main works to be undertaken in 2019
Public light in Sycamore, Kilcock	€1,200.00	Awaiting public lighting response
Footpaths from St Vincent De Paul to Timeless Cafe	€12,000.00	Works completed
Footpaths repairs in Highfield	€16,800.00	Works completed
Road overlay in Curryhills Park	€10,000.00	Works completed
Footpaths opposite Reilly's	€10,000.00	Works completed
Road overlay on Cooke's cul de sac, Robertstown	€8,000.00	Works completed
Footpaths in Beaufield and Courtown	€13,000.00	Works completed

Councillor Fitzpatrick queried why the council were waiting until 2020 to widen the footpath from McCormacks to Caragh GAA and also requested that traffic calming works at Robertstown School be costed now so that the works can then proceed without delay in 2020.

In response to Councillor McEvoy's request for a briefing on the Youth Intervention Work, the District Manager stated that she would request the KYS to furnish a report to the members on previous works in relation to this.

The members stated that there should be a system in place for LPT spending so that they receive a report on where the money they have allocated to organisations is spent. The District Manager agreed.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Durkan that the report be noted and the traffic calming works at Robertstown School be costed and the District Manager to request the KYS to furnish a report to the members on previous works in relation to the Youth Intervention Work.

**CM09/0919**

**Traffic lights at the Junction of Brooklands Estate**

The committee agreed to consider items number 13 and 21 of the agenda together.

**Item number 13 – Motion Councillor Fitzpatrick**

That the council outline a timetable for switching on the traffic lights at the junction of Brooklands Estate and Capdoo on the Celbridge Road coming into Clane and identify any immediate interim measures that can be taken to improve pedestrian safety at the junction.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor McEvoy.

**Item number 21 – Question Councillor Farrelly**

Can the council provide information as to the status of the traffic lights on the R403 at the entrance to Brooklands and Capdoo Park housing estates in Clane?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the traffic signals at Brooklands Estate/Celbridge Road, Clane had not been taken in charge as they did not comply with required standards. This matter had been referred to the Planning Enforcement Section. There were no proposals to carry out any works at this junction. In the event of future development at this location, the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department would recommend the provision of signalised works at the junction of Brooklands Estate and Capdoo.

Councillor Farrelly asked if the county council were not in a position to progress the issue, if the the developer could be contacted instead. Councillor McEvoy stated that it had been suggested a number of years ago to remove the traffic signals but a budget was required in order to do this.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor McEvoy that the report be noted.

**CM10/0919**

**Traffic Calming Measures at Kilshanroe**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick. When will the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District members receive a report from the Technical Assessment and Advisory Group (TAAG) about a review of traffic calming measures around Kilshanroe.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Road Design Section carried out a site inspection in December 2018 in Kilshanroe and confirmed that speed display signage in place was operating correctly and the appropriate road markings were in place. The enforcement of speed limits was a matter for An Garda Síochána. An inspection during school closing time was carried out by the Road Safety Officer in April 2019 to examine driver behaviour/parking etc. during school pick up time. There were no current proposals for additional traffic calming in Kilshanroe.

Councillor Fitzpatrick stated that traffic was speeding through Kilshanroe and something had to be done. Mr Aylward stated that he would examine this matter in the coming months. The report was noted.

**CM11/0919**

**Funding and Staffing for the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick. Can we as members and the Executive ensure that Clane-Maynooth Municipal District have the necessary funding and staff in place to deliver the services and maintenance of our roads from next January in light of the increased size of the municipal district.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that as part of the 2020 budgetary planning process, the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department would consider resources and funding for the provision of the required services in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District. The Director of Services for the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department had made a submission to the Human Resources Department for additional technical and administrative staff to support the delivery of services in the municipal districts.

The report was noted.

**CM12/0919**

**Removal of trees and hedge at Rail Park**

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

That the trees and hedge between house numbers (details provided) Rail Park and the Celbridge Road, Maynooth, (opposite Maxol) be removed in order to make the footpath safer for school children and other pedestrians.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Feeney and seconded by Councillor Durkan.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Under Section 70(2) of the 1993 Roads Act, the owner or occupier of land was obliged to take all reasonable steps to ensure that a tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation on the land was not a hazard or potential hazard to persons using a public road, and that it did not obstruct or interfere with the safe use of a public road or the maintenance of a public road. The Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Office would write to owners of the relevant properties informing them of their obligations and requesting them to trim or potentially remove the trees/hedging.

Councillor Feeney stated that this work would not be a big cost to the council and that she felt the council should do the work taking into consideration the safety of school children and other pedestrians.

Mr Aylward stated that he would examine this location but that general hedge cutting was the landowners responsibility and confirmed that he would be issuing notices. The District Manager informed the members that the onus was on the landowners in the first instance and if nothing was done, then the council could take action and charge the landowners for the works carried out.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Durkan that the report be noted.

**CM13/0919**

**Maynooth's Pay Parking in 2019**

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

That the surplus from Maynooth's pay parking in 2019 and following years be used to meet any shortfall in the Irish Public Bodies (IPB) funding to repave the footpaths in Maynooth's Main Street.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Feeney and seconded by Councillor Hamilton.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this was a matter for the members to agree.

Councillor Feeney stated that she was concerned there would be a lack of funding.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Hamilton that the report be noted.

**CM14/0919**

**Laneway in Trinity Crescent, Derrinturn**

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

That the council take ownership of, and determine the appropriate course of action, to make safe the unused laneway in Trinity Crescent, Derrinturn, which is now overgrown and requires pest control measures.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Wyse and seconded by Councillor Durkan.

A report was received from the Environment and Water Services Department informing the members that this lane was recently examined by the Area Community Warden Team (Environment) and was found to be substantially litter free. The Environment Department would assist residents with any future clean up in area (if requested). Reports of litter/illegal dumping should be made to the council's Litter Report Freephone 1800 243143.

A report was also received from the Housing Department informing the members that the Housing Department were checking to determine who owned this piece of land.

Councillor Wyse stated that this was an unused laneway and that the rats seen were more than likely coming from the manhole in the laneway.

The District Manager stated that she would speak to the Community Warden who was familiar with the area and identify a solution to the problem, noting that a co-ordinated approach was most likely needed.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Wyse seconded by Councillor Durkan that the report be noted.

**CM15/0919**

**Speed Limit signs at St. Oliver Plunkett National School**

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

That the council replace the current speed limit signs at St. Oliver Plunkett National School, Killina and Clocha Rince National School, Clogherinkoe, with radar speed signs.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Wyse and seconded by Councillor Durkan.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that periodic school speed limit signs had been provided at both of these locations and these signs were considered the most appropriate type of signage at rural school locations such as these. These signs reduced the speed limit down to 30kph during school drop off/collection times and the speed limit zones were enforceable by An Garda Síochána.

Councillor Wyse stated that he had received complaints from parents at both schools in relation to speeding and suggested that the speed limit signs be replaced with radar speed signs.

Mr Aylward stated that the issue was that these signs were periodic speed limit signs that came on at school times and driver feedback signs were set and could not be replaced with these for periodic times.

Councillor Weld suggested raising the issue with An Garda Síochána at the JPC meeting.



**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Wyse seconded by Councillor Durkan that the report be noted.

**CM16/0919**

**Sight Lines at the Clonfert/Balraheen Junction**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Durkan.  
That the sight lines at the Clonfert/Balraheen junction are improved as a matter of urgency given recent accidents.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Durkan and seconded by Councillor McEvoy.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this junction would be examined to determine the current situation and to identify if improvements were warranted.

Councillor Durkan stated that there were no sight lines at the junction from the left coming from Rathcoffey towards Clonfert and the same in the other direction and asked the District Engineer to meet him at the junction. Mr Aylward agreed.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor McEvoy that the report be noted and the District Engineer meet Councillor Durkan at this location.

**CM17/0919**

**Signage at New Lane, Kilcock**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ward.  
That additional signage be installed on/about New Lane, Kilcock to further warn motorists that this is a one way road.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Ward and seconded by Councillor Durkan.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the roadway would be examined to determine if additional signage was required. The enforcement of a one way road was a matter for An Garda Síochána.

Councillor Ward asked the District Engineer to examine the area and stated that extra signage was needed.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Durkan that the report be noted and the District Engineer to examine the roadway to determine if additional signage was required.

### **CM18/0919**

#### **Resurface Road sections on Church Street, Kilcock**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ward. That the council resurface the road sections in disrepair on Church Street in Kilcock especially between Pinewood Court and the Graveyard, Kilcock.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Ward and seconded by Councillor Feeney.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Office would examine the road sections and determine if consideration could be given under the 2020 roads improvement programme.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Feeney that the report be noted and the roads sections in disrepair on Church Street in Kilcock be examined.

### **CM19/0919**

#### **Safety Measures at “Dag Welds” Cross**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Weld What plans have Kildare County Council to implement safety measures at “Dag Welds” Cross due to the high level of accidents?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that an outline costing for safety improvements at this junction had been prepared. The work outline included resurfacing, anti-skid surfacing on approaches, improved road markings, improved signage and sightline clearance along the R403 approaching this junction, which would include a land acquisition requirement, tree clearance, boundary works and services diversions. The Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department had made a submission to An Bord Pleanála with regard to this junction,

and other roads/junctions, on the impact of the proposed haul routes of the Drehid Strategic Infrastructure Development proposal. The outcome of the Bord's Oral Hearing was awaited.

Councillor Weld stated that the landowner was willing to discuss the option of giving land to the council and confirmed that he would give the landowners name to the council to engage with him.

The report was noted.

**CM20/0919**

**School Warden services at Allen National School**

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

Can the council clarify the status on the provision of School Warden services at Allen National School?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there was currently no provision for an Adult School Warden at Allen National School. In order to ascertain whether a School Warden was required at a school, a pedestrian crossing count and safety audit was required to be carried out.

The report was noted.

**CM21/0919**

**Road Layout at the junction of the R403 and R414 Roads**

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

Can it be confirmed that an investigation of the road layout at the junction of the R403 and R414 roads near the Skew (Shee) Bridge in Allenwood is on the list of projects to be looked at by the Technical Assessment and Advisory Group (TAAG) and provide an up to date status on the investigation?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this issue had been examined by Technical Assessment and Advisory Group (TAAG) in January 2018. The Shee Bridge is a canal bridge over the Grand Canal, adjacent to the R403 and R414. There was limited stacking space and turning area due to the proximity of the Bridge to the R403. Due to physical and geometric constraints at the junction, it was not possible to upgrade the junction in the present layout. The cost of

any improvement works would be substantial, would not be warranted at this junction and would be unlikely to attract funding.

Councillor Wyse requested to view the report of the examination by the Technical Assessment and Advisory Group (TAAG). Mr Aylward stated that he could check if TAAG could issue a report and he would forward it to Councillor Wyse.

The report was noted.

**CM22/0919**

**Stream Running Alongside River Road in Allenwood South**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Wyse. Can the council arrange with the necessary department or responsible agency to have the stream running alongside River Road in Allenwood South cleaned and assessed for restrictions? The stream is overflowing and causing flooding on River Road and nearby lands.

A report was received from the Environment and Water Services Department informing the members that this stream did not form part of a drainage district and was not within the remit of the Environment Department. Therefore responsibility for cleaning lies with the riparian landowner (i.e. adjoining landowners).

The report was noted.

Councillor Wyse raised this matter further at the October meeting stating that the information given was incorrect. He stated that the Office of Public Works (OPW's website indicated the stream was part of the Rathangan drainage system. It was agreed that the Environment Section would investigate the matter further and have a report available to the members for the November meeting.

A further report was received from the Environment and Water Services Department informing the members that mapping had been crosschecked and Councillor Wyse was correct. The stream did form part of a drainage district. Therefore, the drain adjacent to the River Road could be added to the drainage maintenance programme for next summer, subject to the usual environmental and health and safety constraints.

**CM23/0919**

**Bus Stop on the Prosperous Road**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McEvoy.  
Can the council update the committee on commitments to install a bus stop on the Prosperous Road, Clane near Hughes Pharmacy?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this issue would be re-examined by the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Engineer in the coming weeks.

The report was noted.

**CM24/0919**

**Trash-rack Filter Behind Enquiring Minds Crèche**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McEvoy.  
Can the council update the committee on work to improve the trash-rack filter to the culvert behind Enquiring Minds Crèche?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this issue would be examined to determine if any improvements could be undertaken.

The report was noted.

**CM25/0919**

**Technical Examination of the M4**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ward.  
Can this municipal district receive an update on the upcoming technical examination of the M4, including time frames, the key issues/problems being examined, the next steps in this process and any additional information available.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Phase 0 (Scope and Pre Appraisal) had been completed by Kildare NRO and approved by Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTaS) and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) in 2019.

- Tender issued to appoint Technical Advisors to carry out Phases 1 -4 TII Project Management Guidelines (PMG). The Tender responses had been returned (August 2019).
  
- It is anticipated Technical Advisors would be appointed in Quarter 4, 2019.
  
- The TII Project Management Guidelines Phases consist of:
  - Phase 1 - Concept and Feasibility – to determine if the project is feasible
  - Phase 2 - Options Selection – examine feasible options to address the project aims
  - Phase 3 – Design and Environmental Evaluation – develop design of the preferred option and assess environmental impacts
  - Phase 4 – Statutory Processes
  
- The Key Issues to be addressed by the project are:
  - Delivery of Project Ireland 2040: The 'M4 Maynooth to Leixlip' was listed as a section of the transport network to be progressed through pre-appraisal and early planning and prioritised for delivery under the National Development Plan 2018–2027.
  - Congestion: the corridor experienced congestion and as a result had a low Level of Service.
  - Poor Journey Time Reliability: the corridor experienced low journey time reliability at peak times.
  
- Anticipated Timeframes
  - Phase 1 and 2 completion – Quarter 2, 2021
  - Phase 3 (Design and Environmental Evaluation) timeframes would be dependent on the nature, scale and complexity of the emerging preferred option identified in Phase 2, which in turn would impact on subsequent Phase 4 (Statutory Processes).

Councillor Ward asked for a brief outline on what work was to be completed on the M4 over the next couple of weeks and queried the resurfacing works.

Mr Hennessy stated that he had been informed by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) that the resurfacing works had been postponed until next year and he informed the members that the larger plan for the M4 was to widen it, similar to the widening of the M7.

The report was noted.

**CM26/0919**

**Trees and Hedgerow Removal as part of the Moyglare Road Upgrade**

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

Can the council outline the plan for replacement of the trees and hedgerows already removed or still to be removed as part of the Moyglare Road upgrade works and outline how and where at least three trees are being planted for each tree removed.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the construction of Phase 6 of the North South Corridor Project on the Moyglare Road required the removal of approximately 30 trees and approximately 200 meters of hedgerow. The plan was to replace the 200 metres of hedge row, but however, it would not be possible to replace all of the trees due to the additional pedestrian and cycling facilities which form part of the scheme. Kildare County Council would endeavour to identify as many locations as possible to plant as many trees as possible along the scheme during the tree planting season, November 2019 to March 2020. Kildare County Council also had plans to implement an extensive tree planting scheme as part of the Maynooth Eastern Ring Road, which would compensate for the removal of trees on the Moyglare Road.

The report was noted.

**CM27/0919**

**Parking Spaces in Churchview, Kilmeague**

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

Due to the high volume of cars, that extra parking be provided in Churchview, Kilmeague. Currently the fire brigade and ambulance are unable to get through the estate because the public road may be blocked.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Weld and seconded by Councillor Wyse.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this matter would be jointly examined by the Kildare/Newbridge Municipal District Office and the Housing Department.

Councillor Weld stated that his request was for this matter to be examined and a report to be given to the members.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Weld, seconded by Councillor Wyse that the report be noted and that this matter be examined and a report be given to the members.

### **CM28/0919**

#### **Social housing at Nancy's Lane, Clane**

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

That the council outline the steps and related timelines for the development of social housing at Nancy's Lane, Clane.

The motion was proposed by Councillor McEvoy and seconded by Councillor Weld.

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that

The current programme was as follows:

The Contract Award was scheduled for October 2019 with commencement on site by year end. Construction was expected to take 15 months with anticipated completion before end of Quarter 1, 2021.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Weld that the report be noted.

### **CM29/0919**

#### **Public Drinking Water Points**

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

That the council identifies suitable locations for public drinking water points in the principal streets of the main towns in the Clane-Maynooth electoral area with a design, plan and an outline of budget requirements in the next budget cycle, where possible including the installation in planned street upgrades and public realm planning.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Hamilton and seconded by Councillor McEvoy.



A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that a pilot scheme for a public drinking point in Kildare Playground was being developed at present and the costs associated with this could be used as a basis for the provision of water points in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District. Water points needed a connection from Irish Water and this would mean there would be an ongoing cost for them which would also have to be considered in addition to the installation cost, and whether the costs were feasible within available budgets. Potential suitable locations would be considered as part of public realm projects for the towns within the electoral area.

Councillor Hamilton stated that he would like to co-operate with the engineering team to come up with a plan over time.

The District Manager stated that from a Parks Department point of view, the Senior Executive Parks Superintendent was willing to consider public drinking water points. She also stated that the public realm team could examine this request. The District Manager stated that public drinking water points was something that the council were conscious of and if the members wanted them included it would have to be part of their budget.

Councillor Hamilton stated that he would like to include the matter in the budget discussions and that he would like that the upgrade to Maynooth included drinking taps.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Hamilton, seconded by Councillor McEvoy that the report be noted.

### **CM30/0919**

#### **Uauthorised Bonfires at Halloween**

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

That the council outline what preventative plans are in place to deal with unauthorised bonfires that recur at Halloween.

The motion was proposed by Councillor McEvoy and seconded by Weld.

A report was received from the Environment and Water Services Department informing the members that the Environment Department would contact relevant internal departments to arrange a meeting to discuss the issue and consider appropriate assistance.

A report was also received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Fire Service would respond when alerted to burning bonfires. An assessment would be made of each fire, where fires threaten lives, property or infrastructure they would be extinguished.

Councillor McEvoy stated that there was €5000 set aside by the municipal district to deal with preventing bonfires and outlined the options available. He stated that there were two known areas in the municipal district where bonfires usually took place. Councillor Weld stated that support was needed to attempt to prevent bonfires occurring at Halloween.

Mr Fagan stated that the Environment Department would arrange a meeting with the other departments including the Community and Housing Departments to identify preventative plans for dealing with unauthorised bonfires.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Weld that the reports be noted and a meeting be arranged with the other departments including the Community and Housing Departments to identify preventative plans for dealing with unauthorised bonfires.

### **CM31/0919**

#### **Strategic Projects and Public Realm Update**

Ms Hunt introduced herself and the Strategic Project and Public Realm Team to the members. She stated that each member of the team took the lead on a project with input from the rest of the team as required. Ms Hunt outlined the funding streams available and current projects for the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District. She informed the members that projects had to be evidence based, through analysis of data such as land use, vacancy rates, movement, and permeability. Ms Hunt stated that in relation to the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2019, applications had been made for works to Clane Main Street arising from the Healthcheck Walkability Audit, town branding and entry gateways for Prosperous and Kilcock arising from the Healthcheck and a request for a healthcheck and town renewal plan for Kilmeague and Johnstownbridge. She informed the members that the total value of projects in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District was €2.7 million excluding the redevelopment of Harbour Field which would be costed once the design has been finalised. In relation to the Bawnogues Community Centre, Ms Hunt confirmed that no public submissions had been received to date. Ms Hunt stated that drainage works were completed at Prosperous Town Park and detailed design had commenced. She also stated that concept

layouts were being developed on foot of public engagement and consultation on proposed layout of the Harbour Field redevelopment in Maynooth. Ms Hunt informed the members that the team would be consulting with the community in each location in Prosperous and Kilcock in relation to town branding and signage.

The District Manager stated there would be a public consultation event taking place on 12 September 2019 in relation to the Bawnogues where any concerns could be dealt with and she thanked the Public Realm Team for their work. The members queried when a decision on the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2019 applications was due and Ms Hunt confirmed that the decision was due at the end of October. The members thanked Ms Hunt and the team for their work noting the exceptional progress being made and the proper public consultation that took place during the Healthchecks. The District Manager thanked the Members for funding the Healthcheck process and the Strategic Project & Public Realm Team.

### **CM32/0919**

#### **Progress on Prosperous Town Park**

Ms Hunt updated the members on the progress of Prosperous Town Park. She stated that drainage works were completed in December 2018 and a project supervisor for the design process was appointed by the Roads Department in May 2019, the project was then handed over to the Strategic Projects & Public Realm Team for implementation. Ms Hunt informed the members that the aim was to go to tender in October 2019 and that civil and landscaping works would take two months to complete depending on the weather. In relation to playground/gym equipment, she stated that the tender was to coincide with civil and landscaping works. Ms Hunt stated that adult fitness equipment would follow when it had been assessed how the park was functioning. Ms Keaveney stated that all ground work would be completed first then the carpark would be one of the first things to be provided. The members queried if the drainage works had resolved the flooding issues, Ms Keaveney confirmed that they had. The members also queried if the budget was in place for the project and Ms Hunt confirmed that the budget to proceed with and complete the project was in place.

**CM33/0919**

**Maynooth swimming Pool**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Durkan.  
What is the update position in relation to Maynooth swimming pool funding application?

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that there was no further update from the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport (DTTAS) regarding the application, under the Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF), for a public swimming pool in Maynooth.

The report was noted.

**CM34/0919**

**Carton Avenue**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Durkan.  
What is the current position in relation to works at Carton Avenue from a planning perspective?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the developer had submitted a revised layout for the access to Carton Avenue following the issues highlighted regarding its design. This involved removing the tarmac paths on Carton Avenue and changing this to a reinforced grass surface. This had been completed. The revised layout also involved installing bollards at the bridge. This was planned for the coming weeks in conjunction with completing the surfacing of the footpaths and roads in the estate. The replanting either side of the bridge would be carried out over the winter.

Councillor Durkan stated that the fencing was less than adequate. The District Manager stated that she would follow up on the fencing issue.

The report was noted.

**CM35/0919**

**Vacant Courthouse in Kilcock**

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

Can this municipal district be advised if the council will contact the Department of Justice to avail of the opportunity as indicated by the Department of Justice for other public sector organisations to use the vacant courthouse in Kilcock for alternative public or community use.

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that if it was the municipal district members wish the council could contact the Department of Justice regarding this building and its intentions regarding it. Of course if the building was to be made available to the council, the cost of refurbishing the building and its future use would need further consideration before plans could be progressed.

The members agreed that the council make contact with the Department of Justice regarding this building.

The report was noted.

**CM36/0919**

**October Municipal District Meeting**

The Meetings Administrator sought the members agreement to hold a Special Meeting of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District on Monday 21 October 2019 at 2:00 p.m. due to statutory requirements to discuss the General Municipal Allowance after 14 October.

**Resolved** It was agreed by all members that a Special Meeting of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District be held on Monday 21 October 2019 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the General Municipal Allowance.

The meeting concluded.